

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HEVINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 5th JULY 2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present:

Cllr S Ward (Chairman)
Cllr S Benton (Vice Chair)
Cllr T Palmer
Cllr J Norton
Cllr M Williamson
Cllr A Bunn
Cllr D Holmes
Cllr I Nickalls
Cllr S Howes
Cllr A Long
Mrs K Medler (Clerk)

Parishioners: 2

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted from County Cllr D Roper. No contact was received from Cllr A Ramsbottom.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS

There were no declarations of interest or dispensation requests.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th June 2022 were agreed by all.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- The Chairman has still not been able to speak to PC Lucas Ward but will be asking Councillors to consider some permanent speed activated signs at the September meeting.
- The Chairman advised the shed on plots 1 and 2 of the farmers allotments has now been removed.
- The Clerk reported that she is still awaiting a response from NCC Highways concerning the requested SAM position and the signage near Low Lane despite contacting the Hevingham representative directly. It was suggested that Jerome Mayhew MP should be asked to get involved as this lack of response is unacceptable. All agreed, so the Clerk will action.
- Following the Parish Council's question to BDC's consultation concerning dog fouling, the following was confirmed by BDC: *This PSPO will be policed as it has been for the past 3 years, both by our Officers and the Police. Response will be made when breaches are reported to the Council. Stray and or loose dogs are dealt with separately - the PSPO relates to dogs who are under the control of a person.*

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A resident from the Holt Road asked if the Parish Council were aware of a proposed private traveller's site for 4 pitches in Eastgate under the GNLP. The Council were not aware but will look into as there is already a site in Stratton Strawless which doesn't appear to be fully used.
- A resident has asked if anything can be done concerning the current parking situation around the Village Green as it causes issues getting in and out of her drive. Following discussions, it was agreed this will be monitored but it wasn't felt necessary to take any action at this time.
- The Chairman advised he reported the water leak on Halls Corner and it was looked at today - the valve is faulty and will be replaced. The reduction in pressure in the village is not as a result of this however but a faulty booster which will also be attended to.
- Comments have been made on social media regarding the chipping of Low Lane, which it seems was not scrapped or had the potholes filled before completion of the works. All agreed the Clerk should complain to Highways.
- The Farmers Fete / Auction is taking place on the 6th August and most things are now in place. A Fire Engine will be visiting and a professional auctioneer will be overseeing the 38 lots. The Starting Handle Club will also be participating and there will be stalls to visit with the emphasis on farming and homemade crafts.
- It was reported that whilst the verges in the village have been cut recently, Highways have missed the verge on the left as you pull out of New Road towards The Heath. This is causing visibility issues and is dangerous. All agreed the Clerk should raise with Highways.
- A resident asked if anything could be done about the bends on Brick Kiln Road as they are dangerous. Following discussions it was agreed there was not an issue if people drove to the road condition and speed limit and without any evidence to prove otherwise, there was little point in referring to Highways.
- It was noted that the main village postman is retiring on the 22nd July after 27 years of service. Richard has been a fantastic postman and all will be sad to see him go. Residents are encouraged to thank him in their own ways.

6. MATTERS TO REPORT

a. Finance

i) The following accounts were presented for payment and were approved:

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| Mrs K Medler (Expenses) | £22.38 |
| P H Collins (Grass cutting as agreed) | £448.00 |
| F C Hambling (Bus shelter cleaning) | £40.00 |
| HMR&C (PAYE x3) | £136.40 |
| Cllr A Ramsbottom (Telephone Box decorations) | £35.59 |
| D Seppings (Work at Village Hall) | £60.00 |
| Playsafety Limited (Play area inspection fee) | £117.60 |

The Clerk's standing order was paid on the 5th July 2022.

The following receipt was noted:

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| Magazine adverts | £72.00 |
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Balance at the bank at the end of June was £25,166.36

b. Allotments

i) Updates

Following on from June's decision regarding mid-term changes, one tenant has now changed. A further plot will be changing tenant in October. All tenants will be officially informed of the agreed change in September when the tenancies renew.

ii) New issues

None reported.

c. Planning

i) No new plans to discuss.

iii) Outcomes of previous applications:

20220713 – Lakeside Cottage, Doctors Hill – Full approval.

7. MATTERS TO REPORT

a. Correspondence

The Clerk had previously circulated a note from BDC regarding a request for an alcohol license for the shop at Cobbleacre Lakes. Although some residents have raised concerns, generally there did not seem to be real opposition to the granting of this.

b. Clerks Report

- The SAM sign will be going up tonight on Brick Kiln Road.
- Most of the Covid signs have now been removed from the play area at the Village Hall but it was agreed that one will be left for now in light of the current rise in infections. It was noted that safety caps have been installed to cover any bolts.
- The play area has had its annual inspection and there are no major issues to address. The Clerk will ask the village hall handyman to cover the small things that have been highlighted but would like to clarify two points:
 - a) one of the gates has always been left locked for the toddler group to be secured safely in their grassed area but this has been highlighted as a potential bullying risk – all agreed it should remain locked for the toddlers safety.
 - b) There was a damaged plank on the swing bridge which has been removed and the item is still useable safely. It was agreed this will not be replaced for now as the age of the item means it is likely to need replacing fully in the not-too-distant future.

c. Village Hall Report

- The next meeting is in two weeks. The booking clerk is resigning. The roof is being dealt with in August and some further re-decorating will be completed which means the Hall will be closed for a week.
- The Community Project will be carried forward by the Village Hall Committee, with the help of sub-committees, as the Parish Council are not able to do this as Custodian Trustees, which means more funding will need to be obtained to cover any VAT but this is not seen as a problem. All agreed that was the correct way to proceed. Although the Community Garden is now open to all, the official opening is now likely to take place in September.

d. Police Report

There have been no further updates since the April figures were released.

e. County Councillor Report (Read by the Chairman)

- I am aware that there are various highways issues still outstanding that I am chasing. Re one of these I did remind Richard Pearson that the timeframe for the white lining is up at the end of July and requested a clear indication of when this will be completed.

County Councillor Report continued/-

- As has been shared elsewhere the roadworks on Cromer Road have been extended for a further month. In discussions with highways they have indicated a hope that there will be completion a little bit sooner than expected.
- Main issue at NCC since the last meeting has been the rising cost of the Norwich Western Link. The total cost has increased from £198m to £251m – however it remains the hope that government will fund 85% of the project. If this is the case the additional cost to Norfolk will be just under an additional £8m. What would be a potential game changer is if government funds less than 85% of the new project cost. There are still many stages to go through but the Council remains committed to completion of the road.
- The other issue is preparations for next year's budget. This will involve a consultation over the summer on a review of the mobile library service. From October onwards there will be the usual main budget consultation but ideas already put forward include more on street parking charges in tourist areas and potential changes to opening times at recycling centres.

8. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Partnership Scheme (SAM sign) and Report from Cllr D Holmes on the Vattenfall meeting he will attend on the 21st July.

Next meeting is on the 6th September 2022.

The meeting ended at 20:30