

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HEVINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 5TH OCTOBER 2021 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present:

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

Parishioners: 3

In attendance: District Councillor J Neesam

The meeting was Chaired by Cllr S Benton for experience.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were approved from Cllr I Nickalls and County Cllr D Roper.

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 September 2021 were agreed by all.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- The Clerk has contacted BDC regarding the tree stump on The Heath but has not received a response to date.
- The willow tree on the A140 has been dealt with.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- It was reported that the Health, Wellbeing and Craft Day was very successful raising £420.60, which will be going towards the bike track at the Village Hall.
- A Bingo Night is being planned by The Hevingivers which will take place before Christmas.

6. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

a. Finance

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

F Martinez (Handyman jobs)	£1155.00
P H Collins (Grass cutting as agreed for September)	£410.00
HMR&C (PAYE x3)	£131.60

The Clerk's standing order was paid today.

Receipts noted:

Allotment rent	£710.00
Magazine adverts	£10.00

Balance at the bank now stands at £24,207.77.

ii) Following discussions and 2 unanimous votes, it was agreed: 1 - the Clerk should make the necessary arrangements so the Parish Council can move to Online Banking. 2 - Cllr M Williamson will come off the account as a signatory and be replaced with Cllr D Holmes.

iii) The Laurel Club will be holding a Community Thank You Lunch for their cook and have asked if the Parish Council would like to attend and make a donation for a gift. It was agreed that the Chairman will attend and take a £30.00 garden centre gift voucher so the recipient can choose her own plant. A cheque was made out to Cllr S Benton so she could purchase an appropriate voucher.

iv) The Church have requested further funds to cover the grass cutting for this year due to extra cuts being required. They currently have £43.75 left from the original grant given but are looking for a further £631.25 to cover the September cuts and possibly another £225.00 to cover October. Following a lengthy discussion, the extra costs were agreed but for the next cutting season, the Parish Council will seek their own quotes, to enable them to control costs going forward.

b. Village Hall Playing Field Community Project

Whilst there may not be much to 'see' at present, there is a lot going on in the background. A Focus Group has been set up and things should start to come together in the next few months. Fundraising and Sponsorship is being investigated and any sponsors names will be shown on the site, which was accepted. Two 'community networking' events are being planned for the 14th and 24th November – one for children and one for adults.

c. Horses in the village

Cllr D Holmes circulated some suggestions and advised on prices for the signs and following some slight alterations designs were agreed. The Clerk will check the Council's Financial Regulations to see if any further quotes must be obtained before proceeding but if one can be accepted, all agreed Cllr D Holmes could go ahead, and 5 signs should be purchased. Fitting will need to be considered, with possibly parishioners or the handyman being involved. The Chairman will also seek a further location on which to put a sign, this would preferably be in the vicinity of the Village Hall on Brick Kiln Road.

d. Farmer's allotments.

The Clerk confirmed the handyman is in the process of trimming the verges along the Half Acres and will be 'treating' the remaining tree stumps. A discussion then ensued as to whether the Parish Council should be continuing to pay for this or the tenants. The Chairman will go and look at the area and report back at the next meeting.

e. Village allotments

i) Updates and new issues

- One of the tenants has mentioned that when the car park hedge was cut, the debris was let on their plot. The Clerk will speak to the handyman and get this removed.
- Could a post be installed near the main gate so tenants can use it for a retractable hose. Cllr D Holmes will arrange.

f. Planning

- i) There were no new applications to consider.
- ii) Outcomes of previous applications:
20210241 – The Piggeries, The Turn – Refused.
20211065 – White House Farm, 35 The Turn – Approved.

g. BDC's Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Policy consultation

No-one has any comments they wished to put forward.

h. BDC's Gambling Policy consultation

No-one has any comments they wished to put forward.

i. Remembrance Service 2021

- All agreed a wreath should be bought and the same donation made as last year (£100.00). A cheque was made out to the Clerk, so she can arrange the donation, as the RBL will not accept cheques and the Council do not hold a debit or credit card. The Clerk will order wreath design B costing £17.00, leaving £83.00 as a donation to the RBL. Cllr M Williamson will take delivery and lay the wreath at the service on the 14th November.
- Information regarding purchase of a 'Tommy' had also been circulated by the Clerk and it was unanimously agreed that a 4ft 10' Tommy should be purchased for £175.00 + shipping £25.00. The Clerk will arrange delivery to Cllr T Palmer. The 'Tommy' will be placed on the triangle near the Village Green at the appropriate time of year.

j. HM the Queens Platinum Jubilee

The Hevingivers are currently in contact with the Eden Project regarding a Jubilee Lunch. Several ideas are still being considered for the celebration. If any-one would like to get involved, please contact Mrs S Ward.

7. MATTERS TO REPORT

a. Correspondence

None.

b. Clerks Report

Nothing to report.

c. Report from the Chairman on the Police Community Forum and Police PSM attended

Domestic violence was the main subject discussed. A question was raised over whether burglaries should be reported but as Police resources are based on reports, it was agreed they should be. The Chairman is aware of a recent burglary on Brick Kiln Road and will be speaking to PC Ward regarding this. The Chairman will continue to attend the local Aylsham meetings.

d. Village Hall Report

Cllr D Holmes advised that whilst some plumbing work was being completed at the Hall, they took the opportunity to take a feed outside to water the Community Garden. As a result, some boxing is needed to cover the internal pipes and as this is part of the Community Project, the Hall are wondering if the Parish Council will cover the handyman's quote to do this of £80.00. This was agreed.

e. Police Report

The Clerk advised there were 3 crimes in the village during August: 1 x Violent & sexual offence (on or near Pound Close), 1 x Public Order (on or near Pound Road), and 1 x Bicycle Theft (on or near Morgans Way). Further information can be accessed via www.police.uk.

f. District and County Reports

District

The Waste Review has been concluded and Veolia have been awarded the contract again.

The accommodation review has been completed and the outcome will be announced in December.

It has been agreed that a thorough investigation will be conducted regarding the 'contact' issues at BDC, and a plan put in place to improve going forward. Proof that people have received poor service will be required so if anyone has had any poor experiences, please let Cllr J Neesam know – information on date, time, department and the 'problem' is all that is needed.

County

In Cty Cllr D Roper's absence, the following was read by Dist Cllr J Neesam:

Following the last meeting I have taken up getting all of the white lines in the village repainted. This will be covered by my local councillor's grant.

The Council has a new policy on promoting the use of electric vehicles. This includes making a bid for government funding towards provision of charging points at community hubs, village halls etc. If successful, the government funding would cover 75% of cost with the remainder coming from my local member grant. This will be something to consider if the Council bid is successful.

Ofsted are doing an inspection of children's services this week.

Usually, the Council would be kicking off its budget process, but everything has been delayed for a month whilst we wait for news on government funding. You may have seen the government plan to raise NI to fund the NHS and Social Care - we wait to see whether the government will go through with this and also how much of the social care money actually finds its way to local councils.

Cllr M Williamson asked if there was any news on the flooding at The Beck. Cllr J Neesam will refer this back to Cllr D Roper for comment.

8. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Future discussion: Mother & Toddler Group.

Next meeting is on the 7th of December 2021 at 19:30.

The meeting ended at 21:00