

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HEVINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 8th JANUARY 2019 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present:

Cllr D Bunn (Chairman)
Cllr A Coldham
Cllr A Bunn
Cllr S Medler
Cllr M Williamson
Cllr A Ramsbottom
Cllr T Palmer
Cllr J Norton
Cllr D Fox-Willis
K Medler (Clerk)

Parishioners: 13

In attendance: County Cllr D Roper

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors G Crane and P Carrick.

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 4th December 2018 were agreed by all and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk advised Highways have looked at the junction of Church Lane with the A140 Cromer Road and do not feel any action is required at present but will continue to monitor.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A resident asked if the Council had any comments to make on the outcome of the GNLP discussions at the last meeting. *Councillors had nothing more to add but it was stated that they believe no more will be heard now until September.*
- Councillors were then asked why they opposed development on Westgate but not The Heath. *Originally the land was sold to Saffron for 8 properties to be built on it but Saffron moved the houses to one side and are now seeking to put a further 8 on the site, which the Council feel is taking advantage of the village. County Cllr D Roper added that the number of houses built by Saffron were determined by the local housing need at the time and he doesn't think there is a need for any extra houses on the same site. There is also the issue of flooding to consider which has been a problem ever since the first 8 properties were built.*
- It was asked why, when one of the duties of a Parish Councillor is to represent the local community, was the development on The Heath supported when so many local residents were against it. *The Chairman responded that only 6 of the 31 residents present asked questions. County Cllr D Roper then added that there is a long list of sites and it will be a long way down the line before the new Local Plan is agreed. Even if The Heath site gets into the new Local Plan, Planning Permission will still have to be obtained.*
- A resident commented that Low Lane and Halls Corner are becoming extensions of the surrounding farms with verges being damaged by the farm vehicles, covering the roads with mud. *County Cllr D Roper confirmed that Highways have an obligation to ensure 'safety' on the roads but otherwise 'clearing up' is down to the farmers. The Clerk has spoken to one of the farmers as New Road is also very muddy but the Parish Council have no actual 'power' to make the farmers clear up. It was noted that signs have been erected warning of mud on the road, but this does not solve the problem. Cllr D Roper and the Clerk will both refer to Highways again to see what more can be done.*
- A resident reported damage to the speed limit sign on Brick Kiln Road as you turn in from the Holt Road. *This area falls under Haveringham but the Clerk will report to Highways anyway.*
- Damage was reported to bollards on the A140 Cromer Road on the left as you turn out of The Street. *The Clerk advised she has already reported these to Highways.*
- Councillors were asked if they visited the development sites on The Heath before making their decision to support them. *Some confirmed they did.*
- A resident reported that the footpath on the A140 on the left heading towards Aylsham needs to have the bank cut right back as it is becoming very narrow. *The Clerk will report to Highways.*
- It was reported that the sewer works entrance on the A140 Cromer Road is a mess. *The Parish Council have no control over this however the Clerk will see if she can make contact with someone to get it tidied.*
- Cllr A Coldham stated at present she does not intend to stand again in the local elections in May as she did not join the Parish Council to be abused. All Councillors are volunteers and do not have to stand for the sort of abuse that has been received followed the last meeting. Perhaps this will make room for others who think they can do better.
- A resident asked if a bus stop can be installed on the A140 Cromer Road at the end of Low Lane. *It was felt this was unlikely to be agreed but the Clerk will refer to Highways.*
- Complaints were received regarding potholes in the passing places on The Heath / Church Lane. *The Chairman advised as these are unofficial passing places it is unlikely Highways will repair but the Clerk will refer to see.*
- A resident asked if the speed limit on The Heath could be reduced so it is 30mph from the Holt Road, instead of half way down. *County Cllr D Roper thought it was unlikely Highways would agree to this but the Clerk will ask.*

6. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

a. Planning

There were no plans to consider and no updates to report.

b. Finance

Accounts for payment

The following accounts were presented for payment and were approved:

Mrs K Medler (Expenses)	£21.42
T T Jones Electrical Ltd (Street lighting maintenance)	£42.78
F C Hambling (Bus shelter cleaning)	£40.00
Norse Eastern Ltd (Winter magazine printing)	£221.00
E-on (Electricity)	£76.70
HMR&C (PAYE x3)	£136.80

The Clerks standing order was paid on the 5th January.

The following receipts were noted:

Allotment rent	£30.00
CBS interest	£55.54

Balance at the bank now stands at 49,992.15.

c. Herbert Phillip Fund

Highways have confirmed they will shortly be starting work on the remainder of the trod path and the Clerk will be meeting with a representative tomorrow to make sure Highways plan corresponds with what was submitted under the Parish Partnership Bid – Cllr A Coldham will also attend. Nothing more has been heard from the Under 5's.

d. Community Shop

The Chairman advised he has been approached by Mr Seales regarding the possibility of a community shop within the Cobbleacre Park site. Initially Mr Seales was just going to sell fishing gear, milk and papers to people using the Park but then it was suggested to him that maybe it could be expanded into a community shop, run by the Parish Council. Rent would be payable and the Parish Council would be responsible for all aspects of running the shop. Cllr A Coldham reminded the meeting that several years ago there was talk of a shop in the Village Hall but this never went ahead for various reasons which she feels proves it would not succeed. In a vote all agreed it was not a suitable venture for the Parish Council to consider further. The Clerk will inform Mr Seales.

e. Magazine editor

The Clerk has not been contacted by any one concerning this however Cllr A Ramsbottom advised she is aware of someone who is interested. Cllr A Coldham agreed to speak to the person in question to let them know exactly what is involved and if they are still keen to proceed, their details can be put into the Spring magazine. If they do not wish to proceed the Clerk will place an article in the Spring magazine asking if anyone is interested in taking this on. The deadline for articles is the 23rd February so the Clerk will need to know either way before then. All agreed the current contribution given for expenses can continue.

7. MATTERS TO REPORT

a. Correspondence

Nothing to discuss.

b. Clerks Report

The Clerk provided details of the last set of SAM sign results which will be printed in the next magazine. All agreed a poster advertising a charity boxing tournament at AHS could be placed in the notice boards.

1 member of the public left at 20:15

c. Youth Advocate Report

The group reopens this Thursday (10th Jan). Numbers have dropped off so they may go back into the School to promote to the new children.

d. Village Hall Report

Nothing to report. The next meeting is on the 14th January.

e. Police Report

The Clerk advised there were 4 crimes in the village during October: 1 violent/sexual offence (on or near Morgans Way), 1 violent/sexual offence (on or near Pound Road), 1 vehicle crime and 1 public order offence (on or near Halls Corner). There were 2 recorded crimes in November: 1 vehicle crime (on or near Town Corner) and 1 antisocial behaviour (on or near Bentons Way). Further information can be accessed via www.police.uk.

f. Reports

District and County Councillor Reports

Nothing to report from the District.

County Cllr D Roper reported that the current NDR consultation on 'the missing link' ends on Friday 11th January. NCC are committed to completing 'the missing link' and hope to start work in 2022. It is looking likely that the 'green link' will be the most acceptable option at this stage.

The issues that were raised concerning the roundabouts on the new NDR have been worked on although signs that went missing overnight caused further problems. Cllr D Roper hopes that when the speed limit on the A140 Cromer Road is reduced, people will be warned before it is completed and not just implemented overnight. (The Clerk advised it has been indicated to her that works will begin on this on the 18th February barring any last minute changes to the contractor's schedule).

The mile cross recycling centre is to be moved, possibly near to the A140 Cromer Road roundabout. This site is larger than required so the Airport Park and Ride may also move to the same site.

The decision on the children's centres will be made in 2 weeks time.

Cuts have been agreed to the mobile library service which means unused stops will be lost and any 2 week service will become a monthly service. Hevingham is already monthly so this will not have a negative effect on the village.

8. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is on the 5th March 2018 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 20:25