



Minutes of the meeting of Hoveton Parish Council Monday 26th July 2021 at 7:00pm Community Café, Hoveton Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Greg Eade, Jilly Gourlay, Robert Henson, Alex Howe, Peter Howe (Chair), Russell Reeve, Ann Rogers, Chris Marshall, Anna Croft.

In attendance: Mr Ben Bethell (Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public: Two, plus County and District Cllr Nigel Dixon, and District Cllr Gerard Mancini-Boyle

1 ATTENDANCE

No absences noted

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Gourlay declared a pecuniary interest in Item 6.1.1.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the full council meeting held on 7th July (correction from the agenda which noted 7th June) 2021 were AGREED and were signed by the Chair.

As the June minutes have not yet been signed, they will be brought to the September meeting.

4 RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS MADE DURING ZOOM MEETINGS

The items discussed during the two Zoom meetings, June 7th and July 7th were RATIFIED by the Council. Proposed by Cllr Alex Howe, Seconded by Cllr Chris Marshall, and agreed by all.

5 PUBLIC FORUM

5.1 County & District Councillor Dixon addressed the Council with regard to the Local Plan. Brook Park Stage Two was noted as the next discussions about it will take place in September.

The Parish Partnership was also mentioned though Councillors do not remember seeing any details. ACTION – Clerk to review emails in case it has been missed.

5.2 District Councillor Mancini-Boyle addressed the Council and talked through current Covid figures. Delays in rubbish collection were noted and the opening of more NNDC car parks for use during the summer months.

5.3 No Police report has been received. ACTION – Clerk to chase.

5.4 No members of the public addressed the Council.

6 PLANNING

6.1 Planning applications received for comment:

6.1.1 PF/21/1671. Cllr Jilly Gourlay left the meeting. Cllr Chris Marshall introduced the application which was discussed and points noted as follows:

- The Parish Council neither objects nor supports this application.
- The Parish Council raised the issue of access and noted it as 'interesting'.
- It was noted that Grange Close is mainly bungalows where the application is for a one-and-a-half-storey building.
- Councillors commented that 'infill' is generally not supported by them.
- There were concerns that the application will affect properties on Stalham Road.
- Questions were raised surrounding turning space. It was felt that the turning space may not be sufficient and may not meet Highways standards.
- The Council feels that the plans should be considered by the Planning Committee.

6.1.2 BA/2021/0260/FUL. Cllr Jilly Gourlay re-joined the meeting after 6.1.1 was discussed. The application was discussed and no objections were noted.

6.1.3 BA/2021/0264/HOUSEH. The application was discussed and no objections were noted.

7 ADMINISTRATION

- 7.1 The Clerk's report was noted.
- 7.2 Cllr Mancini-Boyle asked if the Chair and Clerk would be having regular catch-ups. Cllr Peter Howe confirmed that weekly meeting had been happening and would continue. Meeting dates were briefly discussed. There will be no changes from September to 2021 dates. 2022 dates may move to the second week of the month to allow bank reconciliations to be completed in a more appropriate timescale.
- 7.3 It was noted that two benches on the staithe are in very poor condition. These will cost approximately £1000 to replace. Various other benches need washing and the list of benches and their condition is being updated. Councillors hope to use this list to inform them when planning for renewal of benches. Cllr Eade noted that he would be happy to lead on the three benches at Pocket Park. The Lions benches all appear to be good.
- 7.4 Cllr Alex Howe talked through the current rewilding situation. The council noted that it would like her to continue with her efforts and communication about the project. Councillors asked that the public should be kept updated and brought along on the journey. It was also noted that a balance is required, for example where traffic safety is concerned.
- 7.5 The council received an update about the bird seed stall from Cllr Eade noting that it was over £300 up in the last week or so. Cllr Eade was thanked for his efforts. The other birdseed stall in the village is now on HPC land, without permission from the Council. ACTION – Clerk to write and ask that trading ceases. The Clerk asked about arrangements and was informed that Mr Eade runs the stand as an individual with his own insurance, etc. He is given permission to trade on HPC land on the condition that all profits will be donated to Council. ACTION – Clerk to pass bank details to Mr Eade for donations.
- 7.6 The SAM2 sign is to be located in Hoveton St John. Cllrs Rob Henson and Alex Howe, along with District Councillor Mancini-Boyle will discuss and progress this. The speed sign on Stalham Road still doesn't work correctly. ACTION – Cllr Alex Howe to report to Highways again.
- 7.7 Cllr Alex Howe gave an update about the village flowerbeds. A plan of the winter months is being drawn up. Consideration is being given about options for the Victory Housing bed. The village sign is looking less than upright. ACTION – Clerk to investigate.

8 GRANARY STAITHE

- 8.1 Three prices from three contractors will be required for the work on the membrane. ACTION – Clerk and Cllr Peter Howe to source quotes.

9 ITEMS FOR THE BRIDGE

- 9.1 Cllr Alex Howe asked for items for inclusion in The Bridge. Items to include a plea for information about the well found at Hoveton Village Hall and the bird food stall.

10 FINANCE

- 10.1 The Budget Monitoring Statement was NOTED.
- 10.2 All payments noted on the schedule of payments were APPROVED for payment.

11 CORRESPONDANCE was NOTED.

Email	Voluntary Norfolk. Looking for information about clubs/groups in the local area for a directory.
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12 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- 12.1 None noted. Cllr Peter Howe to investigate using the Broads Direct room for the remainder of 2021 meetings. Risk Assessment to be undertaken prior to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 20:30.

Signed.....

Date.....

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