



Minutes of the meeting of Hoveton Parish Council

Monday 7th March 2022 at 6:45pm

Meeting held at Hoveton Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs, Peter Howe (Chair), Alex Howe, Ann Rogers, Gerrard Mancini-Boyle, Russell Reeve, Chris Marshall.

In attendance: Mr Ben Bethell (Parish Clerk), Barry Edwards (Standing for Co-option), Duncan Holmes (Broads Angling Services Group)

Members of the Public: Three members of the public.

1 ATTENDANCE

No apologies were received.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Peter Howe – non-voting for item 8 owing to involvement.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the meetings on the 7th February and 23rd February were both signed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

4 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS

4.1 Barry Edwards' co-option was agreed and the Council welcomed him.

5 PUBLIC FORUM

5.1 Cllr Nigel Dixon noted an apology for having missed the recent Regulation 19 meeting owing to a District Council meeting clash. He noted that his own response had been sent and that the Clerk would circulate to Councillors. He noted (as HPC had) that the process wasn't easy or intuitive.

5.2 Cllr Mancini-Boyle noted the flag pole which he had donated for the village hall. Discussions with the medical centre are ongoing in respect of the use of the village hall. The application for new disabled play equipment unfortunately now requires re-application and further proof of need. Various contacts in the local area are being polled.

5.3 No formal police report was received, but it was noted that a further incident had taken place at the village hall. Unfortunately, reports from witnesses about this have been unclear.

5.4 There were no further comments from the public.

6 PLANNING

6.1 PF/22/0004 - Erection of children's playhouse within garden - (retrospective) - Hawthorns Tunstead Road Hoveton Norwich Norfolk NR12 8QNT.

The council spent some time discussing the application, but agreed that it felt unable to comment.

6.2 BA/2022/0071/TPOA - Proposal: T8: Willow - sever ivy at base. T16: Alder - remove dead wood over path. T17: Willow - remove dead wood over path. T19: Willow - reduce limbs over bridge by 5m. T23: Willow - reduce regrowth back to main stem. T31: Goat Willow - fell. T34: Crack Willow - remove dead wood over path. T37: Willow - reduce cracked stem back to live growth. T43: Willow – reduce crown back to previous reduction point. T52: Scots Pine - reduce to 4m stump. - Hoveton Riverside Park, Station Road, Hoveton, Norfolk.

There was no comment or concern with regards to this application.

7 ADMINISTRATION

7.1 The Clerk's report was noted.

7.2 Cllr Mancini-Boyle asked a question about the timing of AGAR responses which was answered.

7.3 The Clerk gave an overview of the current situation for the village sign. The carpenter has been instructed and is now making plans to begin. A design for the plinth was AGREED and quotes from local builders will now be sought. The weathervane will be investigated. It is hoped that the sign can be officially unveiled during the Jubilee celebrations.

7.4 A request for an ice-cream vendor to trade on Granary Staithe had been received. The Council has not previously allowed commercial activity here and felt that the situation should not be changed. The Clerk will respond to the enquiry.

7.5 The ongoing issues with the street scene on Station Road appear to be slowly improving. The Riverside Rooms are now subject of some Broads Authority focus and the landowner is engaged and working to remedy. The wider site has an option for redevelopment about which more detail may be available shortly. The Council noted that Pocket Park is an area of public access which must be retained, and the current proposal would allow this.

7.6 Cllr Peter Howe gave a brief update about the meeting with the Rotary and the Lions. Both are keen to see a small-scale celebration and the suggestion is that a gathering at the village hall between 3 and 6pm on Saturday June 4 may be appropriate. Action – Clerk to liaise with Mick Holden about next steps and community involvement.

7.7 Advertising around the village is being tackled. This is being driven by Hoveton Parish Council, North Norfolk District Council and the Broads Authority, with landowners being approached and requests made for signage to be removed.

7.8 It was noted that the Christmas tree on Granary Staithe had been popular over a few years, but not without its challenges. A proposal was made by the Rotary Club that a tree be planted in the garden at the staithe which could be used for a few years until it becomes too large, then removed and replaced. The Council AGREED that this was a sensible approach and that they would work with the Rotary to get this done.

7.9 The grass cutting schedule and quotes for verges and the village hall field were AGREED. Specific note was made of strimming around the flowerbeds, and leaving daffodils until the leaves have died back. Action – clerk to discuss with Garden Guardian (contractor).

8 THE (NEW) BRIDGE

8.1 Cllr Peter Howe ran through the current situation with the new magazine. It is expected that the first issue will be May 2022 and will follow a similar format to that of Coltishall's Marlpit magazine.

The Council was unanimous in its support for the publication, and felt that it was invaluable medium for communication within the village (and beyond).

Start-up costs are around £1500. £500 had been raised already, and a further £250 was in discussion. The Council AGREED to fund the remaining £750 of the costs.

9 GRANARY STAITHE – PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE

9.1 Duncan Holmes from the Broads Angling Strategy Group (BASG) gave a short presentation and explained some of the aims of the BASG. It was noted that angling is a historically significant part of Broads life but BASG accepted that Granary Staithe posed a unique problem owing to the proximity of anglers and wildlife in a restricted space. Duncan has been present at various meetings about the staithe and is focussed on conflict resolution.

Duncan has pulled together a 'task force' which includes local shops. He has worked with Cllr Alex Howe and fully supports the need for something to be done on the staithe.

9.2 Cllr Alex Howe brought a proposal to the Council which aimed to avoid prohibition and which, it is hoped, would represent a balanced approach.

It was proposed that angling and bird feeding be segregated on the Staithe, with explanatory signage suggesting that the Staithe is not an appropriate place for fishing. These signs would be funded by the BASG. It was also proposed that the Council backs BASG's pilot scheme to develop techniques that could reduce harm and conflict in other locations.

It was also suggested that fishing line collection bins at four strategic locations along the river frontage be installed. These would be supported by the local angling shops. All AGREED.

10 FINANCE

10.1 The items of expenditure (noted below) were APPROVED.

10.2 The appointment of Roger Canwell as internal auditor was AGREED.

10.3 The Council AGREED to the back-dated pay necessary to bring pay in line with the recently published 2021/22 scales.

10.4 Staff pay was discussed last. The public and Clerk left.

11 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

11.1 The next meeting of the Council will be on April 25th after the Annual Parish Meeting. The only item raised was the review of the community transport funding request.

The meeting closed at 20:45

Signed.....

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February payments made

03/02/2022	Npower	Street lamps	£138.97	Regular payment
04/02/2022	1&1 Internet	Emails	£2.39	Regular payment
15/02/2022	Ben Bethell	Zoom Licence	£143.88	Agreed January 12 2022
15/02/2022	Millenium Pest Control	Granary Staithe	£144.00	Regular payment
15/02/2022	Garden Guardian	Grass cutting VH	£2,072.55	Agreed March 2021
21/02/2022	Peter Howe	Plants	£53.73	Agreed October 4 2021
28/02/2022	Litter Picker Salary		£1,986.47	Regular payments
28/02/2022	Clerk Salary			
28/02/2022	LGPS Pension			
28/02/2022	HMRC Month 11			

Income

03/02/2022	VAT Income	Play equipment	£3,605.10	To be returned to HVH. (See below)
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Payments for approval

Peter Howe	Coffee - Davd Allcock	£8.75	Chair's Allowance
Ben Bethell	Mileage Nov to Feb	£109.20	273 miles at 40p
NALC	Annual fee	£415.61	Regular payment, but up a little from agreed.
Hoveton Village Hall	VAT Reclaim	£3,605.10	HVH paid the VAT. Reclaimed as sole trustee.