



Minutes of the meeting of Hoveton Parish Council

Monday 4th July 2022 at 18:45.

Meeting held in the Jubilee Room at Hoveton Village Hall.

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

In attendance: Mr Ben Bethell (Parish Clerk), Cllr Nigel Dixon (NNDC), one member of the public.

1 ATTENDANCE

No apologies received.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Edwards declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5.2. Cllr Reeve said that he would allow him to make objective points about the application, but must not be part of the discussion or voting.

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. There were potentially a few matters arising but these would be added to a future agenda.

4 PUBLIC FORUM

4.1 Cllr Dixon followed up on previous meetings by noting that Anglian Water's written questions and answers are attached to the minutes of the NNDC Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting. It seems that the relationship with Anglian Water has improved based on recent meetings, which is positive.

NNDC's staffing challenges remain a concern but the issue is being addressed. Some impact on service is being experienced.

Cllr Dixon noted that the list of oven-ready projects is something he would like to help progress.

4.2 Cllr Mancini-Boyle began by noting the removal of some hedge plants in Pocket Park. These were planted in the wrong place and have now been used by the Broads Authority. It was noted that the Warm Homes Scheme is now offering grants to lower income homes. Plastic patio furniture is available from surplus (second-hand) stock at NNDC but cannot be delivered. It was also noted that the rates of Covid are rising. Something to watch.

5 PLANNING

5.1 PF/22/1452 - Erection of two domestic outbuildings (summer house and shed) - 34 St Johns Way, Hoveton, Norwich, Norfolk, NR12 8QB

The Council considered potential overlooking, drainage, and possible movement of made-up ground. It was AGREED there was NO OBJECTION to the application.

5.2 BA/2022/0219/COND - Amended plans, materials, and construction method, variations of conditions 2, 6 and 9 of permission BA/2017/0498/COND - Daisy Broad , The Rhond, Hoveton, NR12 8UE

The Council discussed this application and AGREED to OBJECT to the application for the following reasons:

- Scrutiny of this application has been hampered by a lack of access to the Broads Authority planning system over the past week.
- Windows on the north elevation overlook the neighbouring property. This is unacceptable.
- Disabled access has been lost from the plans. This is also unacceptable.
- The newly drawn boardwalk restricts navigation - including to neighbouring boatyards.
- There are concerns about the permanent residence status of the property.

6 ADMINISTRATION

6.1 The maintenance of Pocket and Riverside Park is now back on track. Further work with the grass contractor is planned.

The Broads Authority needs additional involvement to clarify plans for this winter. Specifics are required and a plan needs to be agreed.

Rewilding remains a focus, but it was noted that a large proportion of the park is already rewilded, so care is needed to balance this with recreation.

The new bench needs installation and is now becoming urgent.

6.2 A request to sponsor a bench on Granary Staithe had been received, but the enquirer had hoped to donate £100, rather than the cost of the bench. It was AGREED that a £100 donation would be acceptable and the Council would have a plaque made. However, it should be noted that up to 5 plaques may be placed on that same bench.

6.3 The upgrade of email services to allow additional storage space was AGREED at a cost of £5 per month. The existing cost is £2.29 per month.

6.4 The Council NOTED a report about flowerbeds from Cllr Alex Howe. It was AGREED that the budgeted figure of £400 is available for the team to spend on the beds between now and March 31st 2023.

6.5 The need for a list of oven-ready projects was discussed and it was AGREED that the first step is to pull together a list of the existing ideas. Two lists have already been received and provide a useful starting point. Using the combined list as a starting point, residents would then be asked to add ideas to the list. Use of the Facebook page, noticeboards, and time (with public participation) at a future meeting was AGREED.

7 DRAFT BROADS PLAN 2022-27

7.1 The response to the consultation was discussed and AGREED as follows:

“Hoveton Parish Council broadly supports the Draft Broads Plan 2022-27. The plan itself appears to be well laid out and covers all the areas which the Council would expect.

Hoveton Parish Council wishes to make it clear that there are concerns from the viewpoint of Hoveton which will need to be addressed and which must form part of the next level of operational planning. Securing improvements to Riverside and Pocket Parks in Hoveton are a key concern. Flood mitigation is also a concern.

Hoveton needs to be confident that the Broads Authority will ensure that the community and the tourists who are attracted to our village are catered for appropriately. The Council and Broads Authority have worked together over many years to ensure that areas such as Riverside Park and Pocket Park are fit for purpose. This must continue – especially as there is now a need for a period of renewal at the parks.

The ongoing concerns about quay headings and flooding in the parks must be addressed. This is a project which has been discussed for many years and is now in need of urgent action. It seems that, whilst the Council has been working recently with officers, there is still no formal acceptance that these works will be completed soon and these works do not currently appear to be part of the piling strategy.

The condition of other quay headings along the Hoveton waterfront is poor and will need attention in the near future.

Hoveton has always been, and will remain, a key area of recreational activity in the national park. Despite that, and the proximity of the Broads Authority’s own tourist centre, we are still blighted by the ground conditions and appearance of the area between Station Road and the river including both the former Waterside Rooms and the Kings Head Cottage - which have been derelict for nearly 30 years. This is a critical project and needs inclusion within operational plans.

Additionally, the Council seeks more clarity about the works to be undertaken to protect Hoveton, and other communities nearby, from future flooding. Whilst the overarching theme is included within the report, we seek clarity over the specific works that will be undertaken to mitigate the issue in our parish, and within others along the river.

To conclude, the Plan appears to cover areas that concern us. However, the Plan does not provide enough detail which leaves the Council uncomfortable and unclear about how Hoveton’s issues as outlined will be addressed.”

8 CYCLE PARKING

8.1 An update was given by Cllr Reeve. The Council supports the use of cycles and would like to see better facilities in the parish. It was AGREED that a stand at Hoveton Village Hall would be ideal and the Trustees would be consulted.

A question about cycle storage at the station was asked, but it was suggested that the current stands are not ideal and not well used.

9 FINANCE

9.1 The Schedule of Payments (below) was presented by the Clerk and all items were AGREED by the Council.

10 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

10.1 The meeting date was noted as September 5th, but an August meeting may be necessary. Oven-ready projects and Riverside Park were noted as topics for discussion.

The meeting closed at 20:30

Signed.....

Date.....

Name.....

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Schedule of Payments

Date	Item	Regular?	Minute book	Value
08/06/2022	1&1 Internet	Regular	2022013	£2.39
14/06/2022	B Bethell - Village sign materials		2022035	£117.21
14/06/2022	BHIB - Insurance	Regular	2022013	£1,043.78
14/06/2022	A11 Maintenance Services		2022035	£3,096.00
16/06/2022	B Bethell - ICO Renewal 2022/23		2022035	£40.00
21/06/2022	NPower	Regular	2022013	£104.23
21/06/2022	Donation from Our Hoveton	INCOME		£50.00
30/06/2022	J Nash Salary	Regular	2022013	£431.00
30/06/2022	Norfolk Pension Fund	Regular	2022013	£440.34
30/06/2022	B Bethell Salary	Regular	2022013	£1,238.43
30/06/2022	HMRC PAYE and NIC	Regular	2022013	£266.45

To Note

B Bethell - Jubilee Room equipment	£59.84
Garden Guardian May	£541.96

To Approve

B Bethell - Mileage - May and June	£107.55
B Bethell - Strimmer blades	£8
Chris Philipo - Riverside and Pocket Park	£320.00
Seat replacement - Granary Staithe	£85
Jubilee Room hire - April/May	£70