

HARDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th January 2015 in the Memorial Hall, Hardingham at 7.30pm

Present:

John Sharples (Chairman) Henry Edwards (Vice Chairman) Tim Barrett
Richard Burke
Lynn Whitwell (Clerk)

There were no members of the public present.

1. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Glen Gower, Nick Pounder and Jane Strudwick

3. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st December 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st December, 2014, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Agenda Item 4 – The Public Right of Way had been mown at Nordelph Corner. The one by Keeper’s Cottage had died back, but would be monitored again in spring (C/F 3rd November 2014).

Replacement of Public Right of Way Sign, Danemoor Lane (C/F 1st December 2014)

5. FINANCE

Barclays	£1568.66
Santander	£1587.83

i) Cheques Authorised

Hardingham Memorial Hall £17.00 (Hire of Hall 5th Jan) LGA 1972 S111

ii) Budget - details of quarterly accounts had been previously circulated there were no questions

iii) Notification of regular payments made to Zen Internet Ltd.

5th December £4.75 (7th December – 6th January 2015)

6. CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER BROADBAND

Although it had been difficult to contact all residents, several signatures had been collected for the petition for better broadband in the village. These would now be sent to Openreach with copies to George Freeman MP; Cliff Jordan, Breckland Councillor, Dr Marie Strong, Chair, Norfolk County Council Broadband working group.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Action

CPRE – The Light Pollution Questionnaire was completed
Norfolk ALC Members Survey was completed

8. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

Standing Orders had been reviewed by the Clerk, there were no recommendations for changes. However, the following items were brought to the Council's attention

5(b) In an election year, the annual meeting of the council shall be held on or within 14 days following the day on which the new councillors elected take office. The date of the annual meeting was rescheduled for 11th May and the annual village meeting for 18th May.

19(b) The Chairman of the Council or in his absence, the Vice Chairman shall upon a resolution conduct a review of the performance and annual appraisal of the work of the Clerk. The reviews and appraisal shall be reported in writing and are subject to approval by resolution of the Council.

The annual appraisal had been carried out and circulated to the Councillors It was approved at the meeting.

9. ASSET INSPECTION REPORTS

The Asset Inspection Reports were deferred to the next full meeting

10. REPORT ON NALC AUTUMN MEETING

Henry explained to the Council how the meeting was very well organised by Jane Scarrott. 75 people attended Knights Hill. Speakers included Stephen Christopher from Mazars, Harriet English from the Plunkett organisation, Game & Co Insurance and Better Broadband for Norfolk. Following lunch there were three presentations from the NALC Training Officer, Norfolk Wildlife Trust and an overview of the forthcoming election process.

The Chairman thanked Henry for his report

11. HIGHWAYS

Henry reported that the tarmac surface in the centre of Sandy Lane, just north of Gresham Farm was damaged for a distance of approximately 100 yds.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Highways

The meeting ended at 8.25pm