

Minutes of Hardingham Parish Council meeting held on 14th November 2016 at 7.00pm at Hardingham Village Memorial Hall

Present: Cllrs John Sharples (Chair) JSh, Richard Burke (RB), Henry Edwards (HE), Virginia Lenihan (VL) and Jane Strudwick (JSt).

In attendance: H Frary (Clerk), DC Claussen, CC Jordan and 16 members of the public.

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Presentation from Karen O’Kane – Norfolk County Council Better Broadband for Norfolk.

Presentation slides available on the website. Karen added that there can only be money spent once per village and therefore it is worth waiting until there is a viable fibre solution rather than making a short term solution to speed up the existing copper cables. It was noted that Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) packages are not the same as normal internet packages and internet providers will charge differently.

The biggest challenge will be pruning existing trees to enable access to the cable routes to install fibre cables. There will be road closures in the parish, some of which are unplanned, and this will have a significant impact on the time scales of the project.

The next step is for Open Reach to formalise the plans with an expected start date of summer 2017.

All the public left the meeting.

- 1) **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs Tim Barrett (TB) and Glen Gower (GG)
- 2) **Declarations of Interest.** None
- 3) **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in September 2016** were circulated prior to the meeting. They were initialled and signed by the Chairman.
- 4) **Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting (not already on the agenda):-**
Item 4 - The wood treatment for the village bench has arrived and it will be completed when the weather is suitable.
Item 10 – The new website is live and a resident has suggested that there could be a community forum added to the site. The Clerk has investigated and it cannot be added to the site, however it would be possible to have a link to a village Facebook site for which she and another Councillor could be administrator to allow for moderation of posts. **Clerk to take this forwards.**

5) Financial Matters

Payment of accounts and precept update

• Clerks Wages (October)	s/o	£113.67
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• Zen Internet (October)	d/d	£4.79
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• H Frary - Website payment (income from Grant)	chq 529	£236.49
• H Frary – Computer Equipment (income from grant)	chq 530	£527.97
• HMRC	chq 531	£144.40
• Clerks reimbursements and training	chq 532	£76.58
• C Cowles (Grounds Maintenance reimbursement)	chq 533	£50.00

Proposed: HE, Seconded: RB

To begin the process of setting the budget for 2017/18

The clerk had previously circulated calculations and they were discussed. The clerk explained that the figures did not include a pension for the Clerk and asked that the council consider making provision for this when formalising the discussion in January. **To be added to the January agenda.**

To agree to the cancellation of the Zen Internet Contract

The clerk explained that there is no need to pay for the old parish website and recommended that the council agree to the cancellation of the subscription. This was agreed. Proposed: HE, seconded: JS **Clerk to action**

6) To consider the view of the council about the following planning applications

- 3PL/2016/1229/F: Land to West of No 2a Beeches Lane – erection of detached dwelling. There are public concerns over the increased traffic and potential obstruction of the access track whilst the dwelling is being built. The Council do not object to the build, however have serious doubts about the inconvenience to residents and damage to the road caused by lorries and workmen in a restricted area during the build. Proposed: RB, seconded: VL. **Clerk to respond to Breckland and inform Flagship.**

7) Correspondence

- Advertisement for assistance for any 2026 public rights off way work. Retained by the clerk **Add to a future agenda.**
- CPRE. Request for the Council to sign a pledge opposing damaging new housing targets. There was discussion and it was agreed not to sign.
- CPRE. Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Consultation. It was agreed not to make any comments.
- DONG Hornsea Project Three. TB attended the consultation event and there is nothing that affects the parish at this time.

8) To update progress towards the defibrillator

Community Heartbeat Trust have confirmed that the total cost for installing the defibrillator will be in the region of £2,000. An account has been created directly with Community Heartbeat along with Gift Aid facility. The current balance is £1565 and Lucie's Lifesaving Appeal have agreed to fund the shortfall. The next step is to arrange for the installation which is hoped to be before the end of the year.

9) To consider any Highway issues

Hackford Road – there are still potholes just before the farm entrance

Low Road – the potholes and sunk drain covers have still not been repaired. **Clerk to chase**

10) To consider noise complaints about the Mid Norfolk Railway

A resident approached a Councillor to say that steam train whistles are scaring horses riding along the cutting. There was discussion surrounding the need to sound their whistles for Health and Safety reasons to ensure that the line is clear ahead. The Clerk to ask them to only sound their whistle at their statutory places and show respect for riders. **Clerk to action.**

11) Date of Next Meetings

9 January, 13 March, 8 May, 10 July, 11 September and 13 November 2017 all at 7pm

12) Feedback from Councillors

JSh – There has been a complaint about the bench in the bus shelter needing cleaning which he will action.

HE – many thanks to JSh for the very professional way that he dealt with the presentation this evening.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm