

Minutes of Hardingham Parish Council meeting held on 12th September 2016 at 7.00pm at Hardingham Village Memorial Hall

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

In attendance: H Frary (Clerk), CC Jordan and 25 members of the public.

OPEN FORUM

Presentation from Community Heartbeat Trust explaining the variety of defibrillators available to the Parish and how they can be used. RB explained that £1,585 has been pledged which will be given directly to the Trust which will not be linked with the Parish Council. £116 in donations will be used towards maintenance and replacement parts.

2 members of the public left the meeting.

JS invited members of the public to make comments about planning application 3PL/2016/0466/F. Comments included:

- Traffic and the danger of the road. The density of development is such that the increase in traffic is dangerous. The applicant responded that they had undertaken a traffic survey which showed the majority of vehicles are within the speed limit with an average speed of 38mph or 27mph depending on the direction. This was refuted by the other residents who felt that the majority of vehicles do not stick within the speed limit.
- Any development would obstruct other properties views.
- Potential light pollution. The applicant replied that there are no street lights so it is not an issue.
- The site is outside the development boundary and the criteria for development outside the boundary is sustainability. Hardingham is an un-serviced village and the report is misleading by indicating a bus stop and footpath to Hingham as well as a railway station.
- The area could be a target for fly tippers if it is not looked after. The applicant explained that there would be a service charge for the houses to help maintain the area but accepted that there is nothing in the documentation to state this.
- Not in keeping with the area and would ruin the character of Low Street. The applicant responded that they will not be executive houses and will fit in Low Street as it is not a typical village road.
- CC Jordan explained that Breckland have a shortfall in land for development so small speculative applications are being granted. He explained that any comments should be based upon planning reasons and suggested residents write directly to Breckland with their views.
- The development of six houses would include two affordable houses.

1) **Apologies for absence.** Cllr Glen Gower

2) **Declarations of Interest.** None

3) **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in June 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 bench by the bus stop has been refurbished.

Item 4 – HE submitted the Group News article.

Item 8 – The clerk explained that she has contacted Highways and it will not be permissible to use a SAM2 sign in a speed limit other than 30mph.

Item 9 – The transparency funding application was successful and includes money for staffing costs for updating the website.

Item 13 – The filing cabinet has been purchased by Hardingham Farms.

5) **Financial Matters**

Payment of accounts and precept update

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| • Clerks Wages August | s/o | £113.67 |
| • Clerks Wages September | s/o | £113.67 |
| • Zen Internet (July) | d/d | £4.79 |

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- H Frary – software (income from grant) chq 527 £190.99
- Clerks expenses chq 528 £29.72

Proposed: RB, seconded: TB

Receipts to be noted

- Hardingham Farms (filing cabinet) £40.00
- NALC (Grant to comply with Transparency Act) £902.49

Further financial matters

- To amend the Clerks standing order payment date to the first of the month. Proposed: TB, seconded: VL
- The Banking arrangements with Barclays have been updated and confirmed.
- The Annual Return has been received with no views or comments from the External Auditor. It has been displayed on the website as per legislation.

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

- 3PL/2016/0466/F: Ketts Cottage, Low Street – Erection of 6 dwellings with associated access and open space.

The Council agreed that they did not support it for the following reasons:

- Traffic and the danger of the road. The density of development is such that there will be an inevitable increase in traffic turning into fast moving traffic. Councillors felt that the majority of vehicles do not drive in accordance with the speed limit and increasing traffic movements onto this road would be dangerous.
- The development is outside the development boundary of the village and as Hardingham has very few services this development is unsustainable. They noted that the supporting report is misleading and implies a more regular bus service and footpath than is currently in existence and the railway is actually a heritage company with no service to the village except during occasional special events.

Proposed: VL, seconded: JSt **Clerk to respond to Breckland**

- Planning notifications. The clerk read notifications received.

15 members of the public left the meeting at 8.05pm

7) Correspondence

- Parish Partnership update. The Clerk explained a SAM2 cannot be used in limits greater than 30mph. It was agreed there are no other projects at the moment.
- Environment Agency Information. Retained by the Clerk
- Breckland outdoor Sport and Play Fund. Clerk to send information to Lyn Whitwell and apply for funding for goal posts or other equipment as required by the Village Hall committee. Proposed: JSt, seconded: TB
- Advertisement for assistance for any 2026 public rights off way work. Retained by the clerk **Add to next agenda.**
- CPRE. Request for the Council to sign a pledge opposing damaging new housing targets. **Clerk to mail details and add to next agenda.**

8) To consider the clerks policy and procedures schedule

The Clerk circulated before the meeting a schedule. It was agreed that the policies be introduced as a rolling schedule.

9) To consider any Highway issues

Hackford Road - potholes just before the farm entrance.

Low Road - potholes and drain covers dropped.

Clerk to report to Highways

10) To discuss the new website and agree to it going 'live'

The Clerk shared a link before the meeting and it was agreed she should continue to populate the site ready for going live as soon as possible.

11) To review the Welcome Pack and confirm the information is current

HE explained that some of the information is not correct. It was agreed that the Clerk should approach all groups to confirm that their information is correct, update where necessary and use this for the website. Proposed: JSh, seconded: HE

12) Date of Next Meetings

14th November 2016.

13) Feedback from Councillors

JS – there will be a litter pick on 9th October. Meeting at the Village Hall at 10am and refreshments from 11am. It was confirmed that this is not a Parish Council event and so will not be covered by our risk assessments or insurance. **Clerk to add to the website.**

Meeting closed at 8.25pm