

## Minutes of Hardingham Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.00pm at Hardingham Village Memorial Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Tim Barrett (TB), Richard Burke (RB), Henry Edwards (HE), Virginia Lenihan (VL) and Jane Strudwick (JSt)

**In attendance:** H Frary (Clerk) and two members of the public

**Apologies:** Cllrs John Sharples (Chair) and Glen Gower (GG)

In the absence of John Sharples, Henry Edwards chaired the meeting.

### OPEN FORUM

A resident with responsibility for 'The Grove' Footpath expressed concern that there have been complaints about the footpath. He explained that the footpath is 2m wide which is wider than the legal minimum of 1m. He agreed that it is overgrown, but stated that it is Highways responsibility to cut back any grown from the path surface and the hedge owner to cut back the hedge. He added that he does not know if he has ownership of the hedge. The footpath diagonally across his field has sliding rails which allows entry, but prevent his horses leaving the field which he stated was acceptable to the footpath officer. It was agreed that HE and JSt would meet the resident on site to discuss the issue.

The two members of public left the meeting

#### 1) Apologies for absence.

#### 2) Declarations of Interest. None

#### 3) Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 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):-

Open Forum – The Clerk has reported the missing finger post and mirror. There has been no action from Highways. **Clerk to chase**

Item 4 – The Clerk has chased costings for verge cutting but not received the information. **Clerk to chase**

Item 4 – It was agreed to purchase 'slow down' bin stickers for the parish. **Clerk to circulate options and order outside the meeting.**

#### 5) Financial Matters

- Notification of return of External Audit with no issues for concern or comment.
- Confirmation of receipt of funding for Clerk to maintain work on website. The Clerk has received funding to continue working on the website and Facebook page. It was noted that local groups are not providing information to be added to the site which is frustrating.
- Payment of Accounts and precept update
  - Clerks Wages (September) s/o £113.67
  - Clerks Wages (October) s/o £113.67
  - Norfolk Pension Fund (September) chq 558 £40.07
  - Norfolk Pension Fund (October) chq 559 £87.85
  - Clerks wages (grant received) chq 560 £125.29
  - HMRC chq 561 £117.60
  - Clerks reimbursements (July / August) chq 562 £24.98
  - Village Hall Hire (September) chq 563 £17.00

Proposed: RB, seconded: TB

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

- 3PL/2017/1016/HOU: 57 Danemoor Lane, Single Storey Kitchen / Diner extension, cart-shed and store extension with loft over, alterations to south elevation and removal of existing porch

from north elevation. No views or comments, however RB will confirm that all neighbouring properties are aware and inform the Clerk if any issues are raised.

## 7) Correspondence

- CPRE, V4N – information that Clerk has subscribed and will filter messages for relevance before sending them to Councillors.
- Breckland Local Plan Presubmission Documentation Consultation. This had been circulated and was retained by the Clerk.
- Dereham Town Council – letter asking for support for a policy within their Neighbourhood Plan to protect the land either side of Mid-Norfolk Railway Line. It was agreed to support the policy.
- Local Member Small Highways Projects Budget. Consideration of submitting an application.

The following items were suggested:

- a. 'Hardingham Sign' at the Mill Road near the bridge as you enter the Parish from the North
- b. Junction improvement with the triangle at the top of Hackford Road
- c. Give Way repainting on the road where worn at Church Road / Dereham Road crossroads
- d. Crossroad warning sign on B1135 / Station Road crossroads

**The Clerk to contact CC Jordan and ask for funding and arrange a site visit with our Highway Engineer.**

- 8) **To consider any celebration of the 'Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute' on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018**  
JSt is attending the next Village Hall Committee meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September to begin discussions and will report back to the next meeting.

## 9) To consider any Highway issues

The current outstanding Highway issues are as follows:

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| • Low Street – surface water by 'The Smithy'                              | Contractor arranged to jet all gullies                                     |
| • Hardingham Road / Hackford Road sign missing                            | Highways Monitoring the situation  |
| • Low Street – sunken drains  | Anglian Water have responsibility and have been asked to address the issue |
| • Mill Road potholes  | These are deteriorating  |
| • Drains along Low Street between Mill Road and Station Farm need jetting |  |
| • Crossroads at Church Lane – give way paint on the road fading           | Clerk to report to Highways  |
- Councillor Comments in addition
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| • Church Road / Dereham Road Give way sign | Damaged                              |
| • Church Road / Dereham Road finger post   | Fingers pointing in wrong directions |
| • Mill Road offlets                        | Need jetting                         |

## 10) Date of Next Meetings

13 November 2017 all at 7pm

## 11) Feedback from Councillors

VL - Broadband wiring and post are being installed but no connections have been made yet. **Clerk to ask Karen O'Kane for an update**

Meeting closed at 8.25pm