

Minutes of Hardingham Parish Council meeting held on 13th November 2017 at 7.00pm at Hardingham Village Memorial Hall

Present: Cllrs John Sharples (Chair), Tim Barrett (TB), Richard Burke (RB), Henry Edwards (HE), Glen Gower (GG) and Jane Strudwick (JSt)

In attendance: H Frary (Clerk) and DC Claussen

Apologies: Cllr Virginia Lenihan (VL).

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None

1) Apologies for absence.

2) Declarations of Interest. None

3) Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th September 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):-

Bin Stickers – The Clerk confirmed that Breckland are happy for the Parish Council to provide wheelie bin stickers for use in the village as long as they are not offensive or display incorrect information. JSt showed samples that she is trialling on her bins. The unit price would depend upon quantity. There was discussion around the number that would be needed and it was felt that a generic sign for every bin would be a starting point. JSt to create a sample sticker and costings. The Clerk to contact Breckland to ask if there are any possibilities for sponsorship of stickers and copy to DC Claussen.

Clerk and JSt to action.

Broadband update – The installation work for the fibre has begun, but BT are currently working with UK Power Networks to resolve a safety issue in the village. There are high voltage 11kv electricity cables too close to Openreach plant, this means the required safety clearance for Openreach to work on the network can't currently be met. Openreach expect the issue to be resolved in time to complete the implementation during Spring 2018. **To be added to the website.**

5) Financial Matters

• Payment of Accounts and precept update		
• Clerks Wages (November)	s/o	£113.67
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• Clerks wages (grant received)	chq 564	£130.81
• Norfolk Pension Fund (November)	chq 565	£87.85
• Norfolk Pension Fund (December)	chq 566	£40.07
• Clerks reimbursements (September / October)	chq 567	£32.12
• Village Hall Hire (September)	chq 568	£17.00

Proposed: TB, seconded: RB

Clerk to provide a break down of the Annual Meeting costs. **Clerk to circulate**

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

- New Tree Preservation Order at Station Farm, Mill Road, Hardingham. Retained for information
- Planning Notification: 3PL/2017/1016/HOU: 57 Danemoor Lane, Hardingham. Approved by Breckland District Council.
- Discussion surrounding delegation of response to the Clerk as Responsible Officer. After lengthy discussion and email from a resident, it was agreed that a procedure be created and added to the website. It will be reviewed at the Annual General Meeting and annually thereafter. Proposed: RB. seconded: JSt. **Clerk to action**

7) Correspondence

- Letter from a resident complaining about dog fouling in the Parish. This had been circulated before the meeting and was discussed. It was agreed that GG should contact the Village Hall Committee and if it is a continuing problem the Parish Council will consider writing a letter to homes in the area. **GG to action**

8) To consider any celebration of the 'Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute' on 11th November 2018

JSh circulated an update before the meeting and noted that the Parish Council will be asked to contribute up to £600 towards the cost of the event. A bonfire elsewhere in the parish has been suggested, however as all the commemorations will be happening around the Village Hall it was felt it would be safer and more centralised for all events to be within the Hall Grounds. The cost of a gas beacon may be offset by a grant. **JSh to forward information about a grant to the Clerk to apply.**

9) To consider any Highway issues

Feedback from Highways site visit – HE reported that the visit had been very positive. Ben Raynor, Highways Engineer, suggested that some road surfacing may be possible in the next financial year. Improvements to the triangle at the top of Hackford Road were suggested.

The footpath at The Grove was inspected and it was agreed that the hedge must be kept tidy by landowners, and Highways will look at ways to maintain the surface. Highways will be in contact with neighbouring landowners to seek a resolution. HE reported that he has taken legal advice into the ownership of the hedge, and noted that in normal circumstances each owner cuts the hedge on their side.

Mill Road and the bridge. The road between Mill Road and the bridge needs clearing and Ben Raynor suggested that there is funding for the drain to be rebuilt on the Hardingham side of the bridge and the road top dressed when the dirt has been cleared.

Clerk to chase Highways for an update

10) Date of Next Meetings

8 January, 12 March, 14 May (AGM), 9 July, 10 September and 12 November 2018 all at 7pm at the Village Hall

11) Feedback from Councillors and items for the next agenda.

DC Claussen and JSh explained that the Chief Constable is changing the structure of the police force and will be replacing PCSOs with Police Constables. JSh explained the difference in powers and the cost of both options and DC Claussen reported the success of modern policing.

A litter pick is being held on 26th November 11am at the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.30pm