

Old Hunstanton Parish Council

Chair: David McLeod

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF OLD HUNSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2021 FROM 6.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllr David McLeod (DL), Cllr. Nick Eastwell (NE), Cllr Nick Torry (NT), Cllr Stuart Perry (SP), Cllr Eileen Clark (EC), Cllr Stephen Rimmer (SR), Cllr P Baisbrown (PB), Cllr R Markillie (RM) and Caroline Boyden (CB) Clerk.

1 member of the public – part time.

1. WELCOME TO ALL FROM THE CHAIR

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Jamieson

3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none

4. Approval of the circulated Minutes from the meeting on the 21st of October 2021

Proposal for acceptance NE, seconded EC, and all in favour.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING:

a. Dairy Cottage- receipt of the letter from Mr & Mrs. Newling dated 12th of November was discussed. OHPC considered its contents and agreed to minute that the Mr & Mrs Newling do not admit to a breach of covenant (and that a breach of covenant is not a planning issue per se) and maintain that the property has the benefit of five parking spaces. OHPC approved a letter to be sent to Mr & Mrs Newling in response and this letter was proposed by SP, seconded by DL and all approved. ACTION CB

The response from Mr. Hall at KLWNBC was discussed and it was considered his response left a number of unanswered questions so a further letter seeking clarification was proposed by PB, seconded SP and all approved. their response. ACTION CB

b. 50:50 partnership – The application for a 2nd SAM2 unit was proposed by PB, seconded EC and all approved. Clerk to complete application form. ACTION CB

c. Issues with current SAM2 unit – DL advised the problem could be due to the battery and will arrange for this to be changed. NT offered to assist PB with downloading the data. ACTION DL/PB/NT

d. Replacement bench and sign painting – RM advised that the installation of the bench had now taken place, and all agreed that the photo looked excellent. Clerk to chase Darren on the sign painting and include NE. ACTION CB

e. Nature Reserve project – NE advised that a lot of interest was shown at the recent opening of the village hall, and it was decided to look at a presentation for a Saturday lunchtime in March 22.

f. Telephone Box – No update received from Cllr Lawton, but NE advised that Ofcom were looking to stop BT closing down 5000 phone boxes in areas with poor mobile signals which we are in. OHPC expects the BC to pay for the restoration of the box unless they can show that they consulted with OHPC between mid-September and mid December 2019, the consultation period set by BT for the retention of boxes. OHPC has no record of any such consultation being notified to it by the BC. In addition, the BC was on notice from the numerous previous occasions that BT had mooted removing the OH telephone box that the OHPC vehemently opposed its removal. At the very least OHOC would want the restoration of the box by the village hall to house the defibrillator. ACTION CB/BL

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- g. Electric charging points – No update received from Cllr Lawton. All councillors are grateful for the support of Mike Rushton as our “liaison officer”.
- h. Nature initiative e.g., Gypsy Green area and the work chalk rivers to continue.
- i. Parking Cones – SP has 75 and some are still missing. Once as many as possible have been collected, clerk to be advised and arrange collection.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

Following the review from James Howard at the October meeting, DL will arrange a meeting of the NP Committee with James, to progress to the next stage asap. ACTION DL

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR –

Cllr Jamieson sent a report on the widened footpath/cycleway between Hunstanton and Old Hunstanton advising that it is in the hands of the Department for Transport at the moment, and they have indicated that funding announcement on Active Travel – Tranche 3 bid, is expected this side of Christmas. Cllr Jamieson has regular monthly catch up with our Department of Transport link officer due next Friday and will push for an earlier announcement again. Cllr Jamieson is in touch with David Mills about footpath 10 beside the Hun and will advise as soon as further work is due to take place. (item 11)

8. REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR – nothing received at time of meeting

The notification on fly tipping etc., had been sent to all councillors for information.

9. PLANNING:

- a. 21/01512/F – variation on condition 2 of this application, 25 Wodehouse Road. No observations proposed PB, seconded SP and all in favour.
- b. No appeals listed.
- c. No Enforcements listed.

10. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Lord Lieutenant’s Commemorative Plaque presentation - DL to discuss date and time with the Village Hall Committee and respond to Peter Wilson. ACTION DL
- b. Squatters at 12 Wodehouse Road – Clerk had reported this to Enforcement and had received notification that a site visit would be made.
- c. Community Speedwatch Scheme – Clerk raised this and details to be put on the noticeboard and website to see if any residents are interested in volunteering. Include in next Town & Around article. ACTION CB/DL

11. FOOTPATHS:

Parking on Bonfire Night – NT had sent out a draft email to the Police advising our disappointment at the footpath being blocked by parked cars. Proposed NE, seconded SP and approved by all. ACTION CB

Re potential permissive paths, NE will now contact Charles to arrange a meeting. Action NE

12. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

A very positive response was received from Highways earlier today complete with an updated proposed map. The two additions are both sides of the length of the first part of Ashdale Park to ensure emergency vehicles and refuse trucks can access the whole Close and the north side of the A149 from the junction with Golf Course Road to the Village Hall have double yellow lines, as all the houses along that stretch have off road parking.

The clerk has contacted Cllr Jamieson on the funding options available and he has offered to help with this.

13. SAXON SHORE FORUM:

DL advised that the next meeting was thought to be next week.

14. AONB

- a. NT letter re invite to our meetings to Kate Owen, was proposed by NE, seconded PB and approved by all. Clerk to send out. ACTION CB

15. ENVIRONMENT PANEL

RM advised that he had received no updates to date and had contacted Experience at Norfolk as well. RM will continue to investigate and will be contacting Kate Owen.

NOTE – Mike Ruston advised that this scheme was run by the NCC with European funding and looking to start building in Spring 22 with opening later in the year, however no planning application had yet been seen.

16. WALL REBUILD:

No update from Cllr Lawton as yet.

17. FINANCES:

- a. Agree the payments for November – proposed NE, seconded PB and all in favour.
- b. Approve the bank statements, bank reconciliation and payments/receipts report for November – proposed NT, seconded NE and all in favour.
- c. Insurance renewal – clerk had received 2 quotes and the Zurich 3 year deal was proposed by PB, seconded NE and all in favour. Clerk to arrange implementation asap. ACTION CB
- d. The draft budget for 22/23 was discussed and proposed by SP, seconded SR and approved by all.
The precept of 3% was proposed by PB, seconded by SR and approved by all

18. PLAYGROUND:

The maintenance as agreed has taken place.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- a. Update on the Neighbourhood Plan.
- b. Update on the Observatory Project
- c. Electric charging points
- d. Telephone Box update

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on the 16th of December 2021 from 6.00pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.12pm

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