



# OLD HUNSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Chair: Nick Eastwell

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF OLD HUNSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> OF DECEMBER 2023 FROM 6.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Nick Eastwell (NE), Stuart Perry (SP), Stephen Rimmer (SR), Robert Markillie (RM), Paul Baisbrown (PB), Mark Roberts (MR)  
No members of the public

WELCOME TO ALL FROM THE CHAIR

1. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**– None
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs J Rimmer, T Wallace, T de Winton. Clerk
3. **COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None
4. **APPROVAL OF THE CIRCULATED MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON THE 16<sup>th</sup> of November** – proposed NE, seconded SP and all in favour who attended.
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:**
  - a. Neighbourhood Development Plan update – The official (latest) date of publication of the ‘Information Statement’ for the upcoming Old Hunstanton NPR is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December. [https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20127/neighbourhood\\_plans/961/old\\_hunstanton\\_neighbourhood\\_plan](https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20127/neighbourhood_plans/961/old_hunstanton_neighbourhood_plan)  
The referendum follows on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2024 to be held at the Village Hall.
  - b. TRO parking update – the clerk has requested a “time table” of the procedures.
6. **FOOTPATHS INCLUDING OLD HUNSTANTON PROJECT:**

Discussions from the footpath meeting held on the 20 December:

Giving the Permissive Paths project a push in the New Year would be timely given the fact that the Neighbourhood Plan is going to referendum in the first quarter.

The NP, reflecting the wide support for access to more footpaths in the parish in the original consultation exercise, refers to the desire re ‘Improving footpaths and walks within the village and parish, including circular walks and enhancing pedestrian access to Hunstanton along the A149 and to the adjacent villages, Holme-next-the -Sea and Ringstead.’

92 per cent of questionnaire respondents were in favour of more or better access to walking within and beyond the parish. Such a Permissive Path scheme would also help integrate the village and allow much easier pedestrian access between the old and newer part of the village.

The Permissive Paths we would like to see are inside the hedgerows from (i) Ringstead to Gypsy Corner on the east side of the road, (ii) Gypsy Corner to Holme on the south side of the A149, (iii) Gypsy Corner to Church Road on the south side of the A149 and (iv) the top of Church Walk to the Village Hall going north and then west inside the edge of the field.

Ideally, we'd also like to see a fifth short permissive path from Peddars Way where it turns north after running west from the Holme to Ringstead Road, so as to continue west to the Ringstead to Old Hunstanton Road, thus creating a circular walk.

We will seek to have a dialogue with the tenant farmer of the relevant land, the ultimate landowner, and the owners of Courtyard Farm to find out how they manage and fund their permissive path network. We note the detail of the Norfolk Local Access Forum Parish Paths Scheme, supported by Norfolk County Council and the related information pack.

**7. Cllr de Winton** – no report received

**8. Cllr Jamieson** - no report received

## **9. PLANNING**

- a. **Applications:** To resolve any new Planning Application submissions or resolve any Planning Applications received after the compilation of this agenda. NONE
- b. Decisions. FOR INFORMATION ONLY - None
- c. No appeals.
- d. Enforcements – (pending consideration) FOR INFORMATION ONLY –  
**23/00470/BOC** | Alleged Breach of Planning Condition | 33 Wodehouse Road Old Hunstanton – DC application submitted.  
**23/00664/NIA** | Alleged Not in accordance with approved plans at White Cottage, 19 Wodehouse Road Old Hunstanton  
Questions raised regarding 12 Wodehouse Road regarding enforcement and clerk to ask for an update from Enforcement. ACTION: Clerk  
33 Wodehouse Road –update on the enforcement required  
19 Wodehouse Road – check with Enforcement to find our more information and it was noted that the property looked bigger than the 40% of plot. Lots of mud on the pavement and road and a broken drain caused by a site lorry.

## **10. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Clerks Report – No update on the Biodiversity Policy from NPTS and this needs to include the verges, nature reserve and permissive footpaths. Clerk will attend a seminar on this in February 24.
  - b. Quiet Lanes – No update and follow up with Cllr Jamieson is required.
  - c. Port Evo project – no new information.
  - d. Hedgehog Highways Project – to be included in the Biodiversity Policy.
  - e. Clerk had received an email from a resident “regarding the building site of the new home at the Wodehouse Road end of Hamilton is an absolute nightmare . Not just how many workers vans & lorries etc., are parked here all day but the state of the road itself . There is mud all over the pavement & road and no attempt to clean up before they leave . The pavement where tarmaced , has been broken up , meaning pedestrians now have to walk in the road. Having spoken to the builders it’s clear that nothing will be done to rectify this in the near future”.
- Cllr de Winton advised “ I suggest you email Planning Enforcement as there will be conditions attached to the Planning Consent regarding a Build Plan. If there are no conditions on the Planning Permission and the road is not County Council, there is not much we can do”. Resident will speak to Enforcement and thanked the clerk.

- f. Grit bins on Church Road. Clerk contacted Highways regarding one of the 2 bins not being refilled this year. Highways advised that only one bin was their responsibility. SR confirmed that this particular bin is nothing to do with the Church and that the council used to fill it in the past. Clerk to go back to Highways. ACTION: clerk
- g. Cycle Storage offer – there is only one per parish and we would need exact location with a base to put it forward. Village Hall or Playground location to be decided.
- h. .gov.uk email addresses – Go live date is the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2024 and all councillors need to have access from this date. MR & SP need new passwords. ACTION: clerk
- i. A new defibrillator has had to be ordered.
- j. As previously advised, the village sign has been removed for repainting and a new oak post will be ordered.

**11. HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

- a. SAM2 unit(s) – no report from Cllr Wallace and the additional post request needs to be approved by Highways – exact location with image to be sent to the clerk.

**12. SAXON SHORE FORUM:** A meeting was held on the December 14<sup>th</sup>, no minutes at date of this meeting.

**13. AONB/NORFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST/HERITAGE ENGLAND/ENVIRONMENTAL:**  
MR will push this forward and produce a plan.

**14. PLAYGROUND:** New signage to be installed, awaiting posts.

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**15. FINANCES:**

- a. Approve the bank statements, bank reconciliation and payments/receipts report for November 23 - Proposed NE seconded PB and all in favour.  
£32,983.99 held in the bank accounts to 30.11.23 (£6,500 TRO fund)
- b. To agree payments for December (to date) proposed NE, seconded MR and all in favour.
- c. Draft second budget/precept discussed and proposed NE, seconded SR and all in favour.

Payments for approval December 2023:

C Boyden	Salary	336.16
HMRC	PAYE	84.00
ECS	Cloud storage	16.50
C Boyden	Expenses	40.30
Village Hall	PC meeting	24.00
NCC	TRO	6500.00
G Page	Grounds maintenance	175.00

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Signature

Date

**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:**

- TRO update
- NDP update
- Nature Reserve / Biodiversity

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 18th of January 2024, from 6.00pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.09 pm

Minutes kindly taken by the Chairman

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