

Old Hunstanton Parish Council

Chair: David McLeod

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF OLD HUNSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2021 FROM 6.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllr. Nick Eastwell (NE) Chair, Cllr Nick Torry (NT), Cllr Stuart Perry (SP), Cllr Eileen Clark (EC), Cllr Stephen Rimmer (SR), Cllr P Baisbrown, and Caroline Boyden (CB) Clerk.
Borough Councillor Bob Lawton.

1. WELCOME TO ALL FROM THE CHAIR (note due to illness, Nick Eastwell took the Chair)

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- a. The state of the footpath from Ashdale Gardens to Smugglers Lane was raised and this will be discussed with our Highways contact, Sally Bettinson upon her return from holiday.
- b. The parking restrictions for Hamilton Road were discussed and current proposals have parking bays with restrictions during the day and flexibility can be given to seasonal requirements. It was advised that the residents will be invited to see the plans once approved at County level.
- c. The street sign for Howards Close is missing and clerk to report. ACTION CB

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs McLeod & Markillie

4. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none

5. Approval of the circulated Minutes from the meeting on the 15th of July 2021

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

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING:

- a. Telephone Box – due to the paperwork trail, it appears that the costs to purchase, maintain and insure a box would be prohibitive. Clerk to forward emails to Cllr Lawton. ACTION CB
- b. SAM Unit – Cllr Baisbrown agreed to take over the SAM downloads.
- d. Local Plan Review update – no issues were found, and it was agreed by all present that no representation was required.
- e. Financial Regulations – the clerk has updated these with the inclusion for online banking, along with a separate online banking policy along with all policies and procedures. These were proposed by NE, seconded EC and all in favour.

7. REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR – Cllr Lawton advised that the Borough Climate Emergency Plan had been passed and the intention was to cut CO2 emissions by 2030. The weekly Covid reports continue to be closely monitored. Confirmation that a new leader and deputy were now in place at Borough.

The Village Hall electric vehicle charging points were raised and Cllr Lawton to see if grants/funding are available. Clerk to forward details. ACTION CB

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

No apologies or report received and clerk to ask for any updates. ACTION CB

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

The results of the survey had been collated by James Howard and sent out by the Chairman for comments. James to be invited to the next meeting and give an update including the Heritage Report sent from NT and the schedule/timeframe.

10. PLANNING:

- a. 21/01768/F – Birch Tree Cottage, extension & conversion of outbuildings, was discussed and SP advised the neighbours were happy with the application however it was thought that more detail on the extension would have been helpful. Proposal for no observations by NE, seconded SP and all in favour.
- b. No appeals listed.
- c. No Enforcements listed.

11. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Bench installation – Darren and Cllr Markillie will be removing old bench and installing the new one.
- b. Village Sign – Darren will be repainting and clerk to get in touch. ACTION CB
- c. Plantation Corner (Sea Lane/Harmon Close overgrowth – this was discussed with Sally Bettinson during her visit and clerk to follow up. ACTION CB
- d. Nature Reserve – The online report was no longer available, but the website was most helpful. Areas to be considered were Gypsy Green and behind Waterworks (Estate owned). SR suggested a public meeting would be the way forward and it was decided to check if an hour would be available at the official opening of the Village Hall on the 13th of November and we could invite John Madden to give a presentation. NT mentioned the rewilding of the River Hun and the bogland could also be considered, and SR will find details on the Ringstead Peddars Way project. NE to contact Julia West.
- e. 50:50 partnership scheme – Clerk to resend this to all councillors for discussion at the October meeting. ACTION CB
- f. 54 Old Hunstanton Road – letter received by owners and clerk to reply stating that the repairs are not to the conservation area standards and advise of the local builder. ACTION CB

12. FOOTPATHS, BEACH RUBBISH AND DOG BINS:

No update on the widening of the footpath between Lighthouse Lane and Golf Course Road has been received. Clerk to check with County Councillor. ACTION CB

13. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

Letter confirming the CIL funding of £4k received and signed by NE. There is £6k earmarked on the budget for the parking restrictions costs.

14. SAXON SHORE FORUM:

Nothing to add. Next meeting agenda to be sent out to all councillors when received.

15. AONB

- a. NT advised that there was no response to the invite to attend a meeting and clerk to send a follow up letter and invite. ACTION CB
- b. Permissive Paths Letter – SR advised that the proposed letter should not be sent as a direct conversation with Charles Meaken would be preferable. SR to arrange and report back.

16. ENVIRONMENT PANEL: nothing to add but an update on the Hunstanton Observatory to be requested from RM for the next meeting. ACTION RM

17. WALL REBUILD:

Cllr Lawton confirmed the 1 metre maximum height and will check on No.58&60.

18. FINANCES:

- a. Agree the payments for September – proposed NE, seconded PB and all in favour.
- b. Approve the bank statements, bank reconciliation and payments/receipts report for July and August - proposed by NE, seconded EC and all in favour.

19. PLAYGROUND:

The quote for the maintenance, as reported in the ROSPA report was discussed and accepted – proposed NT, seconded EC and all in favour. Clerk to advise Fenland. ACTION CB

The tree cutting and hedge trimming that is required to be undertaken by Gary Page and clerk to contact accordingly. ACTION CB

The play area requires monthly checks to take place to ensure safety and comply with our insurance. It was agreed that RM be asked to take this on and the clerk has a checklist set up.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- a. Receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan.
- b. To receive an update on the Nature Reserves initiative.
- c. To receive an update following the meetings with Highways regarding parking.
- d. 50:50 Partnership

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on the 21st of October 2021 from 6.00pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

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