



# 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 MARCH 2024 FROM 6.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllrs Stuart Perry (SP), Robert Markillie (RM), Thomas Wallace (TW) Jane Rimmer (JR), Steve Rimmer (SR), Paul Baisbrown (PB) and the parish clerk

Five members of the public

Cllr Perry was proposed by RM, seconded by SR as the Chairman for this meeting in the absence of Cllr Eastwell.

WELCOME TO ALL FROM THE CHAIR

### **1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –**

a. re 19 Wodehouse Road and the survey from RM. It was explained that RM arranged and paid for this survey as a member of the public and it was not authorised by the parish council. The parish council had made their objections within the time frame given and the application is now with the Borough Council via the open planning committee meeting which should take place in early April. Members of the public can make comments up to 3 minutes at this meeting. If any further applications to the property are received, then the parish council can consider comments at that time. If RM wants to put the survey onto the planning portal, he will do so as a member of the public. The application is not on the agenda as the comments have closed.

b. The owner of the property outlined her view that this will be a family home and the objections have caused stress and been upsetting. The footprint or height have not increased from the original application and following advice from their architect, they have removed the chimney which has reduced the height, reconfigured windows and the basement does not increase the footprint. The parish council was asked to remove their objections but advised that they have to remain, and it was suggested that we may look silly at the planning committee meeting.

SR explained the Parish Council position and the fact that we are just in an advisory position and have no power. The Borough Council make all the decisions and have a team of personnel to check on all comments made on the portal.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –** Cllrs , N Eastwell, M Roberts, T de Winton, and A Jamieson

**3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None**

**4. APROVAL OF THE CIRCULATED MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> of February –** proposed RM, seconded JR and all in favour who attended.

Signature

Date

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:**

- a. TRO parking update – the cones have been approved by Highways for the coming season for the same locations as last year. SP will liaise with RM regarding putting them out. A member of the public raised the problem with vehicles parking on the double yellow lines on Wodehouse Road and had tried to report this to both the police and parking at Borough without success.
- b. Defibrillator – PB advised that the new unit has been received but still awaiting the electrician to check the box. SR will check with the electrician. ACTION: SR
- c. Village sign restoration – now back in situ and all were in agreement that an excellent job has been done. JR to ask if Charles le Strange Meakin would officially “unveil” the sign. ACTION: JR

**6. FOOTPATHS INCLUDING OLD HUNSTANTON PROJECT:**

No update

7. **Cllr de Winton** – no report

8. **Cllr Jamieson** – report as per email

**9. PLANNING**

- a. **Applications:** To resolve any new Planning Application submissions or resolve any Planning Applications received after the compilation of this agenda:  
**24/00349/F** | Replacement Dwelling. | Cedar Lodge 2 Hamilton Road West Old Hunstanton Norfolk PE36 6JB. This was discussed and it was agreed to ask Cllr de Winton to call this in. Concerns raised that the application was an overdevelopment of the plot and more than the 40% on the NDP. It is also just next to the conservation area. Objection proposed PB, seconded TW and all in favour.
- b. Decisions. FOR INFORMATION ONLY - None
- c. No appeals.
- d. Enforcements: 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. | White Cottage 19 Wodehouse Road Old Hunstanton – Pending Consideration

**10. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Clerks Report – Starting year end with the asset register update and had undertaken training on reserves and year end updates.  
A copy of a letter from a member of the public, who was present at this meeting, had been received via Mr. Torry. The footpath from Corner House to Howards close is very overgrown and has rat holes in it. Clerk has reported this via the NCC website but advised it might take a while as Highways dealing with a lot of flooding issues.  
D-Day 80 celebrations in June were mentioned and clerk to email JR the details. ACTION: Clerk
- b. Councillor training refresher with Ringstead PC will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May and JR will be attending. TW to advise. ACTION: TW
- c. .gov.uk email addresses – PB, SR and SP still having problems.
- d. Proposed street lighting on Church Road/Waterworks Road between the A149 and Smuggles Close plus Church Road/Waterworks Road between the A149 and Chapel Bank to be switched off by the County Council to make budget savins. All in agreement to help with our dark skies.

**11. HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

- a. SAM2 unit(s) – Cllr Wallace now has the new tablet to use for downloading data. He reported that the SAM unit before the village Hall was not working correctly and had reported it to Westcotec with the clerk. A new unit is required and it was agreed for the clerk to obtain a quote and ask our County Councillor for some funding towards the purchase. ACTION: clerk

**12. SAXON SHORE FORUM:** Meeting tonight.

**13. AONB/NORFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST/HERITAGE ENGLAND/ENVIRONMENTAL:**  
No update

**14. PLAYGROUND:** re the playground requires checking on Critical Fall Height and surfacing and the clerk advised that Fenland will arrange with RM to visit and complete an inspection.

**15. FINANCES:**

- a. Approve the bank statements, bank reconciliation and payments/receipts report for February 24 - Proposed SR seconded PB and all in favour.  
£22,493.38 held in the bank accounts to 29.02.24
- b. To agree payments for March (to date) proposed PB, seconded SR, and all in favour.
- c. J. Raby appointed as Internal Auditor.

**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:**

- Cones
- Nature Reserve / Biodiversity
- Footpaths

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2024, from 6.00pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.09 pm

**PAYMENTS FOR MARCH TO DATE**

C Boyden	Salary	336.16	*
HMRC	PAYE	84.00	*
ECS	Cloud storage	16.50	SO
C Boyden	Expenses	41.30	
Village Hall	PC meeting	24.00	
20i .gov.uk	Email monthly subscriptions January	5.99	(paid by clerk)
R Markillie	Purchase of Oak post for village sign	151.45	
	Fuel to collect above	63.90	
	Total	215.35	

\* plus, back pay from public sector pay increase 1.4.23