



OLD HUNSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Nick Eastwell

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF OLD HUNSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 20th OCTOBER 2022 FROM 6.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllr Nick Eastwell (NE), Cllr Nick Torry (NT), Cllr Stephen Rimmer (SR), Cllr Eileen Clark (EC), Cllr Robert Markillie and Borough Councillor Bob Lawton.

It was agreed to postpone the appointment of a new Chair on the basis that, as Vice Chair, Nick Eastwell will take the chair protem and chair the meeting along with the November and December meetings.

WELCOME TO ALL FROM THE CHAIR

- 1. Public Participation** – none
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs McLeod, Perry, and Clerk
- 3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** –

None

- 4. APPROVAL OF THE CIRCULATED MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON THE 16th of June 2022** – proposed NE, seconded SR and all in favour who attended that meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:

- a. Dairy Cottage - We discussed the meeting with BCKLWN Planning on 22 August. The general view that it was a very positive meeting, and all were impressed with both Stuart Ashworth and Matt Clarey (from Enforcement) who were open and communicative. It appears that tracing the history of the 2014 Dairy Cottage application is impossible due to the passage of time and change of personnel. SA accepted that there were some unanswered questions but suggested that the rules had changed so that what was permitted without planning consent then would now require consent. We agreed to conclude we are where we are on this and there was no merit in pursuing the matter further.
- b. Re the rebuilt wall, SA advised that although we were correct to identify the fact that planning rules did apply because part of the wall was above one metre, Enforcement was not able to require the whole wall to be rebuilt as the major part of it was below one metre. The fact that the wall was in a Conservation area had no bearing on that conclusion.
- c. SA confirmed that ordinarily where a PC objected to a planning application on grounds within parameters set out in its approved Neighbourhood Plan, Planning would take that objection into account in the process. Re OHPC, he assured us that once our NP is finally approved Planning would pay heed to any objections we made by reference to the NP.
- d. MC confirmed that it is the intention of the Enforcement team to follow up on all planning breaches. (Since the meeting we note that Enforcement has successfully persuaded the owners of Fireman's Cottage to dismantle the shed in front of the listed building.)

e. We all agreed that the meeting had been very productive and friendly and the fact of meeting in person would undoubtedly help interaction in the future. SA encouraged us to contact him directly by email (most obviously via Caroline) if and when felt necessary.

We discussed the OHPC policy re planning applications and agreed, as a general rule, needing to be neutral, if not objecting, we would make 'No Observations' except in the rare circumstances where it was clear that, on any objective test, no one would or could possibly object and the planning/development proposal was unequivocally an improvement or beneficial. An example being the Hunstanton cliff observatory!

f. Electric Charging points – Cllr Lawton has no updates but promised to follow up and report back to the November meeting.

6. Footpaths Network re Old Hunstanton Project:

The Footpath Working Party had not met recently, and it was agreed to reconstitute in the New Year with a view to picking up this initiative in the early spring.

7. REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR:

Cllr Lawton had nothing to report on relevant to the parish.

8. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR:

No report received.

9. PLANNING

Applications:

a. **22/01695/F** – deadline for comments is 31.10.22. EC & RM objected due to hugely cramped on the site, privacy and over the 40% rule. NT was neutral.

22/01468F & 22/01470/LB – no observations

22/01399/LB – no observations

22/01510/F – objection on grounds that is a matter of general policy that we should oppose retrospective applications so as not to encourage others to develop without planning permission

22/00174/F – no observations

22/00092/F – no objection if only two small houses are planned

22/00619/F – unclear re current status - objected

b. **Decisions. FOR INFORMATION ONLY –**

22/00611/NMA_1 | NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENT TO PLANNING PERMISSION

22/00611/F: Ground and first floor extension to the front and side, replacement doors and windows, new bay window and porch, new external cladding | 5 Kelsey Close Old Hunstanton

– APPLICATION PERMITTED

c. **No appeals.**

d. **Enforcements** – (pending consideration) FOR INFORMATION ONLY

22/00323/UNOPDE | Alleged Unauthorised Development. Summer House under construction. | Sea Drift Waterworks Road Old Hunstanton

22/00360/UNOPDE | Alleged Unauthorised development | The Fairway Waterworks Road Old Hunstanton

10. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Rangers to be asked to look at the overgrown areas on Sea Lane/Hamon Close.

b. Quiet Lanes – Support was given for the notion of the Chapel Bank and Church Road cut through from and to the A149 as being a Quiet Lane. Request Cllr Jamieson to follow up.

c. Port Evo Wash project- online meeting on the 26th of October – agreed to keep a watchful eye on this and RM and clerk to attend the meeting.

11. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

Need an update from Cllr Jamieson regarding his letter to Highways regarding speeding on the A149 and also the TRO.

To be put on the next agenda as a key point.

12. SAXON SHORE FORUM: no update

13. AONB:

NT had heard from Natural England re the designation of new AONBs and would report back to the November meeting. NT confirmed planning had been granted for the River Hun project. RM noted it had been significantly scaled back and that the reduced financing for it lapsed at the end of this year.

14. PLAYGROUND:

RM reported that the playground was being used more frequently again. He had dealt with a few unsafe items and fitted some necessary handles. He intended to install a bolt on the inside of the gate to prevent children exiting too easily. He would also arrange for the sign to be updated as necessary. It was noted that, particularly during the holiday seasons, many children cross the busy main road from The Lodge and agreed that we should revisit the idea of a Zebra Crossing before we have a serious accident involving a child. A Zebra Crossing would also be desirable in the context of crossing to and from the bus stops and post office.

15. ENVIRONMENT PANEL inc Observatory

The recent information from the clerk was discussed and planning permission granted with a proposed opening by the end 2023.

16. FINANCES:

- a. Approve the bank statements, bank reconciliation and payments/receipts report for July/August/September. Proposed NE, seconded NT and all in favour.
- b. Payments for October approved and proposed NE, seconded NT and all in favour.
- c. Qtr. 2/half year review and 23/24 budget to be discussed at the November meeting. Draft budget to be prepared.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

- Electric Charging Points
- Draft Budget for 23/24
- TRO update

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on the 17th of November 2022, from 6.00pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.59 pm

MINUTES VIA CHAIRMAN

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