



OLD HUNSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Nick Eastwell

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF OLD HUNSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 20TH OF FEBRUARY 2025 FROM 6.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Nick Eastwell (NE), Jane Rimmer (JR), Mark Roberts (MR), Paul Baisbrown (PB), Thomas Wallace (TW), and the Parish Clerk 3
6 members of the public.

Borough Councillor Tom de Winton (part time 6.05pm to 6.41 pm)

Co-option for parish councillor vacancy. Dawn Brooke was proposed by NE, seconded by MR and all in favour. Cllr Brooke was welcomed to the Parish Council and Stephen Rimmer was thanked for his dedication and support.

1. WELCOME TO ALL FROM CHAIR

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs Barber, Markillie and Jamieson

4. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

5. APPROVAL OF THE CIRCULATED MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON THE 19th OF DECEMBER - proposed NE, seconded JR and all in favour who attended.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:

a. TRO parking update – We have been advised by Norfolk County Council Highways that the final approval is in process with the final documents approved by Cllr. Jamieson. The work is expected to take 4-5 weeks to complete, hopefully in time for Easter this year. The Norfolk Police support this TRO. The public consultation received 72 responses with only 17 objections, in relation to own off street parking, visitor parking and speeding concerns.

7. Cllr de Winton – Advised that an enforcement notice has been issued relating to the White Cottage and he has spoken to the enforcement officer. The Devolution proposal anticipates that Central Government will give more power and money to the County Council. Cllr Jamieson is very positive on this matter. Local Government Review = a mayor to be elected next year for Norfolk & Suffolk with a strategic view. The current Borough/District/County Councils would change to maybe 3 unitary authorities with suggestions that King's Lynn & West Norfolk, North Norfolk and Breckland make up 1 of these authorities from 2027/28.

8. Cllr Jamieson – report received

9. PLANNING

- a. To resolve any new Planning Application submissions or resolve any Planning Applications received after the compilation of this agenda:
23/02272/NMA_1 : Change to the shape and size of the side extension at 7 Kelsey Close, Old Hunstanton. PE36 6HL. There are NO documents on the planning portal for this and Cllr de Winton to take this up with planning as it is not the first time. **ACTION:TdW**
The application has a very comprehensive objection on the portal and the parish council are in agreement that this change requires a new planning application due to its size and the fact that a similar size application was refused last year. The Parish Council requested that Cllr de Winton call this in. Clerk to email Cllr de Winton the objections. **ACTION:TdW**
- b. Decisions – 24/00349/NMA_1 : Non material amendment to planning permission 24/00349/F for replacement dwelling Cedar Lodge, 2 Hamilton Road West. Old Hunstanton. PE36 6JD/ APPLICATION REFUSED. – again, documents were missing from the planning portal.
- c. No appeals.
- d. Enforcements: FOR INFORMATION ONLY –
23/00664/NIA | Alleged Not in accordance with approved plans. | White Cottage 19 Wodehouse Road Old Hunstanton – New Enforcement Notice on the planning portal 6.2.25. The enforcement notice only addresses 7 out of the 21 breaches and Cllr de Winton advised that this reflected a practical approach in addressing the most significant ones and those most likely not to be overturned on appeal. The Parish Council is very disappointed at how this had been handled by the Planning Department and will write formally to seek an explanation, proposed NE, seconded JR and all in favour. Clerk to email Cllr de Winton on this matter for raising under AOB at the next planning meeting.
ACTION: Clerk/TdW
A member of the public has sent an email to Kate Blakemore CEO, at Borough Council, and will send a copy to Cllr de Winton. The email raises alleged unacceptable conduct by the Planning Department which it cannot be allowed to get away with and states that best practice has not been followed or applied.

10. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Clerks Report – Precept as approved send to the Borough and receipt acknowledged. Lots of rumours doing the rounds on devolution and local government review. Clerks are concerned that additional work and responsibilities would be passed down to parish councils.
The basic life support training was well attended, and the first responders were very pleased. Suggested that we make a donation to the East of England Ambulance Service and £50 was proposed NE, seconded by MR with all in favour.
Attended year end and audit training.
- b. Village Items – The parking issue at football games continues with visiting teams adding to the problem. JR will speak to Danny again and ask that they use the Church car park, or the police will be advised.

An official letter has been sent to the owners of the loose dogs at one of the properties down at the Hall, asking them to keep their dogs on leads beyond the owners' property. The Estate will be responding as the dogs should be on a lead.

- c. CPR training as discussed under item 10a.
- d. An email has been received from St. Mary's Church regarding help with the cost of maintaining the churchyard. NE proposed £500 for year 25/26, seconded by MR with all in favour except PB who abstained.

11. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

SAM 2 unit update from Cllr Barber

Mixed success with the SAM 2 Units. I have collected the solar panels from Westcotec, just before Christmas together with a new replacement battery.

Howard Close SAM Unit: I have installed the solar panel and connected it up to the battery/sign. Unfortunately, it does not seem to be charging sufficiently to power the battery/sign. This may be due to the trees blocking the light getting to the panel. I will ask Westcotec to help.

The Lodge SAM Unit: I am not able to install the solar panel as it needs the SAM Unit repositioning. Again, I am looking to Westcotec to help here. In the meantime, we may need to revert to charging up and using the batteries. Let me know if you have any questions.

We have not had a report since last June which is not going to help with our speed Data and next TRO.

- 12. SAXON SHORE FORUM:** Unfortunately, the meeting on the 22nd of January 25 was not attended by anyone from the Parish Council and apologies given by JR and MR. MR will attend the next meeting if available.

Holme-next-the-sea Parish Council have circulated details, including their letter, on the Wash Barrage Project regarding pre-submission consultation. We will also be sending a letter to Mr. Sutcliffe. Clerk has advised Cllrs Jamieson and Squire.

- 13. PLAYGROUND:** Clerk advised that the maintenance has been taken care of, and we do have to update our signage with a local mobile number. To ask RM.
Thanks to Gary Page for all his hard work including the bus shelter maintenance.

14. FINANCES:

- a. The bank statements, bank reconciliation and payments/receipts report for December 24 and January 25- were approved - proposed NE seconded JR and all in favour.
£32,172.55 held in the bank accounts to 31.1.25 including the Community Infrastructure Levy recently received of £13k.
- b. To agree payments for February (to date) proposed NE, seconded PB, and all in favour.
- c. Third quarter financial review proposed MR, seconded NE and all in favour.
- d. Clerk asked for approval to add the agreed £500 to the budget – approved NE and NR with all in favour.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

- TRO update
- SAM data

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 20th of March 2025, from 6.00pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 19.07 and the Chair thanked all for their attendance.

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Payments for approval January 2025

Name	Reason	Amount £
C Boyden	Salary	306.76
HMRC	PAYE	204.40
C Boyden	Expenses	81.30
Village Hall	Room Hire (no meeting)	24.00
R Markillie	Playground maintenance	60.26
J Barber	SAM unit maintenance	74.50
BCKLWN	Dog bin invoice 24/25	586.56
Cruso & Wilkin (on behalf of Le Strange Estate)	Playground rent	5.00

Payments for approval February 2025 (to date)

Name	Reason	Amount £
C Boyden	Salary	408.96
HMRC	PAYE	102.20
C Boyden	Expenses	41.30
Village Hall	Room Hire	24.00
East Anglian Ambulance	Donation	50.00
Old Hunstanton church	Annual Donation	500.00
Defib warehouse	replacement pads	66.40 paid by clerk

Signature

Date