

Old Hunstanton Parish Council

Chair: David McLeod

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF OLD HUNSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 21st OCTOBER 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, Cllr R Markillie (RM) and Caroline Boyden (CB) Clerk.

Borough Councillor Bob Lawton (BL)

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- a. Electric charging points at the Village Hall could be powered from the pole in the car park.
- b. Disabled access to the beach to be reviewed working with Hunstanton Town Council. NT to pursue again. ACTION NT

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs McLeod & Jamieson

3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none

4. Approval of the circulated Minutes from the meeting on the 16th of September 2021

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

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING:

a. Dairy Cottage re Borough Planning Committee Meeting – NE raised the point that the 3 minutes allowed was not enough and key issues including the roof timbers, 2 more bedrooms and car parking were not even mentioned. BL has raised this with Borough and awaiting their response. The 2014 application was queried with no response and consent for just 2 roof lights. Neighbours including the former Parish Council Chairman are of the opinion that the correct procedure was not met and why the points they raised were ignored. It was decided that a formal letter be written which was proposed by NE, seconded PB and all in favour. ACTION NE/CB

It was considered that a breach of the covenant has taken place as advertised as a eco holiday home plus the waste bins used are blue business bins raising the point of a business being run from the premises.

b. 50:50 partnership – clerk advised that the parish council could consider a SAM unit with vehicle recognition and to send out information for discussion at the November meeting. ACTION CB

PB has concern that the current unit is not working and needs help to download data. It was agreed that help will be available when required.

c. Village Hall electric charging – as discussed under public participation (1a)

d. Nature Reserve project – NE advised awaiting dates of availability from the Village Hall.

e. Telephone Box – Cllr Lawton to ask about the consultation that was never received and express our disappointment.

f. Parking update from Highways under item 12

g. Replacement bench – RM advised that the fixings are on order and it is hoped to have the bench in place within next 2 weeks. Clerk to advise Darren and check on village sign painting.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW (discussed between 1 & 2)

James Howard was welcomed and covered the comments by Consultees which he has made suggestions in red on the updated NP. Clerk to forward this along with the summary of comments. To be discussed at the November meeting and agreed to move forward to the next stage of "health check" asap.

- 7. REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR –** Cllr Lawton advised that a new community grant scheme has been set up giving each Borough Councillor £1,000 to spend in their parishes for individuals only. Due to the confusion, he has asked for the start date to be deferred. The next round of CIL funding is due January 2022 and the trustees of the Village Hall could apply. A large number of Borough staff are still working from home which is making contact and work completions slow.

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

9. PLANNING:

- a. Alterations to dwelling, proposed pergola and studio at 33 Wodehouse Road – no objections proposed NE, seconded PB with all in favour.
Single storey front and rear extensions at 1 Wodehouse Road – no objections, proposed NE, seconded PB and all in favour.
Retrospective approval for online no objections - Birch Tree Cottage, 54 Old Hunstanton Road (with comments) and 5 Ashdale Park – proposed NE, seconded SR and all in favour.
- b. No appeals listed.
- c. No Enforcements listed.

10. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Plantation Corner (Sea Lane/Harmon Close overgrowth has now been cut back by Highways. Unfortunately, the road sign is still covered and clerk to request cut back. ACTION CB
- b. Rangers jobs for November – white gates require a clean. If they will not clean, clerk to ask Gary. NT raised the flower beds and clerk to mention these to Gary.
- c. Complaint from a resident regarding squatters at 12 Wodehouse Road, BL advised the property looks derelict. Windows at the rear are open and a letter to be sent to Heidi Wedge at Borough – proposed NE, seconded SP and all in favour. ACTION CB
- d. Parking on Bonfire Night 6.11.21 – NT requested that contact be made with the police and Round Table regarding bollards placing on the footpath. ACTION CB

11. FOOTPATHS:

Clerk to forward the email from Cllr Jamieson. ACTION CB
SR had met with Charles and the permissive paths were discussed with all the relevant points discussed. Charles was happy to meet and discuss further with the footpath sub committee and NE proposed he will contact and invite Charles. ACTION NE

12. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

No update from Highways regarding the parking project and clerk to request an update. The return of the cones was discussed and all to be collected after half term and once counted, advise clerk to arrange collection.

13. SAXON SHORE FORUM:

No agenda received for the recent meeting and clerk to ask for copy of minutes. ACTION CB

14. AONB

- a. NT advised that there was still no response to the invite to attend a meeting. There is a new contact, Kate, and he will contact her directly. ACTION NT

15. **ENVIRONMENT PANEL:** RM advised that he had received no updates on the Hunstanton Observatory and clerk to chase. ACTION CB

16. WALL REBUILD:

Cllr Lawton confirmed that Borough will make a site visit and he along with a parish councillor would be invited. He will chase. ACTION BL

17. FINANCES:

- a. Agree the payments for October – proposed NE, seconded PB and all in favour.
b. Approve the bank statements, bank reconciliation and payments/receipts report for September – proposed NE, seconded SR and all in favour.
c. Qtr. 2/half year report discussed and approved – proposed NE, seconded EC. Clerk advised that the draft budget for 22/23 needs to be presented at the November meeting and asked councillors to consider any projects for next year plus the precept. EC and clerk to meet and work on the draft. ACTION ALL

18. PLAYGROUND:

Check sheets and ROSPA report given to RM and clerk advised that Gary Page has been contacted to cut back the foliage/tree on the site. Clerk to send online playground contact details to RM. ACTION CB

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- a. Discuss and agree comments on the Neighbourhood Plan.
b. To receive an update on the Nature Reserves initiative.
c. 50:50 Partnership update
d. Observatory
e. Electric charging points
f. Telephone Box update
g. Nature Reserve update

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on the 18th of November 2021 from 6.00pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.46pm

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