



# OLD HUNSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Chair: David McLeod

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## **MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF OLD HUNSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022 FROM 6.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllr. David McLeod (DM), Cllr Nick Eastwell (NE), Cllr Nick Torry (NT), Cllr Stephen Rimmer (SR), Cllr Stuart Perry (SP),

Borough Councillor Bob Lawton (BL) & County Councillor Andrew Jamieson (AJ)

No members of the public

A one minutes silence was held in honour of our former Councillor Roy Burton

### **1. WELCOME TO ALL FROM THE CHAIR**

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs Baisbrown, Clark, and Markillie**

### **3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none**

### **4. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW:**

James Howard has made the submission to Borough and expects a response within the next 2 weeks. NE pointed out that the NP does not contain a policy opposing zinc roofs and it was agreed to consider each application on its individual merits. He also highlighted the NP does contain a policy opposing the use of new dwellings as second homes.

### **5. Approval of the circulated Minutes from the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2022**

Proposal for acceptance SR, seconded NE, and all in favour who were present at that meeting.

### **6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING:**

- a. Dairy Cottage – BL to chase a response to our letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> December. Clerk to send BL a copy of the letter. ACTION BL
- b. Sign painting – original painter has been located and will commence painting subject to the weather conditions.
- c. Electric charging points – BL was still awaiting further information and requested that this item remain on our next agenda. AJ advised that NCC are looking into this and the clerk to officially send in a request to AJ. ACTION CB

### **7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR –** AJ confirmed his commitment to £2k towards the TRO and he will continue to chase for an implementation date. The presentation by Katy Owen was mentioned and AJ thinks highly of Katy. Re the River Hun project, there is a new trust in charge and the Golf Club needs to decide on the second plan. AJ referred to the routing of the coast path from Holme to Old Hunstanton. The footpaths subcommittee will add this to their next meeting.

NT raised the issue with disabled access at Holme from the car park via the steep slope with a lip at the top and this was raised as the last Saxon Shore meeting. NT to send AJ a copy of his email to Katy.

NWT discussions are going ahead with AJ at the present time. NT mentioned the poor condition of the pavement by the pitch and putt, and this is still awaiting Government funding. Coastal defences were mentioned by AJ, and it was thought that these should be considered for OH along with Hunstanton and Holme. The general maintenance of the groins was discussed and the need to be heightened.

**8. REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR** – BL advised that the planning department are still in a desperate situation with more staff leaving and the existing staff are having to take on more work.

## **9. PLANNING:**

### **Applications:**

**22/00445/F** | 23 Golf Course Road Old Hunstanton Norfolk. This was viewed from printed copies of the plans and deemed within the 40% allowed. As the date is 26<sup>th</sup> April, to be added to the April agenda.

2. Decisions – None

3. No appeals listed.

4. Enforcements –2/00052/UWLB | Alleged Unauthorised Works - L Bldg. | Firemans Cottage Church Road – BL advised the complaint has been assessed, prioritised, and will be investigated accordingly. As no update received, he will chase Enforcement on this.

ACTION BL

## **10. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

a. Emergency Plan update – the clerk advised that the updated version was almost complete and all hotels in the village needed to be contacted regarding occupancy and holding a copy. . Update to be discussed at the May meeting, following the Easter holiday period.

b. Crisis in Ukraine – SP agreed to arrange a meeting to organise donations and the rental of any vacant properties on the estate – SR to check on this. It was decided to involve the church and village hall on a collective Old Hunstanton village effort. Proposed by SP, seconded NE and all in favour.

## **11. FOOTPATHS:**

a. Working Party – an update will be available at the next meeting.

b. Permissive Paths – NE reported that Charles Meakin has informed him that there are various ongoing discussions with Natural England and with the tenant.

## **12. HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

As the TRO date for implementation has not been advised, AJ to request permission from Highways to use cones again from Easter through to the end of Summer.

## **13. SAXON SHORE FORUM:**

The dark skies presentation was well received, and the next meeting will be at Thornham at the end of June.

## **14. AONB**

a. Kate Owen Presentation will take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 at the Village Hall. AJ advised that they were getting more involved in planning.

b. Natural England Landscape and Heritage Team letter sent, and copies distributed.

## 15. ENVIRONMENT PANEL inc Observatory

AJ advised this was in line with the dark skies project and it needs promoting. Katy to update at her presentation.

## 16. WALL REBUILD:

The owners had refused to rebuild as per the letter from enforcement and BL advised that Enforcement had been told to "drop it". Cllr Lawton to follow up and advise of our serious concerns. It was considered totally unacceptable for BC planning to drop a valid enforcement action without good reason. To do so would create a dangerous precedent.

## 17. FINANCES:

- a. Agree the payments for March
- b. Approve the bank statements, bank reconciliation and payments/receipts report for February  
The above proposed for acceptance by DM , seconded by SR, and all in favour.
- c. To approve J. Raby as internal auditor, proposed for acceptance by NE, seconded SP and all in favour.

## 18. PLAYGROUND:

Cllr Markillie has advised that the wood chippings were spread out this week, satisfying the inspection criteria. He continues the monthly inspection, and 2 bolt covers are to be ordered as missing.

SR to chase on the lease for the playground.

ACTION SR

## ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

- Cones update following Easter holidays
- Electric Charging Points
- Emergency Plan update
- Nature Reserve
- Dairy Cottage update
- Fireman's Cottage enforcement
- Wall rebuild

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on 21st of April 2022 from 6.00pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.21pm

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