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**Minutes of a Meeting of Harling Parish Council**

**Held in Harling Old School Hall on Tuesday 25th July 2023**

**PRESENT**

Cllr P Edge (Chairman) Cllr K Rayner

Cllr A Hayward Cllr G Denham

Cllr B Copping Cllr H Mackenzie

Cllr S Blades Cllr G Jubb

Cllr L Mould Cllr J Denniss

Mrs K Filby (Clerk)

There were four members of the public present

**1. APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED**

Cllr Jacobs

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27th June 2023**

None raised

**3. MINUTES SIGNED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD BY THE CHAIRMAN**

**4. PUBLIC FORUM**

The Chairman closed the meeting and opened the floor up to the public for comments.

a) Hedges still overgrown along West Harling Road into Middle Harling

**5. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY**

**OR PERSONAL INTEREST(S) IN ANY AGENDA ITEMS**

None raised

**6. PLANNING**

a. 3PL/2023/0656 – Garden House, West Harling Road – *No objections raised*

b. 3PL/2023/0650 Mulberry House, Garboldisham Road *- The Parish Council were dismayed that the original application for a landmark property had subsequently became a watered down solution that they were not consulted on. Since the original application having found approval as a 1.5 storey chalet dwelling we are now faced with what has been termed a variation but is, to all intents and purposes, a new application. The orientation and position of the dwelling have changed, as have the design and materials proposed. Having fully considered the design proposed the PC consider the scale of the building excessive as it does not respond to the levels of this site and those adjoining it (the previous proposal was 1.5 storeys and this is 2 storeys high). East Harling PC accept there will be a need for new housing but wish to see this done as a considered and sensitive approach*. *There are two options* *for this site. One being a modern, landmark building with great architectural merit and the other being a response that more closely reflects the local vernacular, unobtrusive and considered in design which would likely be more budget friendly. Regretfully the proposal as it stands falls into neither of these and as such the PC respectfully requests the design and overall massing is reconsidered. We would also request that this application is put forward for Planning Committee consideration.*

c. 3PL/2023/0081 – Camp Farm Bridgham - *Harling Parish Council vigorously object to the proposal for an increase in digesters at Camp Farm from 3 to 5 and to increase the throughput of feedstock from 40,000 tonnes per annum to 110,000 tonnes per annum. This proposal would result in an extra 1,752 HGV, Tanker, Tractor and trailer movement per annum, 59 movements per day if spread over a 7 working week, with no restriction on where the stock will be grown, these movements will be concentrated on vehicles travelling on the B1111 through East Harling. In 2016 an environmental weight restrictions was introduced on the B1111 by Norfolk County Council EDT Committee , preventing HGV's over 18 tonnes travelling between the A11 and A1066. This restriction was introduced after 20 years of campaigning by the Parish Council to reduce the high levels of HGV's on the narrow and windy section of the B1111 that runs through the village. HGV's, tractors and trailers have to mount the pavements to be able to traverse through the centre of the village, causing damage to roads, buildings and potentially pedestrians. Increased movements by both HGV and large tractor/trailer combinations will result in further traffic delays, infrastructure damage and increased exhaust emissions as vehicles negotiate the sharp bend at Memorial Green. We still experience these same issues, and in the last two years alone and reported six incidents of damage to Norfolk County Council, involving tractors/HGV's mounting the narrow footpath and causing damage to the footpath and bollards outside East Harling Bakery. The proposal would see a un sustainable strain on not only the B1111 through Larling and East Harling, but other narrow, quiet lanes locally that are totally unsuitable for vehicles of this size and at this volume. We urge the authority to seriously take into account the rarely seen levels of objection on a Planning Application from residents, who express their concerns on this increase in traffic movements among many other relevant matters resulting from this application.*

d. 3PL/2023/0641 –Home Breck Farm – *The Parish Council support this application as a potential asset to the village, providing a safe environment for both dogs and their owners. With the new development on the Quidenham Road especially. We believe this will be a well used addition to the village’s facilities.*

**7. ACCOUNTS**

1. Npower £276.08
2. BT - £67.93
3. Staff costs - £3318.39
4. CP Bugg - £60.80
5. Networld Sports - £1177.33
6. Market Stores – £72.61
7. NPTS - £60.00
8. Amazon - £86.82
9. Harling Old School Hall - £270
10. KM First Aid - £79.00
11. Thurlow Nunn - £15.40
12. T Long - £96.00

The Parish Councillors were presented with copies of receipts of payments and bank reconciliation showing year to date spending and balances for main current account

**8. COUNCILS RISKS AND ASSESSMENTS**

The Council resolved to form an Advisory Committee to fully investigate the Councils responsibilities. A committee of four Councillors was created (Councillors Edge, Copping, Mould and Hayward)

**9. COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR**

The Clerk has responded with the Councils interest to the Governments offer of support for more village defibrillators. Only one location could be identified by the Council, that being on the outside of the Surgery, the Clerk to write to the Practice Manager.

**10. NON COUNCIL OWNED LAND MAINTENANCE**

Groundsmen to cease cutting the grass at the Fire Station immediately and any other areas that do not belong to the Council, especially with powered tools. The RA Advisory Committee to discuss this matter further.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

a. Resident complaint on levels of Holbrooks lorries along Garboldisham Road

b. A request received from a family to place a memorial bench at the burial ground, Council agreed by email

c. Full council training booked for 13th September

d. First aid training for Grounds Team booked for 8th September, Clerk has completed emergency first aid training

e. Corner of Market Street/Church Road has been hit twice during July, an urgent request sent to NCC for a site visit

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**26th September**

K Filby

Clerk 15th August 2023