



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

**Held in Harling Old School Hall on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

### **PRESENT**

Cllr P Edge (Chairman)

Cllr J Jacobs

Cllr A Hayward

Cllr G Jubb

Cllr Mould

Mrs K Filby (Clerk)

Cllr Copping

Cllr S Blades

Cllr J Denniss

Cllr H Mackenzie

Cllr K Rayner

Cllr W Nunn (District)

### **1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED AND APPROVED**

Cllr G Denham & Cllr S Askew

### **2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

These were signed as a true and accurate record

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

a. Kenninghall Road footpath – Cllr Mackenzie waiting for further response from NCC Highways on widening the path. Tree covering street light has been reported to NCC for cutting back.

### **4. FIRST PUBLIC FORUM**

None raised

### **5. DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

Breckland Council are reviewing the local plan and will be approaching local landowners with a view to obtaining more land for future development.

### **6. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PERSONAL INTEREST IN AN AGENDA ITEM**

Cllr Edge and Cllr Denniss Item 9

## **7. PLANNING**

- a) 3PL/2021/1654 – Mulberry House, Garboldisham Road – The Parish Council considers the proposal a bold statement that if done well could form a landmark piece of architecture as you approach the village. It was felt that other resident's comments relating to exterior lighting and hedge screening is fair. Any existing hedging should be retained as these provide valuable wildlife corridors and also will serve to ground the building within the landscape. Exterior lighting should be minimal so as not to cause light pollution and disturbance to wildlife. Should these conditions be applied the council has no objections to the proposal.

## **8. ACCOUNTS**

- a) EON - £507.92
- b) BT - £52.14
- c) TT Jones - £261.25
- d) Staff costs - £2662.66
- e) Market Stores - £50.78
- f) Gallagher – £337.76
- g) United Resource Management - £97.20
- h) Premier Playgrounds - £300

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. It was explained that these figures do not include the Town Improvement Fund and Petty Cash funds.

## **9. UPDATE ON HARLING ACTION GROUP**

The Council agreed that an awards ceremony would be arranged for the 6<sup>th</sup> May. No new applicants will be considered for 2022. It was also agreed that those volunteers that supported residents during the Covid-19 crisis would be invited.

## **10. QUEENS JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

A village celebration will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, this to be discussed with other village organisations. A Beacon lighting ceremony would also be looked into for the evening of the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Residents to be encouraged to arrange street parties over the weekend.

## **11. ADDITIONAL DOG WASTE BINS**

It was agreed that an application would be made to Breckland Council for an additional bin in the Quidenham Road area.

## **12. DONATION**

It was proposed and unanimously approved that a donation of £200 would be made to Norfolk Accident and Rescue Service.

## **13. HARLING ACTION GROUP**

The Clerk and Cllr Hayward have continued to have discussions with volunteers and emergency planning officer at Norfolk County Council. A document has been drafted and copies to be held by the Clerk, Cllr Hayward, Cllr Edge and Cllr Jacobs only as it contains personal details of volunteers.

## **14. COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Work to start again in March, the Council were happy with the idea of a small pergola, a wildflower area, clearing along the Poplars footpath and a small bench. The school to be contacted to involve the children this year and the group will be having a stall at the summer fete to raise funds for further improvements to the area.

## **15. MARKET PLACE BIKE AREA**

Further plans have been submitted to the Co-Op showing planters, bench and bin. It was explained to the Co-Op that the front of the Market Place was earmarked for refurbishment along with the car park area. This area will replicate the design of the bike parking area.

## **16. VEHICLE INSURANCE**

The Council approved the quote received of £337.76 for both the tractor and ride on mower.

## **17. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (item 21)**

In accordance with the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1060 S1 (2) the Council decreed that any members of the public would be excluded.

## **18. REVIEW AND UPDATE OF COUNCILS ACTION PLAN 2022**

The matter of the refurbishment of the Market Place, public consultation and initial costings to be added to the action plan.

## **19. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- Offer of 1<sup>st</sup> aid training for staff from KM First aid
- Quotes from TT Jones for 2 replacement bulbs on White Hart St and Kerridges
- Grassed areas – NCC will now be responsible for all their own areas of grass in the village, rather than the District Council
- Appeal letter received by Breckland for Fen Farm, Fen Lane against planning decision
- Breckland Council offer of further support grants

## **20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 at 7pm

## **21. STAFF PAY REVIEW APRIL 2022**

In respect of Mr Allen, the Parish Council reviewed his current rate and agreed to an increase.

In respect, of Mr Plumb the Parish Council reviewed his current rate and agreed to an increase.

Both Groundsmen were thanked by the Council for their continued hard work and commitment.

In respect of the Clerk/RFO, the Parish Council reviewed her current rate and in line with the National Joint Council Local Government pay scale of grade 32 increased her current rate accordingly.

K Filby  
Clerk

1<sup>st</sup> February 2022

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