



Minutes of a Meeting of Harling Parish Council,

Held virtually via Zoom

Tuesday 26th January 2021 at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Cllr P Edge (Chairman)

Cllr J Jacobs (Vice Chair)

Cllr L Mould

Cllr B Copping

Cllr K Rayner

Mrs K Filby (Clerk)

Cllr G Jubb

Cllr G Denham

Cllr A Hayward

Cllr S Blades

Cllr J Denniss

Nine members of the public were present

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24th November/5th January 2021

Minutes (05/01/21) were amended whilst draft under Item 6, 2019/20 to 2020/21.

Minutes were then signed and dated as a true and accurate record by the Chairman

3. MATTERS ARISING

No matters were raised

4. FIRST PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairman closed the Parish Council meeting at 7.35pm and opened the public forum. Members of the public spoke on the subject of County Broadband and suggested that the Parish Council have an obligation to support this company and the service they wish to bring to the village. Members of the Parish Council, including the Clerk and the Chairman expressed their concerns that this could have a negative impact on the Council as the Parish Council have no obligation to support such enterprises. Others spoke in favour of endorsing County Broadband by a letter being sent to all residents.

5. DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Nunn spoke on the subject of upcoming elections in May and his concerns of these still going ahead despite the current pandemic.

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

Cllr Edge – Item 7a & b

Cllr Blades – Item 7c

Cllr's Jacobs, Copping & Jubb – Item 7a

Cllr J Denniss – Item 7b

7. PLANNING

- a) 3PL/2020/1486/VAR – Spinney Drive/Taylors Drift - *The PC would prefer this path to be constructed to ensure the safety of residents walking to the open spaces on the adjoining development. The differences between the developers will need to be resolved to enable this to go ahead.*
- b) 3PL/2020/1406 – Mayfield, Garboldisham Road – *No objections*
- c) 3PL/2020/1482- White House, Church Road – *Council referred to comments made by Highways that the annexe should not be sold or sublet.*

8. CLERKS REPORT

- 12 lights reported this month as faulty, one requiring upgrade to LED.
- Report of flooding along Lopham Road again, Clerk communication with Highways and Cllr Askew to have the gullies cleaned as a matter of urgency.
- DPD vans parking in numbers along White Hart Street, Police have been informed and one driver already spoken to and warned for parking on the pavement.
- Clerk has now passed unit 3 of CILCA.
- Council now members of BRAAM (British Register of Accredited Memorial Masons) once restrictions allow memorial safety training to be arranged.
- Bench at the Poplars was damaged, thanks to Cllr Blades and Chris Aldridge for repairing.
- Clerk has been assisting the school with acquiring computer equipment for pupils after an offer from Bailiwick IT to re set all equipment free.
- Blocked drains in School Lane still not cleaned despite reminders, possible reasons for flooding of buildings. Should now be programmed in.
- Clerk has stepped down as Clerk/RFO for Town Lands Trust and Educational Foundation due to increasing work commitments. Mr B Copping is now Clerk for Town Lands and Mr A Hayward will be looking after the Educational Trust.
- Emergency Planning is still moving forward and Cllr Hayward has sourced a possible source for sandbags called Flood sax. PC to consider applying to the Combined Trust for funding.

9. ACCOUNTS

- a) EON - £379.94
- b) BT - £66.00
- c) Staff costs - £2444.85
- d) United Resource Management - £32.40
- e) SLCC - £180
- f) Residents payment for supply of electricity for Christmas lights - £200

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.

10. AMMENDMENT TO MODEL STANDING ORDERS

Item 17 (f) (g) Contracts awarded, was amended in line with current updated regulations.

11. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (Item 18)

Council approved the exclusion in accordance with the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 Section 1(2) as amended due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

12. CEMETERY CAR PARK

The Clerk and Cllr Copping have surveyed the site and suggest moving the existing entrance approx. 25 metres toward the village which would give better visibility for drivers. The Clerk has contacted Breckland Council as planning permission may be required, and three quotes will be obtained. The Clerk suggested further funding for the works could be taken from the Town Improvement Fund.

13. RENEWAL OF VEHICLE INSURANCE

Council approved the payment of £348.00 for the annual insurance premium for the ride on mower and tractor.

14. ALLOTMENTS

Clerk to speak to raise the question of any land available within the Parish with the Town Lands Trust and the Combined Trust.

15. SECOND PUBLIC FORUM

- a) A resident raised concerns over sewer drains in Garboldisham, covers blew off during the recent heavy rains and flooding. The Chairman advised this is an issue for Anglian Water.
- b) A resident asked if the speed limit could be moved back on Lopham Road, the Chairman explained that this request has been made many times to NCC but budget restrictions do not allow.

16. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. Armed Forces Covenant Pledge is a promise from the nation to ensure that those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces, and their families are treated fairly. The Council invited to attend a webinar with NALC with a view to signing the pledge to show support. Three Councillors will be attending.
- b. Invite for Q & A session with the Police Commissioner via NALC
- c. Notification of road closure of five ways junction on 25th January
- d. Training available through NALC and NPTS, Cllr Blades to attend Planning Training session.
- e. Council Chairman is now on NALC board of directors and will work alongside other directors to support the 400 Councils throughout Norfolk.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

23rd February 2021

18. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

The Council decreed that due to there being four excellent candidates, that interviews should take place via Zoom. Clerk to arrange 15 minute sessions with each candidate.

K Filby

Clerk

3rd February 2021