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

**Held in Harling Old School Hall on Tuesday 26th July 2022**

**PRESENT**

Cllr P Edge (Chairman)

Cllr H Mackenzie (Vice Chair)

Cllr J Denniss Cllr L Mould

Cllr G Jubb Cllr S Blades

Cllr K Rayner Cllr Jacobs

Cllr Hayward

Mrs K Filby (Clerk) District Cllr W Nunn

There were five members of the public present.

1. **APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED**

Cllr G Denham and Cllr B Copping

 **2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28th June 2022**

Minutes were signed as a true and accurate record

1. **MATTERS ARISING**

Item 10d – Spartek have been contacted regarding assisting with the Christmas lights again this year. Date tbc.

 **4. PUBLIC FORUM**

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

**5. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PERSONAL INTEREST(S) IN ANY AGENDA ITEMS**

Item 6B – Cllr Jubb

Item 7F – Cllr Mackenzie

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**6. PLANNING**

(a) 3PL/2022/0791 – 27 Colman Way - *The Parish council agreed that the proposed extension does not encroach on neighbouring properties so no objections were raised*

(b) 3PL/2022/0752 –Middle Harling Farm ***-*** *Harling Parish Council stand by its original comments October 2019, under application 3PL/2019/1210. This is an infill development on useable agricultural land Middle Harling is located on a quiet lane with no demarcation to separate vehicles or pedestrians. The safety of pedestrians due to the lack of street lighting, uneven road surface in places and encroaching vegetation from poorly maintained hedgerows is already compromised. The narrowness of the lane, with an increase in vehicular movements also would also lead to a potential risk of damage to vehicles. We wish to refer to a recent planning inspectors comments on an application Ref 3PL/2021/0955/O, dated 24 June 2021, the development proposed was the erection of 2no. Residential dwellings. The inspector’s report states: The main issue in this case is whether the appeal site would be a suitable location for the proposal, having regard to local plan policies and the spatial strategy for the area, and the safety and suitability of the means of access. 4. Policy GEN03 of the Breckland Local Plan 2019 (Local Plan) recognises Harling as a Local Service Centre, which constitutes a third-tier settlement in the hierarchy. Local Service Centres are identified as settlements which support a range of accessible services and facilities Policy HOU02 of the Local Plan sets out the level and distribution of future housing growth for all settlements, which includes a minimum target of 250 dwellings for Harling. 5. According to the Council, taking into account this target and as a result of further housing commitments and completions, the level of housing within Harling is anticipated to be 261 dwellings over the plan period, exceeding the target of 250 dwellings. This is not contested by the appellant and is significant because the site lies outside the settlement boundary of Harling, and Policy HOU03 states that in such circumstances, development will normally be resisted where the Local Plan housing target is provided for, unless supported by other policies within the Local Plan. The application for appeal was dismissed. The Parish of Middle Harling has no accessible services or facilities within walking distance.*

c) 3PL/2022/0836 – 1 Kerridges *- Application 3PL/2016/0514 for a new dwelling at this property contravenes the conditions made (S)5 - shall not be leased or sub leased as a separate dwelling unit. Property currently listed for overnight rentals. A separate access has been created and the Parish Council have concerns that the retrospective application for a timber cabin within the garden plot will also not be occupied solely as an addition to the main dwelling.*

*d*) 3PL/2022/0781 –7 Hamblings Piece – *The Parish Council have no objections to this amended application. Planting will soften the view of the new fencing which has been lowered as requested. Visibility has been improved.* 25/22

**7. ACCOUNTS**

1. NPower - £340.50
2. TT Jones - £19,391.45
3. BT - £53.59
4. Staff costs - £3052.53
5. NPTS - £275
6. LOUDFX - £360
7. NALC - £54
8. Playsafety - £277.20 (50% to be invoiced to HRGT)
9. Imprint - £30
10. URM - £108
11. Paul Garwood - £1950
12. Holdens - £169.41

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.

1. **OPEN SPACES PHASE 3**

Defer until next meeting

1. **COUNCIL TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Positive comments have been received on the new bicycle parking area. Residents wanted to see improvements to the Market Square with designated parking bays, and general parking to be improved.

1. **COUNCIL TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON CURRENT PROJECTS**
2. Bicycle park area now complete with planters, bin, benches and racks. Second phase to be looked at over the Summer
3. Community garden struggling with lack of water, price for a water bowser to be obtained for next year
4. Traffic calming gates – no update from NCC when this work will be done

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1. **COUNCIL TO DISCUSS CURRENT NEED FOR ALLOTMENT PLOTS**

If a plot becomes available the Council agreed that a community plot would be looked at for multiple tenants. Town Land Trust to look at the possibility of land being used within their ownership.

**12. COUNCIL APPROVED AND ADOPTED APPRAISAL POLICY**

**13. INTERNAL CONTROLS**

The Council resolved to perform quarterly checks on all financial activities. Cllr’s Denniss and Copping to carry out reviews in line with the Council’s current policies.

**14. APPLICATION FOR LCAS QUALITY AWARD**

The Council resolved that all documents are now in place for the Clerk to proceed.

**15. WAR MEMORIAL RENOVATION**

Three quotations were received for the cleaning, re pointing and wording of the memorial. The Council approved the quotation from Bierton & Woods

**16. CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED**

a) Play safety inspections received on play areas and gym. Reports reviewed

 b) Complaint received on speed of cars along White Hart Street

 c) Successful application for funding toward Jubilee trees

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

 27th September 2022

K Filby

Clerk 10th August 2022

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