



Huntingfield Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Huntingfield Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th March 2021
7.00pm via Zoom.

Councillors: Cllr Emma Ward (Chair), Cllr David Blackmore, Cllr David Burrows,
Cllr Jackie Driver, Cllr Guy Newton.

Attendees: 16 residents and Clerk Julie Collett

22.21 Apologies and approval of absences: No apologies, all councillors present.

23.21 To receive Declaration of Interest: Cllr Guy Newton declared a pecuniary interest in items 30.21 and 31.21.

24.21 To consider requests for dispensations: None

25.21 To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the council held on 13th January 2021 are a true record. Minutes agreed and signed as correct.

26.21 To receive Progress Reports for information

- a. Speed Indicator Device. Still progressing slowly.
- b. Repairs on the Village Green. Grass to wet to repair, will be done over next few weeks.
- c. Speeding Traffic. Survey on hold due to COVID.
- d. Quiet Lanes Scheme. The clerk confirmed that no cost for the signs would be incurred by the parish council. The parish council agreed to go ahead with this scheme, confirming that the public meeting can take place as part of the Annual Parish Meeting.

27.21 Public participation session. The Chair invited comments from the public about anything other than the item involving Heveningham Hall and the planning application for Valley Farm as another open forum would follow the presentation for the application.

A resident raised the point about debris and mud on Brick Kiln Lane where the entrance to Valley Farm is, and requested the road to be cleaned and maybe the entrance to be made bigger to allow for the large vehicles entering and leaving the farm. Cllr Guy Newton responded positively agreeing to get this looked at.

No reports had been received from Cllr Stephen Burroughes.

28.21 Finance

- a. To review and approve the statement of accounts. The accounts show a working balance of £6732.79 and a ringfenced amount of £19833.32 held on behalf of the Hub.
- b. To review and approve the Bank Reconciliation. Agreed
- c. To approve the Authorisation to Pay. A total of £158.65 plus VAT was authorised for payment.
- d. To approve the account receipts. £1560 grant received from East Suffolk District Council.

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29.21 The Hub: To discuss the following:

- a Update on the progress with the agreement between the Parish Council & Hub Trustees. The clerk confirmed that there are two restrictions on the title deeds, that need complying with before the lease can be granted. Clerk has emailed both the Lottery and Charity Commission.
- b To appoint a solicitor to act on behalf of the council. Cross Ram have decided not to act on the council's behalf. Clerk will appoint Sprake & Kingsley who are willing to take on this case.
- c To approve any future expenditure required. No expenditure due.

30.21 To consider planning applications.

- a Planning application DC/21/0560/FUL Valley Farm, Laundry Lane. This application was for the erection of a building for the housing of a biomass boiler, substation, plant room and site manager's accommodation.

The Chair opened the meeting and invited Matt Bostock, from Wilderness, to give a presentation on this planning application. Following the presentation residents were invited to ask questions. These included:

- Concerns about the position of the boiler house.
- Concerns over emissions and noise.
- Concerns about wildlife.
- Concerns about traffic and noise.
- Concerns about property prices.
- Concerns about whether everything is fireproof.
- Concerns about a trench dug and pipes adjoining properties in Laundry Lane.

Matt responded to most questions and guided residents to the application on the East Suffolk District Council's planning page that contained the reports relating to the application.

The chair re-convened the meeting for the councillors to vote on the application.

Cllr David Blackmore proposed the application be supported in principle but would like consideration made to the re-siting of the boiler house. Cllr David Burrows seconded this proposal and councillors voted in favour.

The chair opened the meeting for the following item.

31.21 Huntingfield properties owned by Heveningham Hall Estate.

Concern expressed about the state of repair of some of the properties including The Forge and the Old School House. Also, the fence on Hawthorns had not been repaired since being damaged some time ago. Mrs Hunt responded about the Forge stating they were applying for planning permission to move the Forge back from the road. The fence at Hawthorns will be looked at and repaired. 3 Church Terraces-work confirmed as ongoing including the rendering on the front of the property.

The chair re-convened the meeting.

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- 32.21 To consider action against speeding vehicles.** Reports have been received of speeding vehicles coming from Linstead Road near the church into the village. However only one report has been received with no evidence. Hopefully once the SID is installed this should help the problem.
- 33.21 Huntingfield Hall and Home Farm.** Cllr Newton confirmed that Home Farm is now operating from the Huntingfield Hall site and the Hall vehicles now operate from Home Farm.
- 34.21 To re-adopt the Suffolk Code of Conduct.** Councillors were reminded of this document.
- 35.21 To review the risk assessment.** Councillors reviewed this policy and agreed it remained adequate for council's requirements.
- 36.21 To consider alternatives to a village clean up day.** Following announcements by the Prime Minister the council agreed to plan a clean up day for the 18th April at 10am. To follow guidelines and not to gather in groups of more than six. Clerk will advertise in the Hare.
- 37.21 To consider the initial work for the war memorial.** A grant of £1560 has been received from the Locality Budget of Cllr Stephen Burroughes. The council expressed their thanks. Clerk will contact the company to carry out the cleaning and to assess any other work that is required.
- 38.21 To plan for the Annual Parish Meeting.** The clerk advised that Nicola Jenner from the Communities Partnership would like to present at the meeting. Councillors also agreed to hold the a presentation at this open meeting for the Quiet Lanes scheme. Clerk will also contact the village groups for highlights of the past two years.
- 39.21 Highways and Footpaths.** Cllr Guy Newton confirmed that he would arrange for the brambles on the third cancer to be cut back. Possibility of erecting post and rails at the edge of the footpath. The debris will be cleared from the river when the water is at a lower level. Concerns at the amount of surface water coming off the fields near Malt Cottages. Cllr Guy Newton confirmed that the estate will look at solutions by changing the growth in the field. Also, the ditch at the edge of the parking area on the site of Blacksmith's Cottage appears to be blocked. Although this belongs to Anglian Water, Cllr Newton agreed to arrange clearance of this ditch.
- 40.21 To consider items for consideration for inclusion on the next agenda.**
- End of Year Accounts
- 41.21 Correspondence for information.**
Email received with details of a Village Heat Pump. Cllr Blackmore to speak to Edward Watson who put this idea forward, although the council believe this project would be too big for the village.
- 42.21 Date of Next Meeting.** The date for the next meeting is amended to Wednesday 19th May. This will start at 6-30pm with the Annual Parish Meeting, followed by the Parish Council annual meeting and then the standard meeting of the Parish Council.

Minutes agreed as correct.

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