

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HOCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7TH FEB 2022 AT
HOCKHAM VILLAGE HALL**

Attending; A Lambert (Chair), C Garrod (Clerk), B Campbell, D Childerhouse, Tom Bennett, & Calvin Thomas and 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies and approval of absences and acceptance of reasons for absence

Apologies were received from Christine Woodsford and Jonathan Leech and absences approved.

2. Declarations of Interest

A Lambert as owner and landlord of the Hockham Eagle and T Bennett and B Campbell as allotment holders.

3. To consider requests for dispensations

None

4. To approve as accurate the minutes from 13th December 2022

These were approved as accurate.

5. Progress Report for Information

a) The ringfenced bottle bank income was approved, to assist financing the new information board planned for the green.

b) It was agreed to put forward all the names suggested for the Wretham Road development to the developers, with the Parish Council favouring The Gatherings as the development name. The clerk advised that Breckland Councils naming policy did not favour personal names. Councillor Childerhouse asked if in some way the name Trappes-Lomax could be used.

c) Councillor Childerhouse stated that the contractor would soon be starting the playing field dog fence.

6. Public Participation

The meeting was adjourned for the public to speak.

7. District and County Councillors Reports

There were no reports.

8. Traffic and Road Safety Update

The clerk read an email from the highways engineer who was looking into hashed lining. If this were to be considered it would be completed over Spring/Summer.

Highways had formally agreed that the SAM speed sensor could be placed on a post now located on the opposite side of the Watton Road to the previous location.

The SAM system cable had gone missing during lockdown. If it could not be found the Clerk would request the councillors agreed to purchase a new one, cost £50. The current SAM sensor could not be upgraded any further.

Consideration of where the SAM system could be relocated following future movement of the 30mph sign on Wretham Rd, would be discussed with Highways.

9. To Consider Planning Applications and Planning Updates

3PL/2022/0003/HOU Frog Manor Extension. The councillors would post no objections. TRE/2022/0012/TCA Tree felling at Hornfair Thatch had been approved.

10. Highways Update

a) Overhanging foliage in vicarage Rd had been agreed to be cut back by the owner.

12. Allotments

Councillor Bennett, in liaison with the clerk, was looking at how to contact allotment holders regards future wants and could then look at potential grants.

13. Footpaths and Rights of Way

RB 1 had not been maintained by the Forestry Commission as per their previous correspondence. The clerk would investigate.

14. Councillor Updates.

Councillor Lambert spoke regards a noisy dog bin lid by the school. It was agreed and approved to replace the bin.

Councillor Lambert mentioned that the Parish Council had received several Charity requests from organisations outside the village. It was agreed that donations, where appropriate, would only be considered from village-based organisations.

15. Potential Pedestrian Improved Access to the green.

After some discussion it was agreed that the clerk would conduct a risk assessment.

16. Cleaning of Village Centre Roads by Road Sweeper

After some discussion particularly regards leaves, investigations would be made regards frequency of road sweeping by Breckland Council.

17. Queen Jubilee & Hornfair Celebrations 2022

There were plans being made for a stone turn and beacon on Thursday 2nd June for the Queens jubilee and Hornfair on Sunday 5th June, that would use the green.

18. 3 Year Strategic Plan

It was agreed to discuss the plan at the Parish Council AGM in May.

19. Dates for next meetings.

It was agreed and approved that the next meetings would be on Monday 14TH March, Monday 25th April and then the Parish Assembly and Parish Council AGM on Monday 23rd May.

Date of next meeting Monday March 14th 2022 at 7.30pm in Hockham Village Hall.