

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HOCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL ON  
MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 AT HOCKHAM VILLAGE HALL.**

Attending: A Lambert (Chair) C Garrod (Clerk), T Bennett, D Childerhouse, J Leech and C Thomas plus three members of the public.

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** C Woodsford & F Eagle (NCC)
- 2) **Declarations of Interest.** A Lambert re anything related to the Eagle, J Leech as a farmer in Little Hockham. T Bennett as he had an allotment.
- 3) **The minutes** from the last meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> August had been circulated. All agreed they were a true record.
- 4) **Matters arising from the minutes.**
  - a) The new playing field fence had been partially installed.
  - b) Bottle bank income. A suggestion of a 5-a-side goal had been put forward for Chestnut Sq.
  - c) The names suggested at the last meeting had been sent to the Wretham Road developer.
  - d) Councillor Eagle had emailed saying that he had not ascertained the criteria for NCC suggesting no street lighting on the new development. Streetlights were being installed however by the developers and maintenance costs would be a Parish Council concern.
  - e) An FOI request had been completed.
  - f) A police officer would visit the village on 11<sup>th</sup> October from 7pm-8pm. He would park in the village hall car park and listen individually to parishioner's concerns.
  - g) GDPR & FOI Training for councillors would be on evenings of 1st and 11<sup>th</sup> November. The clerk had begun previously agreed training.
  - h) NCC are to debate electric car points to potentially be located near every village hall in Norfolk. The debate begins on 15<sup>th</sup> September.

**5) Finance Report.**

There has been no income since the last meeting.

Payments since the last meeting

E-ON	Electricity	£94.14
Pearce & Kemp	Street Light Main.	£45.60
Chris Garrod	Expenses	£65.55

Payments due

Chris Garrod	Community Car Scheme	£20.20
Norfolk Community Foundation	Return of VE day grant	£500.00
Pearce & Kemp	Street Light Maintenance	£45.60

Balance                      **Community Account**                      **£20780.70**

The Financial Officer had amended the training part of the accounts to show that it was within budget. All payments due were approved.

## **6) Traffic and Road Safety Update.**

- a) Police Update. As previously covered, there would be a Police visit on 11<sup>th</sup> October 7pm-8pm in the village hall car park.
- b) Highway's update. The expected information back from Highways re verge ownership would be around the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
- c) Farmers Meeting. Councillor Leech informed the council that a meeting with representatives of local farms, would likely be in October once the seasons workload had reduced. All local farmers had currently agreed to attend.
- d) The SAM speed sign data would be downloaded soon. It had previously been stopped due to Covid.
- e) Community Speed Watch. The clerk would take advice on the requirements for this. A suggestion from a parishioner of asking if the local school could be involved would be followed up.

The meeting was adjourned for public discussion.

## **7) Planning.**

- a) 3PL/2021/0891/HOU Application at Tarn How's had been approved.
- b) 3PL/2021/0963/F Had been approved subject to some specific conditions.
- c) There had been an enquiry regards timing of the hedge removal for the new development on the Wretham Road. The developers had forwarded their contractors risk assessment.
- d) A question was raised if the proposed barn exit were near the new development access. It was reported they were a distance apart.

## **8) Highways**

Councillor Thomas gave an update on Highways reported issues.

The school footpath inspection had yet to take place.

The Claypit foliage by the white railings (Ref ENQ900191789) had been agreed to be cut back by highways.

The concealed access sign suggested for Church Lane near Three Gables, had currently been declined by highways. (ENQ900191169)

Now the trod had been cleared, it was possible to be confused on the Wretham Rd by the lights from the A1075 at night. Accidents had happened in the past. Signage was being looked at by Highways.

A damaged kerb by Old School on Wretham Road had been inspected and marked for repair by Highways (ENQ900192751)

## **9) Allotments**

It was agreed that Councillor Bennett would become the representative for the village allotments. Rents for the Harling Rd allotments were due now. Several holders had paid.

### **10) Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

The Annual Remembrance Day service for the local parishes would be at Larling at 1045 on 14<sup>th</sup> November. The Chair agreed to lay the wreath. There would also be a brief service at Hockham on 11/11/21 at 11am. A second wreath would be considered. The clerk would investigate.

It was agreed to donate £250 for the annual poppy appeal.

The chair asked for assistance to put poppies on the signs on each village road.

### **11) Any Other Business**

a) Household Hazardous Waste Days, had been listed on the village notice board. Thetford would be September.

b) The mobile library times would be put on the village website and Facebook pages. A debate for changing the stopping points was discussed, the clerk would investigate further.

c) A faulty streetlight was reported on Watton Rd, opposite Vicarage Rd.

The next meeting would be Monday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. The police will attend the village hall car park from 7pm-8pm the same eve.

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