

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF HOCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 22ND MAY 2023

- 1) **Election of Chairman for 23/24.** A Lambert was elected.
- 2) **Election of Vice chairman for 23/24.** T Bennett was elected.
- 3) **Appointing representatives to outside bodies.**
Cheque Signatories; A Lambert, C Garrod (clerk) and J Leech
Footpaths and Forestry; A Loft
Tree Officer; R Guppy
Planning; A Lambert, D Lloyd and J Leech
Highways and Highway Safety; C Thomas
Allotments; T Bennett
Battle area liaison; J Leech
Wayland Partnership; A Lambert
Police Liaison; D Lloyd
Playing Field; T Loft
Speed Sign; R Guppy
- 4) **Apologies for absence;** Received from P Cowen and F Eagle
- 5) **Declarations of Interest;** T Bennett & A Loft (allotment holder); A Lambert (landlord and owner of Hockham Eagle pub); J Leech (farmer at Little Hockham).
- 6) **Requests for Dispensation;** None
- 7) **Minutes of the meeting of 17th April 23;** These had been circulated and were agreed to be taken as read.
- 8) **Progress Report.**
 - a) Several updates had been received from Ms Truss.
 - b) The defibrillator light would be fixed on June 5th.
 - c) The wheelchair ramp still needed testing.
 - d) Congratulations were given to those who assisted with the flower boxes.
 - e) Streetlights. One led ordered but not received yet.
 - f) Surgery Matters. Nothing more to add.
- 9) **Public Participation.** The meeting was adjourned for a public discussion.
- 10) **Highways and Highway Safety.**
 - a) The Wayland signs replacement request was being quoted by highways.
 - b) The builders were having issues getting approval to move the 30mph sign on Wretham Road.
 - c) The Rangers had mended several potholes, were replacing the worn warning sign on the s bends, were to clean dirty signs, had completed some potholes in Harling Road near Moat Farm, had looked into drainage issue by the pub, would be looking at the road surface on Little Hockham Lane near Home Farm Park. The overgrown trod was reported. There was mention of an overgrown hedge in Little Hockham Lane, drainage in Little Hockham Lane and verge damage throughout the village. Vicarage Road signs posting was discussed where it meets the A1075. The clerk would put an article regards this in In Touch.

11) Planning.

The consultation on the local plan had been completed.

3PL/2023/0429/HOU Pascali Extension, No Objection.

3PL/2023/0472/F St Merryn, The parish council were unhappy with this application and would forward comments to the clerk for putting online.

3PL/2023/0489/LU Barkers Farm. No comments to make.

Smithy Cottage Wall. It was decided to consider an FOI to get a response from planning.

12) Finances.

The clerk presented the finances. To approve were the clerk's salary and PAYE at a new current rate. Pearce & Kemp £45.60; Reimbursement for compost to the clerk £128.

13) Allotments.

The auger had yet to be used. One Harling Road plot holder had been written to about the allotment condition. One Shropham Road holder had yet to pay rent.

Serco would be asked to quote for cutting some of the Harling Road allotment grass.

14) Footpaths and Rights of Way.

Some hedges needed cutting back. The clerk would do an In Touch article. NCC would need contacting.

15) Playing Field.

The insurance was now under the parish council banner. A separate meeting was needed to discuss the way forward.

16) Tree Works. One quote received, another expected soon.

17) Community Car Scheme. The clerk was seeking a new administrator.

18) Councillor Updates.

A further litter pick was suggested, Additional dog fencing would be looked into; the clerk would investigate. The clerk and Mr Wiltshire would discuss if the village hall toilets could be made more accessible to the general public.

19) Correspondence.

Mobile library changes had been put on the notice board.

20) Agreement of PC meetings for 23/24; ; June 19th; July 24th, September 4th; October 16th; Nov 27th; Jan 8th; Feb 12th; Mar 18th; April 22nd; May 20th.