

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF HOCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT HOCKHAM
VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 30TH MAY 2022**

Present 10 members of the public, 5 parish councillors and the clerk.

- 1) **Election of chairman.** It was proposed that Aaron Lambert continue as chair and unanimously agreed.
- 2) **Election of vice chairman.** It was proposed and unanimously agreed that Tom Bennett was the vice chairman.
- 3) **Parish Appointments to outside bodies** were agreed as follows.
Cheque signatories /online payment authorisers; Councillors Campbell, Thomas and Lambert.
Financial Reconciliation; Councillor Lambert
Footpaths and Forestry; Councillor Lambert
Tree Officer; Councillor Campbell
Planning; Councillor Lambert
Highways and Safety; Councillor Thomas
Allotments; Councillor Bennett
Battle Area Liaison; Councillor Leech
Wayland Partnership; Parish Clerk
Police Liaison; Parish Clerk
- 4) **Confirmation of Hockham Fuel Allotment Trustees;** V Thurkettle, B Campbell, R Garrod and C Garrod (also clerk to the charity)
- 5) **Confirmation of Hockham Townlands Trustees;** J Plummer; J Carter; C Quinsey. D Childerhouse had resigned as clerk and I Knott was approved as a new trustee and new clerk.
- 6) **Apologies for absence;** Councillor Leech
- 7) **Declarations of interest;** Councillor Lambert as landlord of the Hockham Eagle; T Bennett and B Campbell as allotment holders
- 8) **To consider requests for dispensation;** None
- 9) **Minutes of the meeting of 25th April 2022,** were agreed and approved.
- 10) **Progress Report;**
 - a) Vicarage Rd ditch progress had discovered that the run may go under some properties
 - b) PC Laptop grants progress had only come up with a potential Awards for All grant.
 - c) A third cut on the playing field had been instigated and was a success. It was agreed it should continue. Mole issues were being investigated.
- 11) **The meeting was adjourned** whilst a public participation session took place.
- 12) **Councillor Vacancy;** The deadline for ten electors requesting an election had passed and co-option was being advertised under Pol 018. There had been two interested parties and this item would be on the June 13th Agenda.
- 13) **Highways and Road Safety;**
Councillor Thomas said that some potholes had been filled but Little Hockham Lane had seemingly been missed. Overgrown vegetation on the B1111 had been sorted. A

sign damaged on Vicarage Rd had been rectified. A warning sign on the Wretham Rd had been damaged and there was no progress on the school footpath by Highways.

- 14) **Planning Applications.** None. Smithy Cottage wall demolition was under investigation at Breckland Council.
- 15) **Finance.** The papers had been circulated and there were no questions. Dual account authorisation had not been progressed. Issue with Eon payments continued.
Payments agreed were as follows;
Clerk's salary of £125 till end May
Training for play equipment £60
Streetlight Risk Assessment £484
- 16) **3 Year Strategic Review.** It was agreed that issues further on the agenda would have a significant effect on the plan. Some work by the chair had been made towards a village questionnaire.
- 17) **Allotments:** Councillor Bennett gave an overview of the results of the allotment questionnaire and would make a report in the future.
- 18) **Footpaths and Rights of Way;** Flooding on Fen Drove continued due to poor ditch maintenance. THE FC had cut a path through some fallen trees.
- 19) **Streetlight Risk Assessment.** A discussion took place over the report. The developers on the Wretham Rd would be asked about a potential road closure that could save money for the concrete lamp replacement.
- 20) **Playing Field Discussion.** It was agreed the playing field would be taken over by the parish council once the insurances had been sorted.
- 21) **Councillor Updates;** None
- 22) **Hornfair and Stone Turn risk assessments.** The risk assessments had been completed and road closures formally agreed.
- 23) **Correspondence.** The clerk gave a resume of correspondence received.
- 24) **Parish Council Meetings were agreed for the following dates.**
2022 13/6; 25/7; 5/9; 17/10; 28/11; **2023** 9/1; 13/2; 20/3; 17/4; 22/5