

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HOCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 22ND 2021
AT HOCKHAM VILLAGE HALL

Attending; A Lambert (Chair), C Garrod (Clerk), T Bennett, B Campbell, D Childerhouse, C Thomas, Ward member P Cowen and 10 members of the public.

1) Apologies and approval of absences and acceptance for reason of absence

Apologies were from J Leech and C Woodsford. Acceptance of reason for absence of the Hockham councillors was approved.

2) Declaration of Interest

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

3) To Consider requests for dispensations

None

4) To approve as accurate the minutes from 11th October 2021.

These were approved

5) Progress report for information

The clerk outlined possible costs for 5 a side goals regarding the possible spend from bottle bank income

There was no update on criteria for NCC not insisting on street lighting for the Broadland Housing development

6) Public Participation

The meeting was adjourned for the public to speak

7) District and County Councillor Reports

There was no County Councillor report.

Ward member P Cowen reported on the issues surrounding a local plan review from the plan policy INF 03. He assured all that the timescale would not result in the plan policies “falling off a cliff” and gave reassurances that the 5 year landbank was not an issue, following government guideline changes.

8) Traffic and Road Safety Update

The Chair and Clerk gave a report of a positive meeting held with the local farming community.

Only four people had applied to run the Community Speed Watch. As a minimum of six were required this could go no further.

The Clerk highlighted a report from highways regards verge ownership in the village centre.

9) Planning Applications and Updates

Application 3PL/2021/1495/LB for a Conservatory replacement for Hornfair Thatch was discussed. The council would post a favourable comment online.

10) Highways Update

Councillor Thomas gave a comprehensive update on highways matters.

The overgrown hedge in Larling on the B1111 highways would not action. A pothole on the B1111 and foliage round some signs had been dealt with.

The school footpath had not been attended to. Patching work by the junction on the green with Watton road had been completed. Mud on the Shropham Roads and Watton Roads had been reported. The rangers would be assessing all the grips.

It was reported that there was an issue with a water meter manhole cover in Watton Road, the clerk would investigate.

A discussion on Vicarage Road and access across the A1075 was discussed and a request for foliage to be cut back in Vicarage Rd was discussed.

It was suggested that The method to report matters to highways should be put in an In Touch article.

11) Playing Field Dog Fence

Following issues with the ROSPA specification of the installed fencing, the contractor had removed the fencing.

New quotes had been received and it was agreed to go ahead with the cheapest ROSPA quote once the issue of more potential grant funding had been resolved.

Townlands and The Playing Field Association contributions would need to increase

12) Finance Report

A lively discussion took place over the 2022/23 budget. It was agreed that a precept of £8500 should be requested, with the increase covering higher electricity bills for streetlights and for reserves not to be depleted. A 3 year plan for spending would be put on further agendas, so it could be seen as what spend may be required in the future.

Finance report 22nd November 2021

E-ON	Electricity	£91.11
C Garrod	SALARY	£168.00
Pearce & Kemp	Street Light Main.	£45.60
C Wiltshire	Wep Page Cost	£196.36
Nalc	Training	£300.00
Pearce & Kemp	Street Light Main.	£45.60
E-ON	Electricity	£94.14
Nalc	Training	£576.00

Payments since the last meeting

Income

Allotment Rent	£90.00
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Payments Approved

Chris Garrod	Salary & expenses 9/8to 11/10	£238.66
HMRC	Income Tax	£23.00
Village Hall	Allotment Water	£69.68
SLCC	Membership Fee	£70.00

Balance **Community Account** **£23.370.65**

13) Wretham Road new development

The streetlighting layout had been approved

14) Allotments

Councillor Bennett would be investigating potential grants but would need to liaise with allotment holders in the near future.

15) Footpaths and Rights Of Way

The Forestry Commission had indicated that they would look at maintaining path RB1 though they had pointed out it was NCC responsibility.

A fallen tree near Puddledock and condition of the Coach Road were discussed. The Clerk would investigate.

16) Councillor Updates

The Clerk gave a brief update on the progress of a small orchard on the playing field.

A potential clothes bank was discussed. Siting and use were considered. A suggestion to locate at the village hall was declined.

The clerk was asked to look into solar powered streetlights.

17) Parish Partnership Scheme

The closure for applications was 10/12/21. The clerk would attempt to contact highways to discuss hashed areas at various locations.

18) Village Sign Refurbishment

As a parish council asset, it was agreed that the sign could be refurbished for the Hornfair/Jubilee, with Townlands agreeing to cover the cost of the work.

19) Information Board for the Green

It was agreed that a board could go on the green. Finances had yet to be agreed.

20) POLO17 Grants and Donations

This was approved

21) POL018 CO-Option Policy

This was approved

22) CiLCA Learning Agreement

This was approved.

Date of next meeting December 13th 2021 at 7.30pm