

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HOCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 13th 2021
AT HOCKHAM VILLAGE HALL

Attending; A Lambert (Chair), C Garrod (Clerk), T Bennett, B Campbell, D Childerhouse, C Thomas and 4 members of the public.

The chair paid tribute to former parish councillor, Mike Reide, who had passed away recently.

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 22nd November 2021.

These were approved

5) Progress report for information

Consultation would need to be considered for any football goals on Chestnut Sq. There was no update on criteria for NCC not insisting on street lighting for the Broadland Housing development, but as streetlighting is going ahead this item would be dropped.

Investigation into solar powered streetlights had confirmed that currently these were considered inferior products. LED replacement would be put on the 3-year plan for discussion.

6) Public Participation

The meeting was adjourned for the public to speak

7) District and County Councillor Reports

There was no County nor District Councillor report. As many items of concern regards highways were being regularly raised, the Clerk would ask if Councillor Eagle could attend the next meeting.

8) Traffic and Road Safety Update

No further progress. Under the public participation section, a parishioner had asked about verge ownership and the farmers meeting. Reports would be forwarded. Other items raised were leaves on the pavements and roads, street cleaning and the speed of vehicles on the A1075, plus moving the 30mph sign on the Wretham Road. The latter had already been agreed by planning. It was agreed to continue lobbying our county councillor regards the A1075 speed limit.

9) Planning Applications and Updates

There were no new applications.

10) Highways Update

Councillor Thomas gave an update on highways matters.

The school footpath had not been attended to. Feedback on mud on the Watton Roads had been received from highways, who were contacting the landowner. The rangers would be assessing all the grips in the future.

A water meter manhole cover in Watton Road had been investigated.

A request for foliage to be cut back in Vicarage Rd was still to be completed
The method to report matters to highways had been put in an In Touch article.
A resident had asked about Shropham Road potholes, but investigations suggested these had been addressed. It was reported that several soakaways were blocked.

11) Playing Field Dog Fence

This had been ordered and the deposit paid. Likely installation Jan 2022.

12) Finance Report

13) Finance report 13th December 2021

Income

Playing Field Ass for fencing £2292.60

Payments since the last meeting

SLCC	Sub	£70.00
Village Hall	Allotment Water	£69.68
C Garrod	Pay, Exp. Car scheme	£238.66
HMRC	Income Tax	£23.00
CE Clark	Deposit for fencing	£7,447.08

Payments due

Chris Garrod Salary & expenses 11/10 to 22/11 £518.36

HMRC Income Tax £4.20

Pearce & Kemp Street light Maintenance £45.60

Balance **Community Account** **£17,814.83**

14) Allotments

No updates

15) Footpaths and Rights of Way

The issues with RB1 had yet to be addressed.

The fallen tree near puddledock was not on an official footpath but would be reported to the Forestry Commission.

FP8 was muddy but it was considered it was winter and wet.

16) Councillor Updates

The Police would be in the village on 6th Jan 2022 from 10am-11am in the village hall car park. Parishioners were encouraged to talk to them if they had issues. the names put forward for the new development had been rejected by Breckland council. The criteria for acceptance had been queried. It was agreed to put an article in In Touch regards suggestions. Manor Field and a suggestion of a Trappes-Lomax suggestion were put forward.

It was agreed to put football pitch refurbishment on the 3-year plan.

From the participation session, it was considered a prize for the best Xmas lights was appropriate. The chairman would look into the idea

17) Tree Planting

The clerk gave an update on trees to be planted in the Fuel & Furze and within the area of the playing field in 2022.

18) 3 Year Strategic Plan

The clerk had produced an initial document for discussion. It was agreed to try and get this document completed by the annual parish meeting, but the parishioners would need to be consulted by some sort of questionnaire.

Date of next meeting January 17th 2022 at 7.30pm (subject to National Restrictions)