

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HOCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 2021 AT  
HOCKHAM VILLAGE HALL**

Attending; A Lambert (Chair), C Garrod (Clerk), B Campbell, C Thomas, J Leech & D Childerhouse and 10 members of the public.

**1.Apologies and approval of absences and acceptance for reason of absence.**

Apologies were from C Woodsford, T Bennett and ward member Phil Cowen. Acceptance of reasons for absence of the Hockham Councillors was approved.

**2.Declarations of Interest.**

J Leech as a farmer at Little Hockham, A Lambert as owner and landlord of the Hockham Eagle and B Campbell as an allotment holder.

**3.To Consider requests for dispensations**

None.

**4.To approve as Accurate the minutes from 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

These were approved with one amendment to the date for councillor training.

**5.Progress Report for Information**

There were no new ideas for the ring-fenced bottle bank income.

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

GDPR and FOI training for councillors is on 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November 7pm-9pm

**6.Public Participation**

The meeting was adjourned for the public to speak.

**7.District and County Councillor reports.**

There was no County Council Report but the clerk read a report from ward member P Cowen.

*“There is not a great deal happening re Breckland, but I would ask that you advise members that we will be providing grants of up to £500 to parishes that wish to mark the platinum jubilee celebrations in June next year. Full details regarding this will be published nearer the time. In addition, we shall also be providing a checklist for parishes should they need to seek road closure notices and the like in connection with any celebrations.*

*As we are all too aware the HGV driver shortages combined with the fuel availability problems is having an adverse impact on society and Breckland is no exception. Thus, please bear with the Serco team as they undertake their refuse collection and recycling rounds. If a bin is missed, please use the report it function, on the website. Do please leave your bins out and they will be collected as soon as practically possible”*

**8.Traffic and Road Safety Update**

The meeting with the local farmers would be taking place before the next full council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

No news from Highways yet.

There had been two people so far, declare interested in becoming part of the Community Speed Watch Team, six were required.

**9.Planning Applications and updates.**

3PL/2021/0990/F Church Barn Drive had been approved

3DC/2021/0246/DOC Brookside Farm Discharge of conditions. No comments required

3NM/2021/0079/NMA Non-material amendments to 3PL/2019/0474/F for the Broadland Development required no comments.

## **10. Highways Update**

Councillor Thomas, reported that new kerbing and bollards had been installed at the Little Hockham Lane/Harling Rd junction.

The Rangers were due a visit. Reports to them included mud on the roads on Shropham Rd and Little Hockham Lane.

The kerbing damage by old school had been repaired.

The speed limit signpost at Little Hockham Lane has been fixed.

Road surface damage had been actioned for repair at the Watton Road/Shropham Road junction near the green.

The footpath by the school was due for works.

There were concerns mentioned of verge vegetation growth on the B1111 and the clerk would contact Larling Parish Council.

There was concern about loose barbed wire near Puddledock. This would be reported.

## **11. Finance.**

A discussion on the 22-23 budget was had. There were concerns over a potential 50% increase in electricity costs for streetlights. This could mean a large increase in the precept, but more would be known by the next full meeting, after discussion with EON.

Payments since the last meeting

Nfk Community Foundation	Return WE day grant	£500.00
Pearce & Kemp	Street Light Main.	£45.60
C Garrod	Community Car	£26.00
E-ON	Electricity	£94.14
Royal British Legioon	Donation	£250.00
C Garrod	Parish Councillors Guid	£23.25
Nalc	Clerk training	£96.00
In Touch	Donation	£100.00

Income

Precept	£3,750.00
Allotment Rent	£210.00
Town Land for fence	£1,191.00

Payments due

Chris Garrod	Salary 28/6-9/8	£168.84
C E Clark	Fence	£8500.62
Pearce & Kemp	Street Light Maintenance	£45.60
Clerks CiLCA training		£250

Balance            **Community Account**    **£24,797.46**

Approval was made for the clerk's salary and training and the streetlight maintenance.

## **12. Wretham Road Development**

The streetlight plan was discussed. Councillor Childerhouse would discuss the potential movement of one of the four proposed streetlights with the developer.

## **13. Allotments**

All bar one of the rents had been received for the Harling Road.

## **14. Footpaths and Rights Of Way**

Councillor Campbell requested the Forestry Commission was contacted regards vegetation growth on footpath 1.

**15. Councillor Updates**

The budget would need approval at the next full meeting.

**16. POL 016 New Policy for FOI and Publication Scheme.**

This was approved.

**17. Complaints Procedure PRO 001 Issue 3**

This amendment was approved.

**18. Complaint**

A report from the clerk regards an outstanding complaint and action to take was approved.

**19. Date of next meeting November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021 at 7.30pm**