

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HOCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 28TH JUNE 2021
IN THE EAGLE CAR PARK**

Present

Councillors F Eagle (NCC) A Lambert, D Childerhouse, C Thomas, B Campbell and 16 members of the public

1. Apologies C Woodsford P Cowen (Breckland Council)

2. Co-option of councillors for vacancies from 2019 election

Tom Bennett and Jonathan Leech were proposed by D Childerhouse and Seconded by C Thomas having already furnished the Parish Council with their personal details. The appointments were approved and both were welcomed as councillors. They completed and signed the register of interests.

3. Appointment of new clerk

Christopher Garrod was proposed by D Childerhouse and seconded by C Thomas. The position was approved.

4. Declaration of Interests

A Lambert re anything to do with the Eagle Public House, J Leech as a local farmer

5. Minutes of the last meeting of Monday 17th May 2021

These had been circulated and were approved as a true record.

6. Matters Arising from the minutes

Chestnut Square sign; D Childerhouse had asked H Stebbing to sort the lettering and had received a favourable cost. A Lambert asked if the house numbering could also be looked at.

Playing field fence; Clarkes from Caston, would be starting this job in July

Clerks Training; This was booked for September at a cost of £80

7. Finance

The internal audit was approved and signed

Payments since the last meeting

Pearce & Kemp	Street Light Main.	£45.60
E-ON	Electricity	£91.11
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E-ON	Electricity	£94.14
Savills	Allotment Lease	£175.00

Income since the last meeting.

Community Car Grant	£100.00
Fence Grant	£3,575.00
Bottle Bank	£321.70

Balance **Community Account** **£21,207.90**

Expenditure and Income were approved

Report From Fabian Eagle NCC

Councillor Eagle gave his report. He said that the conservatives had majority seats having increased that majority. Finances were very tight following the loss of 200 million pounds of grant funding. He had a small highways budget, but it had to be shared between his 25 parish councils.

Recently money had been spent in the parish on cutting back vegetation from identified junctions. Flood defence kits were being purchased. The deer sign on the A1075 was successful and showed a perceived 50mph limit.

C Thomas mentioned he had contacted Highways regards some finger posts for School Square but had been unsuccessful.

Councillor Eagle mentioned he may be able to get a highways representative to a future meeting.

Councillor Eagle then left the meeting to discuss matters with a parishioner.

8. Planning

Approval had been received for the following application's;

3 Watton Road

Extension to Sma Glen

Applications to be decided;

6 Scotgate Close No objection to be lodged

Tarn Hows No objection to be lodged

The Barn Driveway was an application for certificate of lawfulness so the Parish Council cannot comment, however there was no objection.

9. Highways

C Thomas updated the council.

He had requested that highways place a concealed entrance sign on Church Lane by Three Gables on the Wretham Road. No reply received.

Carriage repairs had been requested.

Hedges by the school had been cut.

Some drains had been cleared.

10. Any Others Business

- a) Standing Orders were approved.
The Complaints Policy, Complaints Procedure and Complaints Form were approved. The social media policy was briefly discussed, but as it had not been circulated it was withdrawn from discussion. Further policies and procedures to follow for approval at the next meeting.
The approved items would be posted on the village website, which was being updated.
- b) It was approved that the clerk should purchase copies of the Good Councillor Guide 2018 in hard form for a cost of approximately £30. Digital copies had already been sent to all councillors.
- c) The Parish Council had received a complaint. The clerk would look into the matter.
- d) There was a request to tidy the footpath by the school. C Thomas would contact Highways.
- e) Mrs Welford had raised concerns over traffic speeds at school times. The speed camera had been moved to near the school to try and assist.
- f) The chair asked if the bottle bank income could be ring-fenced to provide something for the village. This was approved. The clerk would raise the matter of people using the bottle bank more via In Touch newsletter. The chair asked for ideas to spend the ring-fenced money on.
- g) There had been a minor blip in village grass cutting due to Serco needing new machinery. This had been resolved.
- h) Abrey Farms had gifted some potatoes and a letter to some Shropham Rd residents, apologising for increased noise and movements in the harvest season. The parish councillors felt this a very generous and caring act.
- i) During the public discussion, a request had been made to put an item on the next meeting agenda, regards property damage in School Square as well as elsewhere in the village under the title, Traffic and Road Safety. This was approved.

The next meeting would be Monday 9th August at 7.30 pm, the venue would be the village hall if covid restrictions allowed.

