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                                         Mr T Gossage                      ) Parish Council  
                                         Mrs T Sismey                      )  
                                         Squadron Leader J Neild

Apologies for absence had been received from Parish Councillors Mrs M Eade, Mr S Turner and Mrs D Barrett. PCSO Phil Writer and Norfolk County Councillor Mr M Storey.

After waiting until 7 45 pm no more councillors had arrived, so we did not have enough councillors to run the meeting. It was agreed that the clerk should book the hall for next Tuesday 20 January 2015 at 7.30pm and inform everyone regarding the change. Mrs Raburn apologies to everyone present for their wasted journey. The clerk will confirm the change of date tomorrow.

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                                         Mr M Storey                      ) Norfolk County Councillor

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## **1. MINUTES**

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 9 December 2014 previously circulated be approved and signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Miss Johns and seconded by Mrs Barrett.

**NALC Weekly Updates:** The Parish Councillors had all received copies of these updates and there were no queries from anyone about them.

**B1112:** It is understood that this road is being repaired next week 9am to 4 pm during school times. Notices are displayed, Wangford Road will be closed for repair at some later time.

Xmas Tree: The Xmas Tree outside the Red Lion was very successful, and Mrs Barrett informed the council that the publican has said he would like to repeat this again next year, with a bigger more organised Carol Service. Mrs Sismey said perhaps the Council could offer to purchase the tree in 2015.

Parish Precepts 2015/2016: The clerk gave out to all the councillors present and Mr Storey a copy of the estimated expenditure by the council until the end of March 2015. The clerk explained that out monthly electricity costs have gone down since the implementation of the new LED Lights. The clerk also had with her the cashbook for the councillors to see where the figures come from. The clerk pointed out that the Council Tax Support Grant for this coming year is to be £775 this year. This grant to assist with the reduction in the tax base for Hockwold which is this coming year 345. The lighting has gone over budget due to our share of the cost. The general purposes were under budget again this year.

Mrs Sismey commented that some people have made remarks about the state of the playing Field. The clerk did remind councillors that Mr Gossage had informed the Council that they have on order new swing seats, which are often damaged by old children in the village swinging and climbing on them. Mrs Raburn said that no interest is shown until something goes wrong, when she was on the committee no-one would come forward to join the committee or help out. After some further discussion regarding the figures it was proposed by Mrs Sismey and seconded by Miss Johns that our Precept Figure should be the same as last year £14804.00 including the Council Tax Support Grant. All the councillors present agreed.

Parish Rangers: The clerk reported to the councillors that just after last months meeting she heard from the rangers asking for any work that is required to be done. The clerk replied telling them about the drains and gullies down Nursery Lane and the flooding at the bottom of Nursery Lane. She also asked them to clean the footpath at the top of Lakelands. Hopefully this work has or will be attended to soon.

Village Hall: The Chairman has received a letter from Mr Mike Macey of the Village Hall Committee regarding the possibility of installing a bio mass boiler in the village hall at a cost of £19,519.00 net. After some discussion it was agreed that the clerk should reply that if at some point during this year, these plans become a realisation, the hall should contact the council again, when they will consider giving a donation towards this project, which they did appreciate would be great benefit to the hall.

Site Allocations & Development – Pre-Submission Document: Hockwold has one site on this list – South Street – land of around 0.2 hectares for the residential development of five dwellings. The consultation period for this document is from the 12 January 2015 to 23 February 2015 and can be viewed at the Borough Council Offices in Kings Lynn or at public Libraries, the nearest to Hockwold being Downham Market. The Parish Council did not have any problems to this application.

Norfolk Constabulary – Match Funded PCSO's: The Norfolk Constabulary would like to introduce a PCSO match funded partnership scheme and have allocated ten dedicated PCSO posts for this purpose. PCSO's are funded by the Constabulary and another organisation i.e. Parish Council or a business association. Salary costs are split 50/50 between constabulary and the partners i.e. five or six parishes and get monthly cover from the PCSO. Mr Storey said that the Stoke Ferry Parish Clerk is setting up a Meeting to discuss this idea and suggested the clerk get in touch with her. Unfortunately Hockwold would not be in her area. The clerk will look into this matter.

Rural Housing Allowance: All the Parish Councillors have been given a copy of this document, which contains websites to get further information.

Norfolk Accident Rescue Service: A thank you letter has been received from this charity thanking the parish council for their donation.

East Anglia's Children's Hospice: A letter has been received from this Charity thanking the Parish Council for their donation.

Norfolk ALC Members Survey 2014: The Chairman read out this survey form for the councillors to give their replies. The clerk will complete the form and send it to NALC

Norfolk RCC E-Newsletter: The councillors have all received a copy of this newsletter, and there were no queries.

Elizabeth Truss MP: Two letters have been received from our MP and copies of these have been sent to all the councillors, they had all read them and there were no queries.

Society of Local Council Clerks: A letter has been received from this association enclosing an article entitled 'Vat is a simple tax'. A copy of these letters have been given to the councillors and the clerk has kept a copy and read the article involving VAT!!

Side Table: Clerks & Councils Direct January 2015. Business Support – New Anglia Growth Hub. NCC 'We're helping Norfolk residents go dry for January' this enclosed a poster regarding this matter for the notice board,

### 3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS/PERMISSION/REFUSALS

Ref: 14/01518/F

Name: Mr J Scott  
Whyte Dyke Farm,  
Black Dyke Road,  
Hockwold, IP26 4JW

Location: White Dyke Farm, Black Dyke Road, Hockwold.

Details : Relocation of 2 stable blocks in paddock

Hockwold Parish Councillors could see no reasons why these stables

Could not be relocated. All the Councillors were in agreement to this decision.

Ref: 14/01388/F

Removal of condition 4 of planning permission 2/79/2828/O:

Occupancy restriction at The Bungalow, Cowles Drove, Hockwold-cum-Wilton, Norfolk, IP26 4JQ

Notification that the application has been withdrawn.

#### PERMISSIONS

14/01388/F - Padville, 12 Main Street, Hockwold. Hockwold-cum-Wilton. Application Permitted.

14/01618/F - Munden House, 78 Main Street, Hockwold-cum-Wilton. Application Permitted.

14/01621/F - Munden House, 78 Main Street, Hockwold-cum-Wilton. Application Permitted.

14/00265/NMA-1 White Dyke Farm, Black Dyke Road, Hockwold. Application Permitted.

#### 4. **BILLS OF ACCOUNTS**

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| 20.01.2015 | K & M Lighting services Ltd – Maintn. (Jan.) | £ 70.55 |
|            | Mrs G M Taylor Wages – Jan. inc. increase    | £461.80 |
|            | Broadband & Calls                            | £ 55.00 |
|            | Postage                                      | £ 12.20 |
|            | Mr M Moore – Bus Shelter (six weeks)         | £ 33.00 |
| 16.01.2015 | E-on – DD – Street Lighting (Dec.)           | £149.91 |

It was proposed by Miss Johns and seconded by Mrs Sismey that these accounts are paid.

#### 5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cory Wheelabrator Kings Lynn: Mr Storey informed the Councillors that on the 8 January 2015 Cory withdrew their planning application for a waste incinerator in King's Lynn, and the cost involve has been paid by the Borough Council.

Mud on Road: Mr Storey said he was contacted regarding mud on the road going towards Weeting. This was very bad . Mr Storey knew the landowner concerned and knew he had a brush, so contacted him and the mud was speedily cleaned up.  
If anyone sees mud on the road in the village they should contact Mr Storey.

Stolen Goods: Recently there has been property stolen from cars within the village. In Peacock Close bags were taken from a car early in the morning. The car was open as the owner was defrosting the windows.

In Mill Lane a resident left the car open, property was stolen from the car. The police were notified of both of these incidents.

Main Street: Either Highways or Open Reach have been doing repair work at the Station Road end of Main Street, and have left the job unfinished with barriers round it, making it difficult for vehicles turning into or going out of Main Street, the clerk will contact Highways for them to look into the matter.

Potholes: The two potholes outside the Read Lion have still not been attended to, the clerk will contacted Highways regarding this matter.

Dog Fouling: Once again the Council have had reports of dog fouling on footpaths within the village, Mrs Raburn will put about this matter in the village Magazine.  
Miss Johns reported that her puppy was attacked by two German Shepherd, dogs being walked in the village by an American. Mrs Raburn will speak to Squadron Leader Neild about this matter.

Wilton Bridge: Two vehicles were parked on the land by the bridge, while people were fishing near by. As long as they have licences there is nothing we can do.

6. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** It was agreed that the date for the next meeting of the Council will be on 10 February 2015 at 7.30pm.

Distribution: One copy to each councillor. One copy to Mr M Storey Norfolk County Councillor, Mr M Peake & Mr A Lawrence District Councillors, Downham Market Police, RAF Lakenheath, Two copies for display within the village and one copy for the web-site

