Present: Councillors of Hockwold cum Wilton Parish Council

Cllr Raburn, Cllr Johns, Cllr Gossage, Cllr Sismey, Cllr Turner, Cllr Sullivan, Cllr Randall

Cllr Arbour, Cllr Southwell have given their apologies

Parish Clerk Ms H. Cox

Squadron Leader Neild

One member of the public

**Open Forum:**

Parishioner Phillip Martin, of Mill Lane Hockwold Cum Wilton, addressed the Parish Council about complaints he has concerning the poor broadband service in the village. Mr Martin reported constant interruptions, sometimes lasting for several hours/days. Its been reported that there are dozens of houses effected. Mobile service in the area is abysmal, so the need for reliable phone and wifi are of more importance. Mr Martin asked for assistance from the Parish Council. The clerk was instructed to write a letter of inquiry/complaint to the Kings Lynn Borough and BT Services. Proposed by Cllr Raburn. Seconded by Cllr Sismey.

1. **Minutes:**

* *Amended Minutes for meeting held 8th November 2016*, Proposed by Cllr Randall, seconded by Cllr Sullivan. Agreed by all Councilors present.
* *Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th December 2016*, the clerk was instructed to

1. **Matters Arising and Correspondence:**
   1. RAF Lakenheath: Squadron Leader Neild reported a return firing activities. Increased activity this Wednesday and next Wednesday. Squadron Leader Neild addressed complaints of firing on a bank holiday Monday. He stated that, although, it is allowed to fire on Bank Holidays, the Airforce usually does not. In the future they will try to refrain from firing on Bank Holidays. Squadron Leader Neild expressed his sadness at the loss of a serviceman in a road traffic accident recently and reiterated importance of road safety. It was asked if it is still a rule that servicemen and their families are NOT to overtake within a 10-mile radius of base. Squadron Leader Neild confirmed it is still in place IF the driver holds an Airforce licence.
   2. NALC & CAN Update: all Councillors have received all updates, no queries.
   3. Police: all Councillors have received all updates, no queries.
   4. Kings Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council letter – Grass cutting changes beginning this year. Full 12 cut schedule will be reinstated in some areas. List of areas not available at the time of the meeting.
   5. NARS (Norfolk Accident Rescue Service) letter read out. Rural emergency first aid workshops available at a small cost. Clerk instructed to send a letter out to the village organizations about possibly planning a workshop together. Cllr. Sismey to forward a list of village organizations to the clerk. Proposed by Cllr Raburn. Seconded by Cllr. Sismey.
   6. Lakenheath Surgery – response letter read out. ‘The closure of the Hockwold Surgery at short notice was due to the unforeseen prolonged absence of one of the doctors at the practice.’ It informed the Parish Council that the building will not meet safety standards under the *Care Quality Commission*. Because of this, the Hockwold Surgery will not be reopening. Clerk instructed to publish key information on the Parish Council website and Facebook page. Cllr Raburn to put it in the magazine.
   7. Hamill Landscaping and Maintenance services introduction letter read out. Clerk to keep it on record.
   8. Possible Village Activity- Encourage community engagement discussed. Clerk instructed to put it on the next agenda.
2. **Planning**

* 16/01953/F | Alteration and extension of cottage to form porch and construction of freestanding garage | Grange Cottage Burdock Proposed to approve the plan by Cllr. Johns. Seconded by Cllr. Sismey. Agreed by all present.

1. **Permissions/Refusals/withdrawals: Read out**

* 16/01953/F | Alteration and extension of cottage to form porch and construction of freestanding garage | Grange Cottage Burdock Lane Hockwold cum Wilton Norfolk IP26 4JN APPLICATION PERMITTED
* 16/01950/F | Extensions and change of roof covering | 55 Main Street Hockwold cum Wilton Norfolk IP26 4LQ APPLICATION PERMITTED
* 16/01798/CU | Temporary change of use from domestic garage to commercial retail outlet | 31 Main Street Hockwold cum Wilton Norfolk IP26 4LQ APPLICATION PERMITTED
* 16/00934/CM | County Matters Application: Installation of modular pyrolsis plant for the treatm ent of plastics on existing waste management site | Freedom Recycling Ltd Freedom Farm Cowles Drove Hockwold cum Wilton Norfolk IP26 4JQ Granted Planning Permission for this activity by Norfolk County Council.

1. **Bill of Accounts January 2017**

**Payments:**

**10.01.17**

K&M Lighting Services (invoice ) £ 76.03

Bus Shelter Cleaning (Nov 2016 & Dec 2016) £25.00

Ms. H. Cox --

• CiLCA Training (3 of 12) £46.16

• Reimbursement for postage £1.65

• Wages (40 hours) £461.60

TOTAL £509.41

Eon- Direct Debit – Street Lighting £147.98

John Long (grass cutting/weeding Cross Hill) £60.00

Total Payments £818.42

Income:

Interest Earned (BP Account) £1.45

Total Income £ 1.45

Transfer from Business Premium Account to Community Account for New Village Sign/Plinth £5425.00

1. Accounts as above agreed by all Proposed by Cllr. Randall and seconded by Cllr. Turner.
2. **Items for the next agenda**

* Cowells Drove pothole. The very large pothole outside Fountain Riding Stables. Clerk to report to Rangers.
* The pathway between Mr. Osbournes and Mr. Enefers on Mains Street is still in disrepair. Clerk to report again to highways department.
* Reports of dog thefts in the area. Cllr. Raburn to put it in the next magazine.
* Dog mess still an issue in the village. Clerk instructed to put reminders on the Parish Councils Facebook and webpage.
* Reports of static caravans in the area. Clerk instructed to talk to Kings Lynn Planning department about the regulations.

1. **Next Meeting**
   1. 14th February 2017 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Main Street, Hockwold. .

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