

# **HOCKWOLD-CUM-WILTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Methodist Chapel, South Street Hockwold on  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors of the Hockwold cum Wilton Parish Council  
Mrs. P Raburn (Chairman)  
Mrs. L. Arbour, Mr. T. Gossage, Ms. R. Johns, Mrs. L. Randall, Mrs. T. Sismey,  
Mrs. I. Sullivan, Mr. S. Turner.  
Parish Clerks  
Mrs. G. Taylor, Mrs. L. Fothergill.  
Borough Council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk  
Councillor Martin Storey.

Apologies: Squadron Leader Jerry Neild

1. **Minutes:** Minutes from Hockwold cum Wilton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June approved and signed by Chairman. Proposed by Councillor Randall, seconded by Councillor Raburn.
2. **Matters Arising and Correspondence:**
  - a. NALC Weekly Updates and CAN Updates received by all councillors with no queries to raise.
  - b. Elizabeth Truss MP for South West Norfolk – Battle of the Somme commemoration event email received from E. Truss MP. 8000 tickets are to be made available for this event through a public online ballot, ballot opens 28/9/15. Councillor Raburn and Mrs. Fothergill to put details into the Hockwold Village Magazine so that people are aware.
  - c. Site Allocations and Development Management – noted that a letter has been received stating that hearing sessions for Site Allocations and Development Management Policies examination have been adjourned until further notice as major issues have been raised. There will still be 2 briefing sessions on the 5<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm and 6pm at the Community Centre in Kings Lynn. Councillor Sismey will attend the 2pm session and Councillor Johns will attend either the 2pm or the 6pm briefing. Councillors Sismey and Johns will email the Borough Council to let them know that they will be attending. Councillor Storey gave the Parish Council a brief update on events, explaining that RSPB and Natural England had agreed to the 5 year plan prior to the session, but during the session had doubts and wanted further information.
  - d. Parish Partnership Scheme – scheme for local highway improvements with the County Council. There is a total sum of £300,000 to be allocated on a 50/50 basis. Bids must be in by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015, and notification of decision would be in March 2016. Discussion was held over whether this could be a way of funding a SAM2 Flashing Speed Sign for the village. SAM2 costs and requirements were explained to Parish Council (see attached sheet). Westcotec (suppliers of SAM2) are to be invited by Mrs. Fothergill to discuss options further at next meeting.
  - e. Highway Station Rd Accident – all had received notes from meeting 16/7/15 with Mr. A. Wallace of Highways. Road narrow signs should be going up on Station Rd, but as any other major changes to the junction of South St and Station Rd would be very costly it is likely that this is all Highways will do, hence discussion on SAM2 signs. Mr. Wallace is yet to report back on who placed the cameras on Station Rd as he had said at the meeting on 16/7/15 that they were not Highways, but he would find out who placed them.
  - f. Internal Drainage Board, Southery and District – letter has been received inviting councillors to nominate members to serve as Borough Council representatives on this board until May 2019. This would mean attending 2 meetings a year (June and December), regarding drainage all around this local area. Councillors to let Mrs. Fothergill know if they wish to be put forward.

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- g. 2 letters from Mr. R. Waple (village resident) – Mr. Waple wrote to express an interest in taking on the cleaning of the bus shelter. Councillor Raburn said that the Parish Council may need to provide him with expenses for cleaning materials. He is the only applicant so he will be given the job. Proposed by Councillor Sismey, seconded by Councillor Johns. Mrs. Fothergill to notify him of this. Mr. Waple also wrote to request an allotment, there is currently 2 available, and so he will notified by Mrs Fothergill that he can take one immediately.
- h. Allotments – following allotment inspection on 24/7/15 it has been noted that some are in a state of disrepair. 2 are currently free, costs for a year's rental to remain at £10, proposed by Councillor Arbour, seconded by Councillor Sismey. Notice to go in the Hockwold Village Magazine about keeping allotments tidy, councillors to consider whether a deposit should be asked for when taking an allotment so this can be held back if an allotment is left untidy or with items that have to be cleared. This deposit could help funding of unused allotments being cut back by John Long. Also noted that the allotments are quite large and that the Parish Council are happy for people to share them.

### **3. Planning Applications:**

- a. No plans submitted this month.
- b. 15/00671/F 83 Main St, erection of single storey side/rear extension – permitted 29/6/15.
- c. 15/00748/F 36 Hockwold Hall, Station Rd, front and side single story extension – permitted 29/6/15
- d. 15/00792/LB 36 Hockwold Hall, Station Rd, listed building application for front and side single story extension – permitted 14/7/15.

### **4. Bills of Accounts:**

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| a. Payments, July | 15/7/15 | Eon – DD – Street Lighting (June)   | £145.08 |
|                   | 28/7/15 | K&M Lighting Services Ltd.  | £ 70.55 |
|                   |         | Mrs. G. Taylor - wages  | £461.80 |
|                   |         | - Broadband + calls   | £ 50.00 |
|                   |         | - Postage   | £ 16.86 |
|                   |         | Mrs. L. Fothergill – training   | £138.60 |
|                   |         | NALC – 10 Good Councillor Guides  | £ 22.80 |
| Receipts, July    | 6/7/15  | Dividend from Cons. Stock   | £ 0.09  |
|                   | 6/7/15  | Redemption of Cons. Stock   | £ 15.01 |
| b. Payments, Aug. | 11/8/15 | K&M Lighting Services Ltd.  | £ 70.55 |
|                   |         | Mrs. L. Fothergill – wages  | £404.25 |
|                   | 15/8/15 | Eon – DD – Street Lighting (July)   | £145.08 |
| c.                |         | Accounts as above proposed by Councillor Gossage, seconded by Councillor Randall. |         |

### **5. Any Other Business:**

- a. Methodist Chapel is scheduled for closure later this year, Councillor Raburn has been to Village Hall Committee and arranged for Parish Council meetings to be held there from October 2015. Mrs. Fothergill will be a key holder. Charge will be £10 per meeting.
- b. Councillor Gossage reported concern over fencing being in disrepair down Church Lane as this was allowing children to climb through into the pit beyond. Believed that this fence line is property of a resident down Lakelands.
- c. Councillor Gossage reported that some signage has been pulled up along Station Rd, Mrs. Fothergill to report this to Highways and get them to replace.
- d. Noted by Councillors Gossage and Johns that there is a lot of people and horses down by the river, and this is making a mess. Also concern over vehicles travelling down Church Lane to the river at speed.

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- e. Councillor Gossage reported concern over the overgrown trees at Treetops on the corner of South St. Councillor Storey reported that he thought the trees had been started to be cut but had to be stopped due to birds nesting, and that the works will be continuing.
- f. Councillor Arbour said that a member of the public had asked about trees along the soft verge of Boundary Close being trimmed. No one knew who they belonged to but it was felt that it was not Parish Council.
- g. Councillor Arbour reported a complaint from a member of the public about the van that parks by the playing field gates. Parish Council have no control over parking, can only advise generally.
- h. Councillor Sismey reported that the pot hole at the bottom of Mill Lane has not been fixed. Mrs. Fothergill will report this to Highways.
- i. Councillor Sismey reported that the Hockwold village signs and the warning triangles on the approaches into the village are very rusty and in disrepair. Mrs. Fothergill to notify Highways.
- j. Councillor Johns noted that the Hockwold sign coming in from Feltwell needs to be cut around more. Mrs. Fothergill will report this to Highways.
- k. Councillor Johns queried whether there had been any correspondence from the PCSOs, particularly as the Post Office has been broken into. It was felt by all that more feedback is needed.
- l. Councillor Sullivan reported seeing a car being broken into, and felt that there should be a reminder about locking cars. This will go in the Village Magazine.
- m. Councillor Turner requested that weeds are cleared from by the church wall along Church Lane during next Rangers visit. Mrs. Fothergill will report this to Highways.
- n. Councillor Randall requested that the gully along Nursery Lane is cleared during next Rangers visit. Mrs. Fothergill will report this to Highways.
- o. Councillor Randall queried whether there was anything to be done to cut back an overgrown hedge at the bottom of Nursery Lane, but it wasn't felt that there was.
- p. Councillor Randall reported that the village sign on the bowling green is starting to rot at the top and needs some repairs. Mrs. Fothergill to investigate a way of dealing with this.

## **6. Next Meeting:**

- a. 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7.30pm at the Methodist Chapel, South St, Hockwold.

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