



Huntingfield Parish Council

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of Huntingfield Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th July 2023 in the Hub

Councillors attending: Cllr David Blackmore (Chair), Cllr Edward Watson, Cllr Emma Ward, Cllr Julie Collett, Cllr Carla Kruger, Cllr Clive Clarke-Watson.

Also attending 4 residents and Clerk/RFO Carol Hume

- 26.23 Apologies and approval of absences.** County Cllr S. Burroughes, District Cllr J. Ewart, Matt Bostock
- 27.23 To receive Declaration of Interest.** Cllr David Blackmore and Cllr Julie Collett declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10 (d)
- 27.23 To consider requests for dispensations.** None
- 28.23 To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the council and the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 17th May 2023 are a true and correct record.** The council agreed that the minutes were correct and they were signed by the Chairman.
- 29.23 To receive Progress Reports for information.**
- Overhanging trees and hedges on the highway – The information on how to report any new issues had been put in the Hare. Hedges on Cratfield Road have been reported to the Council. It seems as if the message is finally getting through. The overhanging tree on Linstead Road needs to be reported as it is almost falling down.
 - Lloyds Bank – the mandate change is now completed. Matter is resolved.
 - Holland Rise – UK Power Networks have said a tree surgeon will be coming sometime this year.
 - Holland Rise – New Tide Homes will repair the pathway from the parking area by the end of this month. The light only needs a new bulb, but no-one takes responsibility for it.
 - Neighbourhood Development Plan – the clerk will obtain more information and report at the next meeting.
 - Plug-in Suffolk – Cllr Collett read out a report from Wilby Parish Council which outlined the costs involved, which are high and the disappointing income received. There followed discussion about whether it is worth having chargers in the village. It was decided that the Hub should discuss the matter with the possibility that the Parish Council could contribute up to 50% of the cost. A decision will be made at the next meeting whether to go ahead with the project.
 - 20 mph Speed Limit – Cllr Watson reported that there is a national campaign known as “20’s Plenty” which has 18 pages of background material. He suggested that these 18 pages should be circulated to councillors to read and then a vote could be taken at the next meeting on whether to proceed.
- 30.23 Public participation session (15 minutes) to include County Councillor and District Councillor reports**
- Reports received from County Councillor Burroughes and District Councillor Ewart prior to the meeting had already been circulated. There was some more discussion about the “20’s Plenty” speed limit campaign and whether it should be a Council decision or villagers. It should be put in the next edition of the Hare as a separate item followed by a request for how people feel about the proposal. Further tree-cutting update that Suffolk CC had been out to Holland Rise, had UK Power Networks switch off the power and then cut back the wrong trees completely missing the two trees that needed cutting. The big tree stands on land owned by Suffolk Highways and is protected. Cllr Kruger will report it using the on-line tool.
- 31.23 Update on properties in Huntingfield owned by the Heveningham Hall Estate.** Matt Bostock had sent a detailed progress report on Huntingfield properties which was read out by the Clerk. There Was a positive reaction to this. The Clerk will thank Matt for his report and say we look forward to Further updates before the next meeting.



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32.23 Finance

- a. To approve the end of year accounts for the financial year 1/4/2022 to 31/3/2023. Approved.
- b. To review and approve the statement of accounts for the current financial year. Approved
- c. To review and approve the bank reconciliation. Approved
- d. To approve the Authorisation to Pay. Approved
- e. To approve the account receipts. Approved

33.23 To receive the internal audit report from Heelis and Lodge. The 4 recommendations made by the auditors will be put on future agendas.

34.23 To consider ideas on how to spend the CIL payment received during 2022. Along with the 4 suggestions discussed at the previous meeting there were new ideas: 1. A public bike repair and pump station, cost would be £1275 + VAT. 2. Restoration of the pump on the Green (this idea had been discussed in previous years). 3. A standpipe or similar to water the trees on the Millenium Green. These ideas will all need costings for consideration before a decision is made at the next meeting. The wooden base and legs for the gazebo will cost £353 + VAT. Cllr Collett will go ahead and order the timber which the Parish Council will pay for. The work will be done by Jim.

35.23 To note correspondence already received and circulated: Noted.

36.23 To consider possible funding for school uniforms. District Cllr Ewart had forwarded a link but not everyone was able to access it so it would be circulated again and put on the next agenda. It seems it is an exchange programme known as a uniform bank grant scheme. It may be something the new East Suffolk Council Communities Officer, Sam Kenward could advise on.

37.23 To discuss the drains at the end of Laundry Lane. Whenever there is heavy rain the excess rainwater fails to go down the drain but floods a next door garden. The problem is the ditch so Cllr Collett will take photos and report the problem to Suffolk Highways. It was felt this could be a health hazard too.

38.23 To consider items for inclusion on the next agenda. 1) Neighbourhood Village Plan 2) "20's Plenty" speed limit campaign 3) Internal Audit recommendations 4) School Uniform exchange programme 5) CIL funding decision.

39.23 Date of the next meeting: To confirm the date of the next meeting scheduled for 13th September 2023 at 7 pm in the Hub.

Meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Minutes agreed as correct.

Chairman _____ Date _____

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