



Huntingfield Parish Council

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of Huntingfield Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 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 and District Cllr Ewart. Also attending 9 residents and Clerk/RFO Carol Hume

40.23 Apologies and approval of absences. County Cllr S. Burroughes, Matt Bostock

41.23 To receive Declaration of Interest. None

42.23 To consider requests for dispensations. None

43.23 To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the council held on 12th JULY 2023 are a true and correct record. The council agreed that the minutes were correct and they were signed by the Chairman.

44.23 To receive Progress Reports for information.

- a. Overhanging trees and hedges on the highway – These had been reported on the SCC portal, inspected and considered to no longer be causing concern. Advise people to use the portal to report in future.
- b. Drains and ditches – Flooding on Bridge Street reported on 24/7/23 by Cllr Collett on Suffolk Highways portal. She will remind them again as flooding is still a issue.
- c. Holland Rise – UK Power Networks say a tree surgeon will attend in the autumn.
- d. Holland Rise – New Tide Homes will need chasing about repairs to the stairs.
- e. Neighbourhood Development Plan – If one is in place the village will have more of a say in planning decisions and more CIL money coming in but it will take considerable time to implement.

45.23 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. Cllr Ewart highlighted some points from her report – the Community Partnership; the lunch to be held at the Hub on 16th September; the importance of the Parish Council making a planning response using the “calling in” process; available grants for Warm Rooms this winter and whether the Parish Council has any capital projects in mind or if they had any other requests. A member of the public then raised the subject of the village email group which it is hoped will be restarted. A form will be put in the Hare and completed ones can be put in a collection box in the Hub. The wall on the bridge has three new vertical cracks in it. It was suggested photos of it are uploaded onto the highways portal. Overhanging trees over the bank need cutting back. They belong to Heveningham Hall so the clerk will email Lawrence Walker, the Estate Manager. There were complaints about workmen going to Valley Farm speeding through the village early in the morning. The clerk will email Matt Bostock and suggest they could use the same route as delivery lorries. The sign directing people to the church is hidden amongst thick hedging which will be cut back.

46.23 Update on properties in Huntingfield owned by the Heveningham Hall Estate.

Matt Bostock had emailed updates which the chairman read out. Question about the amount of soil at Huntingfield Hall – it is being moved there by Wilderness Reserve to avoid vehicles going through the village.

47.23 Finance

- a. To review and approve the statement of accounts for the current year. Approved.
- b To review and approve the bank reconciliation Approved
- c. To approve the Authorisation to Pay. Approved
- d. To approve the account receipts – interest £28.27 VAT refund £239.09. Approved

48.23 To consider planning applications DC/23/2970/LBC and DC/23/2971/FUL Huntingfield Hall

The chairman read out the applications. It was confirmed that the property is for a member of the Hunt family. There was concern that the work on this property is taking priority over work to be done on other properties in the village. The clerk will ask Mr Bostock to clarify the situation in her email. The Parish Council supports both applications unanimously.

49.23 To decide how to spend the CIL payments received during 2022.

The party tent – this is a separate issue and should be on a future agenda.

The bike repair station – cost will be £1275.

The base is complete for the storage shed and the gazebo will be installed w/c 2/10/23. Total cost so far is £400.

No cost yet for new road signs to the church.

50.23 To note correspondence already received and circulated:

Mobile phone mast on the church tower. To be put on the next PCC agenda. Laxfield and Heveningham churches have them installed. Cllr Ward will make enquiries.

Car parking on the village green – only happens a few times a year. Parking signs need to be put out before an event. People should be vigilant and advise people where best to park.

Dog fouling – put an item in the Hare reminding dog owners to take responsibility for their own dogs. Also more signs could be put up near the play area and at the entrance and exit to the

51.23 School uniform exchange programme – Halesworth church has a rail of available items.

52.23 To discuss the “20’s Plenty” campaign – The chairman said he had received one positive comment about this campaign having asked for comments in the Hare. Cllr Kruger will register for and attend the virtual meeting on 27th September to get further information so that a vote can be taken on supporting the campaign at the next PC meeting.

53.23 Update on items for inclusion on the next agenda.

The Hub has decided it does not want to go forward with the Plug-in Suffolk campaign.

Hub expenditure

Update on the new Hub lease

54.23 Date of the next meeting: To confirm the date of the next meeting scheduled for 8th November 2023 at 7 pm in the Hub.

55.23 Provisional dates for 2024 HPC meetings – 10th January, 13th March, 8th May, 10th July, 11th September, 13th November.

Meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Minutes agreed as correct.

Chairman _____ **Date** _____

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