



Huntingfield Parish Council

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of Huntingfield Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th November 2023 in the Hub

Councillors attending: Cllr David Blackmore (Chair), Cllr Edward Watson, Cllr Julie Collett, Cllr Clive Clarke-Watson, County Councillor S. Burroughes and District Cllr J. Ewart. Also attending 8 residents and Clerk/RFO Carol Hume

56.23 Apologies and approval of absences. Cllr. E. Ward and Cllr C. Kruger

57.23 To receive Declaration of Interest. None

58.23 To consider requests for dispensations. None

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

60.23 To receive Progress Reports for information.

- a. Clerk will create the Huntingfield People email group with the current contact list.
- b. Drains and ditches – No properties were flooded following recent storms. Staff from Heveningham Hall Estates had been working hard on the 2nd making sure flood water could get away. Clerk will write To Lawrence Walker and thank him for their help on the day.
- c. Holland Rise – No updates available.
- d. Cllr Collett produced on screen data downloaded from SID for September and October which showed the average speed was below 30 mph. The limit was exceeded on only two occasions. This showed that SID is working as a deterrent to speeding.
- e. Overgrown trees along the Carnser had not yet been trimmed. Clerk will write and remind Lawrence Walker.
- f. Cllr Watson has reported deterioration of the bridge on Bridge Street to Suffolk Highways but their engineer said the condition hadn't changed. Request for another engineer to come out to see if a weight restriction might be appropriate. Cllr Watson will take a photo showing how much the gap has increased and he will send the photos already taken to CC Burroughes.

61.23 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. District Cllr Ewart said that 24 properties in her ward had been flooded following the recent storms and she had received flood reports from all parishes. It is important for communities to put together an Emergency Plan for the future and to be more welcoming to newcomers in the village. There are grants available under the project "Warmer Homes" and power projects will be going ahead. County Cllr Burroughes thanks DC Ewart for her report. He said that after twenty years the new highways contract has gone to Milestone. CC Burroughes will be driving through Huntingfield on Wednesday 15th November with the Highways Officer, Wayne Saunders and they will review the state of the bridge on Bridge Street. There had been no consultations on National Grid projects. It would be useful to have an Emergency Contact in the village and perhaps an Emergency WhatsApp group. Following a question about the ESC Polling Station survey, CC Burroughes said the Hub had nothing to worry about. There were comments from the public about flooding issues and drainage. At the top of Brick Kiln Lane it would improve the drainage if it was concreted out. Tractors and large vehicles speeding are causing damage to the verge along the road outside Malt Cottages which leads to ditches overflowing and there has been some damage to private

property. Clerk will write a letter to local farmers who use the road asking them to slow down and take more care.

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

No updates from Matt Bostock were received.

63.23 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 £37 CIL receipt £14,455.57. Approved
- e. The draft budget for 2024/2025 was discussed, adjusted and will be approved at the January meeting in order to calculate the precept for 2024.
- f. The CIL report will be

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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