

# Minutes of Hardingham Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.00pm at Hardingham Village Memorial Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Richard Burke (RB), Henry Edwards (HE), D George (DG), Virginia Lenihan (VL)

**In attendance:** H Frary (Clerk) and one member of the public

## OPEN FORUM

None

### 1) Apologies for absence. Cllr Tim Barrett (TB), DC Martin and CC Connolly

**Absent:** Cllr G Gower (GG) and Jane Strudwick (JS)

### 2) Declarations of Interest. None

### 3) Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July and 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019 were circulated prior to the meeting. They were initialled and signed by the Chairman.

### 4) Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting (not already on the agenda):-

Meadow Barn. There has been no update from Breckland Planning. **Clerk to chase and add to next agenda**

### 5) Financial Matters

- Consideration of the purchase of a Village Entry Sign through the Parish Partnership Scheme. There was discussion and it was agreed not to be financially viable at this time as the sign costs in the region of £500
  - Consideration of whether to remove the dormancy freeze on the Santander Parish Council account. It was agreed that as the funds are secure, there is no need to remove the freeze at the present time.
  - Payment of Accounts and precept update
    - Clerks Wages (September) s/o £162.32
    - Clerks Wages (October) s/o £162.32
    - Norfolk Pension Fund (September) chq 637 £60.12
    - Norfolk Pension Fund (October) chq 638 £60.12
    - Clerks reimbursements (July / August) chq 639 £34.12
    - HMRC chq 640 £121.60
    - Breckland Council (Election Fee) chq 641 £75.00
- Proposed: RB, seconded: VL

### 6) To consider the view of the Council about the following planning issues

- Any time limited planning issues: None
- Planning responses by delegated powers: None
- Any Planning Notifications: None

### 7) Correspondence

- Breckland Council review of polling districts and stations. Retained by the Clerk
- NALC invitation to join a community group to look at ways of improving wellbeing and green credentials in the county. Retained by the Clerk
- DC Martin update about his first 90 days as a District Councillor. It was agreed that DC Martin completes much work behind the scenes on behalf of his constituents.
- Road closure in the Parish. Information on the website.

### 9) To consider any Highways and footpath issues

Speeding in Low Street – there has been correspondence from residents concerned about the speed of traffic along Low Street and the request to reduce the speed limit to 30 mph. Councillors agreed that whilst it is unfortunate, the road does not currently fulfil the criteria for a 30 mph limit. It was suggested that the police be approached to ask them to complete speed checks with handheld cameras, and if

there is still an issue the purchase of a SAM2 sign be considered in the future. **Clerk to contact Norfolk Constabulary**

Moving of Low Street Postbox – RB reported that he attended a site meeting with DG, CC Connolly and representatives from the Post Office. There was a lengthy discussion about both suitable and unsuitable sites. Re-siting the postbox at the entrance to the station was not a possibility, and the Post Office representatives were clear that in the light of safety and the need for a site free of underground cables & other considerations, the only viable position for the box would be at the top end of Mill Road. As the alternative was no postbox at all in this area, the Parish Council representatives agreed with this solution. The chosen site has no cables, allows vehicles to pull off the road, and does not deviate too far from the collectors normal route. This site will have to be agreed by two different teams which will take time. It is hoped there may be a solution within six weeks.

Footpath clearance – DG reported that the footpath officer has been working with the landowners of FP3 and FP4. Norfolk County Council have agreed to cut the vegetation growing through the path and install footpath signs. The landowner has agreed to cut and maintain the hedge along the side of FP4 and remove the fencing to reinstate FP3. DG was thanked for time he has spent working towards this solution.

#### **10) Date of Next Meetings**

11 November 2019 at 7pm at the Village Hall

#### **11) Feedback from Councillors and items for the next agenda.**

HE asked the clerk to request patching to the side of the Sandy Lane in the area south of the entrance to Gresham Farm. **Clerk to report**

RB reported the large pothole in Mill Road has still not been repaired. **Clerk to report**

DG reported that he is booked on a 'Being an Effective Councillor' training course next week

Meeting closed at 8.20pm