

Minutes of Hardingham Parish Council meeting held on 13th January 2020 at 7.00pm at Hardingham Village Memorial Hall

Present: Cllrs Richard Burke (RB), Henry Edwards (HE), Dudley George (DG), Glen Gower (GG), Virginia Lenihan (VL) and Jane Strudwick (JS)

In attendance: H Frary (Clerk) and four members of the public

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DC Martin had previously shared his report which was circulated to Councillors and is available on the website.

- 1) **Apologies for absence.** Cllr Tim Barrett (TB), DC Martin and CC Connolly
- 2) **Declarations of Interest.** HE declared an interest in the Gresham Farm planning application.
- 3) **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th November 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):-**
Item 11 – A list of available public transport in the Parish has been displayed in the bus shelter and on the Parish Council website.

Item 6 was brought forwards in the meeting to allow members of the public to speak.
HE declared an interest in this time and handed over the role of Chair to DG

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

- Any time limited planning issues:
 - 3PL/2019/1594/F: Gresham Farm, Sandy Lane – Conversion of traditional brick barn previously used as sculpture workshop into a single residential dwelling.

The meeting was closed at 7.05pm to allow members of the public to speak.

A neighbour of the property attended the meeting reported that they are concerned that the retention of 'Pole Barn' as well as the residential dwelling gives a large building footprint for the plot size. They expressed concern that this second building could be used in the future for business which would have a negative impact on neighbouring properties. They suggested that a condition be placed that the property could have a restriction placed for residential use only. They will be responding directly to Breckland Council to state this.

The meeting was opened at 7.10pm

Councillors discussed this and agreed that this concern should be relayed to Breckland Council.

Proposed: RB, seconded: DG

- Planning response of 'no comment' by delegated powers:
 - AG/2019/0022/AG: Browns Farm, Manson Green – Agricultural notification about a new building.
 - 3PL/2019/1457/F: Station House, Mill Road – temporary mobile home for ancillary accommodation in grounds of existing dwelling to provide 24hr care for elderly relative.
 - 3PL/2019/1497/HOU: 20 The Homestead, Nordelph Corner – single storey extension to side.
- To consider any action to be taken regarding the lack of enforcement of planning conditions on Meadow Barn

Meeting opened at 7.15pm to allow the public to speak

The owner of Meadow Barn explained that she had received a letter from a Council Planning Lawyer in 2017 informing her that there had been a complaint about the lack of cladding on the

roof of the property. She asked for three years to complete the work for personal and financial reasons however had no reply. She received an enforcement notice from Breckland Council in 2018 and has agreed that cladding the roof will begin during spring 2020.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm

Councillors were very pleased to hear this intention.

- Any Planning Notifications:
 - AG/2019/0022/AG: Browns Farm, Manson Green – Agricultural notification about a new building. No Prior Approval needed
 - 3PL/2019/1497/HOU: 20 The Homestead, Nordelph Corner – single storey extension to side. APPROVED by Breckland Council

5) Financial Matters

- Payment of Accounts and precept update
 - Clerks Wages (January) s/o £162.32
 - Clerks Wages (February) s/o £162.32
 - Norfolk Pension Fund (January) chq 650 £60.12
 - Norfolk Pension Fund (February) chq 651 £60.12
 - Clerks reimbursements (November / December) chq 652 £30.48
 - CANCELLED chq 653
 - Norfolk ALC (training course) chq 654 £72.00
 - Village Hall Hire (January) chq 655 £20.00

The above payments were agreed. Proposed: RB, seconded: GG

- To agree the budget and precept for 2020/21. There was discussion and it was agreed that the precept should be set at £3,900 which represents a 10% increase for a Band D property. There has been no increase for five years. Proposed: GG, seconded: JS. **Clerk to complete necessary paperwork**

7) Correspondence

- Norfolk Local Access Forum: Invitation to attend Parish Paths Seminar. Shared with Councillors via email. It was agreed that DG and JS would attend on behalf of the Council.
- Road Diversion: Information circulated and available on the Parish Council website.

8) To consider any Highways and footpath issues

- Moving of Low Street Post box update. The post box has been relocated to the end of Mill Road and information about its new location shared by flyer and on the Parish Council website. Thanks were recorded to CC Connolly and DG for their work in making this happen.
- Welcome to Hardingham sign update. The sign has been installed.
- Speeding along Hackford Road. JS reminded the meeting that speeding along Hackford Road is still an issue as drivers tend to use 60mph as a target rather than a limit. It was agreed that 40mph would be more suitable.
- Potholes. Various pot holes have been filled, however the overall standard of the roads in the Parish remain poor. The Clerk and Councillors to continue to report all issues via the NCC reporting website. The following to be reported
 - Pothole on the verge opposite the Village Hall entrance 18 inches long and 3 deep
 - Mill Road – ongoing potholes and general need for resurfacing
 - Pothole on Hackford Road layby by the post box
 - Passing places in Mill Road full of mud and need scraping
 - Just past the Iron bridge towards Danemore is a pothole on the side of the road that is 3 inches deep and 4 ft long
 - Manson Green Road potholes on the west side of road on all the bends have not been repaired
 - The road between Vine Lodge and the railway bridge is full of potholes on the east side
 - Potholes on Sandy Lane south of the entrance to Gresham Farm.

It was agreed that a link to the reporting section on NCC Highways should be put on the Parish Council website.

Clerk to action

- Low Street Flooding – a resident has complained about flooding in Low Street as spray from flooded roads has a significant impact on the row of cottages. It was agreed that CC Connolly has been working hard with Highways to address this.

9. To review the following policies: Disciplinary Procedures, Equalities Policy, Filming at Meetings Policy, Grievance Policy, Media Relations, Sickness Absence policy, Training Policy, Travel & Expenses Policy

These had been circulated outside the meeting and were approved. Proposed: RB, seconded: DG

Clerk to update the website.

10) Date of Next Meetings

9 March, 11 May (AGM), 27 May – Annual Parish Meeting, 13 July, 14 September and 9 November all at 7pm, Hardingham Village Hall

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

Village Litterpick – it was agreed that a village litter pick would be held on the last Sunday 23rd

February at 11am at Hardingham Village Hall

Phone Box Book Swap – There was discussion surrounding the maintenance of the phone box and the content as JS was disappointed to find a pile of books had been dumped on the floor making it almost impossible to get into the Phone Box. JS to monitor weekly and donate the spare books to the Village Fete book stall.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm