

## Minutes of Hardingham Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7pm in Hardingham Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Dudley George (DG) Chair, Tim Barrett (TB), Richard Burke (RB), Henry Edwards (HE) and Paul Hawkshaw (PH)

**In attendance:** H Fray (Clerk), DC Plummer and one member of the public.

### OPEN FORUM

DC Plummer reported that the Local Plan consultation will open in January 2023 and Breckland Council are looking to provide grants to people in need.

- 1) **Apologies for absence.** Cllr Glen Gower (GG) & CC Connolly
- 2) **Declarations of Interest.** None
- 3) **Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held in July 2022 were circulated prior to the meeting. They were initialled and signed by the Chairman. Proposed: HE, seconded: TB
- 4) **Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting (not already on the agenda):-**
  - The new noticeboard details will be displayed shortly.
  - It was noted that the speed limit criteria will not be changed. PH explained that he has read the current consultation document and raised a concern that an explanation for a refusal to lower the speed limit at Danemoor has not been received. **Clerk to contact Highways for an explanation.**

### 5) Financial Matters

- Payment of Accounts and precept update
  - Norfolk Pension Fund (Sept / Oct / Nov) chq 744/745/746 £75.81
  - Clerks reimbursements (July / Aug) chq 747 £37.84
  - Hardingham Village Hall (hire - Nov) chq 748 £20.00
  - Grass Cutting Donation chq 749 £50.00
  - PCC Grass Cutting Donation chq 750 £300.00
  - HMRC chq 751 £145.80
  - Norfolk Pension Fund (Dec / Jan) chq 752 / 753 £75.81
  - Clerks wages shortfall chq 754 £53.64
  - Clerks reimbursements (Sept / Oct) chq 754 £37.84
  - Parish Online subscription chq 754 £43.20

#### Receipts

- Precept £2,447.50

On behalf of the PCC HE thanked the Council for the donation towards grass cutting.

Proposed: TB and seconded: PH

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

#### Any planning applications:

- None

#### Planning response by delegated powers:

- 3PL/2022/0919/HOU: Honeypot House, 10A Hackford Road – proposed annex. Hardingham Parish Council overall support this application but having consulted with neighbours, note their comments as follows: request that no windows or lights be at the rear of the property to protect the privacy of neighbours, adequate provision for the removal of surface water / foul water drainage be confirmed to avoid localised flooding or contamination of neighbouring properties and the consideration of a condition that the annexe may not be sublet from the main dwelling.

### Any Planning Notifications:

- 3PL/2022/0440/VAR: Development site adj Ketts Cottage, Low Street. WITHDRAWN by applicant
- 3PL/2022/0919/HOU: Honeypot House, 10A Hackford Road – proposed annex. APPROVED by BDC

### Other Planning issues:

- HE reminded the meeting that there has been no recent progress on the cladding of Meadow Barn roof. The history of the issue was discussed and DC Plummer agreed that he would ask Breckland Planning for an update. **DC Plummer to investigate and report back**
- There has been no update regarding the application for a water meadow along Mill Road.
- Response from Breckland Council regarding the differences in application of planning policies in two applications within the parish. There was discussion and PH read an email response he received from George Freeman MP regarding the issue.

## 7) Correspondence

- SAAA - Option to Opt-Out. Retained by the Clerk
- BDC - Local Plan (Partial Review) Regulation 19 consultation. Retained by the Clerk
- Request from Norfolk Parish Movement for an OTN to write to our MP to support their campaign. **Clerk to write and reinforce the Parish Council's support.**
- Email from resident requesting contact with George Freeman MP regarding rural fuel costs. There was discussion and it was agreed that the Parish Council should write to George Freeman MP to ask if there are any plans for rural residents to receive support, also to contact the resident to suggest they contact George Freeman MP directly. Proposed: DG, Seconded: RB. **Clerk to draft a response and circulate for agreement.**
- BDC – Local Plan Call for Sites Consultation. PH reported that he attended a joint parish meeting and concerns were raised. It was noted that a full consultation in January will enable comments to be made.
- Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan pre-submission consultation. Retained by the Clerk
- Email from a resident regarding a 'History of Hardingham' page on the website and request for the Council to consider a donation towards the hosting of the 'Group Remembrance' website. There was discussion and it was agreed that a page on our website would be positive and could include a link to the Group Website. For any donation to be made more information needs to be received. **Clerk to respond.**
- NALC – request for expressions of interest to obtain .gov.uk email addresses for Councillors. There was discussion and it was agreed not to proceed at this time.

## 8) Village Issues

- Any Highways Issues (including Highways action log)
  - It was noted that the Church Road and Hackford Road dog bins have not been emptied. **Clerk to report**
  - The B1135 / B1108 'Hardingham Road' sign in Kimberley has been knocked down. **Clerk to report**
  - The sign at the end of Hardingham Road is incomplete where it meets the B1108 Watton Rd. It used to have 2 signs one above the other; first one said "Hardingham Road" and beneath it was another sign saying, "leading to Hackford Road". The lower half is missing. Also they moved the position to the opposite side of the road a few years ago. It is only visible to people driving from Hingham or that direction. Drivers from Norwich or Wymondham direction who are far more frequent, can not see the sign, which is behind them as they pass the junction. It should be facing them logically. **Clerk to report**
  - The finger post at that same junction on the B1108 has been hit and is damaged and not fixed properly and also needs replacing. **Clerk to report**
  - The eastern edge of Sandy Lane has grown due to the wider vehicles using it. The side is now soil and not tarmac. **DG to provide photographs and the Clerk to report.**
- Any Footpath Issues – there is no update about the FP4 re-routing however DG will contact the resident and report to a future meeting. **DG to action.**
- FP3 sign is obscured by a hedge. **Clerk to report.**

- Contact details for emergency responses to be collated and added to the website and Facebook page. **Clerk to action.**
- Consideration of creating an Emergency Plan for the Parish and how to share relevant emergency contact details. **Clerk to share with PH**
- Notification that NWL consultation includes a proposal to close Dark Lane. **Clerk to recirculate the documentation.**
- To discuss the co-option to the vacancy on the Council. To be added to the January agenda.

**9) Date of Next Meetings**

9 January, 13 March, 15 May (AGM), 10 July, 11 September and 13 November 2023 at 7pm in Hardingham Village Hall

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

- Danemoor Speed limit
- Emergency Plan update
- Agreement of Precept
- Co-option onto the Council
- The phone box – Clerk to write and thank Jane and thank for contribution and ask if she's got any money to hand over.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm