

Minutes of Hardingham Parish Council meeting held on 9th May 2022 at 6.15pm in Hardingham Village Hall

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

In attendance: H Fray (Clerk) and two members of the public.

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Maggie Oecslé introduced herself as an independent candidate for the forthcoming Breckland election following DC Martin stepping down

- 1) **Apologies for absence.** Cllr Jane Strudwick
- 2) **Declarations of Interest.** None
- 3) **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair and signature of Declaration of Acceptance of Office**
RB nominated DG as Chair and this was seconded by GG. There were no other nominations and DG accepted and signed his declaration of acceptance of office.
DG nominated PH as Vice-Chair and this was seconded by TB. There were no other nominations and PH accepted.
- 4) **Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held in March 2022 were circulated prior to the meeting. They were initialled and signed by the Chairman. Proposed: RB, seconded: TB
- 5) **Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting (not already on the agenda):-**
 - The Clerk has contacted Highways and asked for a more proactive approach to pothole filling to be considered however there is insufficient funds for this to happen
 - The emergency telephone tree has been updated and circulated
 - The 'Get to know your Councillors' sheet needs updating **Clerk to action**
 - All other actions have been completed.
- 6) **To review the Statement of Internal Control, General Risk Assessment and Financial Regulations.**
These were circulated outside the meeting and were agreed. Proposed: JS, seconded: TB and unanimously agreed
- 7) **To receive the internal auditors report and Financial Summary for 2021/22**
These were circulated outside the meeting and were agreed. Proposed: TB, seconded: RB and unanimously agreed
- 8) **To sign and agree the Certificate of Exemption and Annual Statement of Governance 2021/22**
These were circulated outside the meeting and were agreed. Proposed: TB, seconded: RB and unanimously agreed
- 9) **To agree the Annual Accounting Statement 2021/22**
This was circulated outside the meeting and were agreed. Proposed: TB, seconded: RB and unanimously agreed
- 10) **To make other appointments:**
 - a. Trustee to the Village Hall – Glen Gower Proposed: HE, seconded: TB
 - b. Internal Auditor Scrutineer – Dudley George Proposed: RB, seconded: PH
 - c. Emergency Liaison Volunteer – Paul Hawkshaw Proposed: HE, seconded: DG
 - d. Homewatch Co-ordinator – Sarah Bailey Proposed: HE, seconded: DG
 - e. Fuel Charity Trustees - Henry Edwards Proposed: DG, seconded: GG and Lynn Whitwell Proposed: HE, seconded: GG

11) To review and agree the following policies: Safeguarding Statement of Intent / Policy

This was circulated outside the meeting and were agreed. Proposed: RB, seconded: TB

12) Financial Matters

- Payment of Accounts and precept update

Payments

• Clerks reimbursements (March/April)	£47.84
• Annual Meeting costs	£51.50
• Clerks wages shortfall	£58.74
• Norfolk Pension Fund (April)	£69.64
• Norfolk Pension Fund (May)	£94.68
• Norfolk Pension Fund (June)	£75.81
• Hardingham Village Hall	£20.00
• Zurich Municipal (insurance)	£214.00
• A Baker	£50.00

The above payments were agreed. Proposed: HE, seconded: DG

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

- Any time limited planning issues:
 - 3PL/2022/0440/VAR: Development Site Adj Ketts Cottage, Low Street – Variation of condition 14 on 3PL/2017/1612/VAR. Hardingham Parish Council believe that this condition should remain. The disruption of this development on the original meadow is not offset by a small wildflower meadow. The residents may have received a 'generous drive and hard standing, however, at the expense of flora and fauna. Native trees and hedges are such important biodiversity habitat and certain wildflower species can thrive in woodland shade.
- Planning response by delegated powers:
 - None
- Any Planning Notifications:
 - None
- Any Other Planning Matters:
 - Email from Development Manager Planner regarding small fill site development. DG explained to DC Claussen that the Parish Council have raised a question regarding the criteria for small site development as a policy rather than specific developments which has not been fully answered by planners as they misunderstood the question. **DC Claussen to contact BDC for information**
 - DG asked DC Claussen the reason that Breckland Council are only accepting on line representations for planning applications due to working under covid regulations as general regulations have been relaxed. **DC Claussen to ensure the Breckland website is updated to reflect the return to normal conditions.**

14) Correspondence

- Receipt of email from resident regarding the use of weedkillers by Hardingham Farms. Noted
- Resignation of DC Martin due to ill health - Noted

15) Village Issues

- Any Highways Issues (including Highways action log)

Danemoor Hamlet residents are concerned over the speed traffic travel around the blind bends on the B1135. There are a number of driveways which access this road and pulling out can be hazardous, considering the speed limit is 60mph. Residents noted that there have been quite a few near misses with HGV's/Tractors entering these narrow bends too fast, narrowly missing head on collisions with oncoming traffic. Residents request a 40mph speed limit on the B1135 that passes through the Hamlet, comparable to the limit already in place on Low Street, Hardingham. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact CC Connolly to ask how far the review of the Speed Limit Criteria has progressed. **Clerk to action**
- Any Footpath Issues.

DG has spoken to the Countryside Access Officer and asked them to contact the landowners to discuss a formal diversion of FP4, however there has been no response to date. There was discussion and it was agreed that DG would continue to look for solutions.

16) Date of Next Meetings

11 July, 12 September and 14 November 2022 all at 7pm in Hardingham Village Hall

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

None

Meeting closed at 7.00pm