

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 18 October 2016 at 7:30pm at The Mill Centre

Present

Chairman Mr David Hook, Vice Chairman Mr Richard Delf, Mrs Liz Allen Mr Kevin Cunnngnam, Mr Roger Parker, Mr Hamish Rose, Mr Mike Turner, Mr Peter Workman and the Clerk Mr Ian Nelson.

Members of the public present

County Councillor Allison Thomas, Mr Colin Hawes.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Stephen Burley.

Declarations of Interest

Mrs Allen declared a prejudicial interest in the Greater Norwich Local Plan and the Hornsea Project -Three Offshore Wind Farm Consultation.

Mr Hook declared an interest in the CPRE Pledge.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Mr Delf proposed, Mr Rose seconded and it was unanimously agreed the minutes of the meeting on 20 September 2016 be approved.

Public Participation

MUGA

Mr Colin Hawes offered assistance with the play area as he has a great deal of practical experience with such play areas and fund raising. Mr Hook welcomed the offer to help.

Time is now of the essence in order to avoid grant clawback.

Mr Hawes kindly agreed to liaise with Mrs Howard, Mr Hook, Mr Workman, Mr Parker, Mrs Allen and Mr Delf and provide quotes for the work to be done before the 15 November. Mr Workman will invite Mrs Howard and the Clerk circulate contact details around the sub-group.

PW/IN

County/District Councillor update

County Councillor Thomas reported as follows:

County matters:

Norfolk has now moved up the league table so it has overtaken the national average for GCSE results, however Long Stratton High School is moving in the other direction with results dropping year on year for the last 5 years and is subject to special attention at the moment. A new head now in place.

It is budget preparation time at NCC. Currently there is a predicted overspend of £20m, however budgets are now being worked to as a real spending target.

A ruling is awaited to determine if devolution is able to go ahead, given 4 out of 8 district councils in Norfolk have agreed to vote against it, thus there would be 7 Suffolk and 4 Norfolk councils represented on any combined group.

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

District matters:

The ward boundary review is taking place. Hempnall ward is proposed to change by linking with Tasburgh and Topcroft and unlinking with Woodton and Bedingham We await confirmation of the recommendation pre consultation.

The B1527 road surface on the bends had been retextured, so hopefully this will improve matters.

The reading challenge initiative resulted in circa 200 certificates being presented. The write on Norfolk initiative is very well received and will hopefully continue in next year.

Planning Applications

New applications since the last meeting:

2016/2239 – Hempnall Parish Council, Hempnall Playing Field, Bungay Road, Hempnall - Revision of plans previously approved under application ref 2015/2138 - the only change is the site is to be 90 degrees rotated.

Applications approved since the last meeting:

2016/1979 - Mr & Mrs R Delf, The Poplars Mill Road Hempnall - Formation of new entrance, construction of a boundary wall and removal of one tree.

2016/1866&7 - Mr M Lightfoot, Cart Lodge Barn, Lundy Green Hempnall - Proposed alterations and infill extension of cart lodge to form new entrance area.

2016/1673&4 - Mr Colin Hawes, Hempnall House, Lundy Green, Hempnall - Proposed creation of a new entrance into the field east of the property. Extension of existing pond to circa 1000sqm. Build vehicle store. Fit three new windows, a door and provide toilet to existing stable block. Add porch to side of main house.

2016/1629 - Dr Paula Wolfe, 1 Pevensey House, The Street, Hempnall - Perspex to be removed and replaced with clay pantiles and roof lights, wooden batons to cover existing features and existing outlet to be blocked and guttering extended to rear of garden.

2016/1631 - Dr Paula Wolfe, 1 Pevensey House, The Street, Hempnall - Perspex to be removed and replaced with clay pantiles and roof lights, wooden batons to cover existing features and existing outlet to be blocked and guttering extended to rear of garden.

Applications refused since the last meeting:

None.

Applications withdrawn since the last meeting:

None.

2016/0447 – Extra permission required

The Clerk had contacted the SNC Enforcement Officer. Following a visit to the site he advised planning permission is required for the roof lantern skylight to the garage. The owner of the land has been requested to submit an application for permission. Should no application be submitted the Development Management Committee will be advised of the breach of planning control and decide whether enforcement action should be taken.

2016/0447 – Consultation

The Clerk had circulated SNC's response claiming to have circulated the revised plans, however neither the Clerk nor the neighbour consultees received such plans.

Moles

Mr Shurmer from Hempnall Football Club had reported having major issues with moles again, notably on the youth pitch, but they were getting close to the main pitch too. There seem to be a couple of runs. He asked if the PC could assist with this as the football club can't afford to pay on a regular basis.

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

He had subsequently reported to the Clerk that Mr Whiting had gassed the moles and this had cured the problem.

Mrs Allen proposed, Mr Parker seconded and it was unanimously agreed that if necessary the parish council would fund 3 gas sessions pa and ask the football club to pay for any additional work. The Clerk to inform Mr Shurmer and budget accordingly.

IN

Dogs on footpaths

The Clerk explained he had been visited by two parishioners who asked if the parish council could insist on people using the footpaths keeping their dogs on leads.

It was agreed the Clerk should investigate the law to determine if it required dogs to be under control or on a lead and place an article in the newsletter

IN

Hempnall Greens phone box

The Clerk had circulated emails from Mrs Driver prior to the meeting. It was agreed Councillors would consider these and inspect the phone box ready for further discussion at the next meeting.

ALL
IN

Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm Consultation

The Clerk circulated copies of the consultation document relating to the above which is 120km off the north Norfolk coast. Hempnall PC had been sent copies as a parish council in the Norfolk County Council area. Upon review Mr Workman proposed, Mr Parker seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the development would not affect Hempnall, so no further action required at present.

Items for Newsletter

- Cutting Hedges alongside footpaths
- Dogs on footpaths
- Parking on the village sign area

The Clerk to draft and publish in due course

IN

Items for next meeting

- Litter Clearance
- Village Hall AGM
- Parish Partnership Scheme

IN

Greater Norwich Local Plan and Hempnall Parish Council Planning Policies

Mrs Allen, Mr Cunningham and Mr Hawes left the meeting.

Mr Hook explained that the above and the potential impact on the county and Hempnall re new housing numbers. Further consultation will take place in October 2017 with a view to the plan being adopted in 2020.

Mr Parker had attended the Issues Paper workshop on 12 September and reported on the meeting.

Mr Hook presented suggested planning policies to help the council protect its position in the light of the likely proposals in the Greater Norwich Local Plan. Mr Delf proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed to replace parish council planning policy 2 with the following set of Development Control policies relating to the GNLP to 2036:

2a) Norwich Policy Area

HPC supports retaining the Norwich Policy Area (NPA) with its current boundaries (as defined in the Joint Core Strategy to 2026) for inclusion in the emerging GNLP to 2036.

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

The distinction between the Norwich Policy Area and the Rural Policy Area (RPA) should not be abolished in the new local plan and the area covered by the NPA should not be extended.

HPC wishes to remain within the Rural Policy Area and asks that current JCS policies that protect the rural parts of Broadland and South Norfolk from excessive development (i.e. all places outside the NPA including Hempnall) should be retained in the GNLP to 2036. New development proposed for inclusion in the 2036 plan should be concentrated in the already suburbanised parts of the NPA.

2b) Settlement Hierarchy

HPC considers that the existing Settlement Hierarchy (as defined in the JCS) should be retained in the GNLP to 2036 and re-states its resolve to remain a Service Village and to resist any attempt to be elevated up the hierarchy in the new plan, e.g. to the next level currently known as Key Service Centre.

2c) Development Area Boundary

HPC opposes any development of the village outside the currently defined development boundary. We support infill of small groups of dwellings and small scale businesses and services inside the development area demarcated by this boundary but oppose large scale housing estates.

Definitions

JCS – The Joint Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk to 2026

GNLP – The emerging Greater Norwich Local Plan (to 2036)

HPC – Hempnall Parish Council

Mr Hook proposed, Mr Workman seconded and it was unanimously agreed to convey the policies and views of Hempnall parish council to Mr Tim Horspole (policy director at SNC), County/District Councillor Thomas and Mr Richard Bacon MP. In addition, it will be made clear that when reviewing ward boundaries Hempnall does not wish to become part of the Norwich Policy Area.

DH/IN

CPRE Pledge

Mr Delf took the chair.

Mr Hook explained the rationale behind the pledge (to date 50 parish councils had signed it and 1 refused) which reads:

Hempnall Parish Council supports CPRE / Norfolk in its campaign aimed at ensuring that no new sites are allocated for house building in revised local plans to 2036 until all existing allocations in current core strategies have been developed.

We consider that unrealistic and unnecessary new housing targets, currently under consideration, would cause unacceptable damage to the environment and landscape of Norfolk.

This council therefore asks that our local authorities prepare cases to demonstrate that the environmental harm caused by slavishly following housing market assessments is serious enough to outweigh potential benefits and in so doing enable the adoption of local plans to 2036 that do not elevate housing targets beyond existing levels.*

We note that the Annual Monitoring Reports of local councils reveal that housing delivery is considerably below target levels and that large areas of land already allocated for development remain available and therefore there is no need for new allocations to be made.

** Furthermore these Strategic Housing Market Assessments, which pre-date Brexit, are now unreliable.*

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Mr Parker proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the CPRE pledge be signed and returned to CPRE.

IN

Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council main meeting will take place on 15 November 2016 at 7:30 pm.

IN

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9:10pm.

Signed _____ Date 15 November 2016