

# HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 18 June 2019 at 7:00pm at  
The Mill Centre

## Present

Chairman Mr David Hook, Mrs Liz Allen, Mr Richard Delf, Mr Andrew Driver, Mr Hamish Rose, Mr Mike Turner, Mr Peter Workman and the Clerk Mr Ian Nelson.

## Members of the public present

County Councillor Alison Thomas (from after Planning), Mr Robert Webb.

## Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Paul Edden and District Councillor Michael Edney,

## Declarations of Interest

Mrs Allen declared an interest in the following matters:

- Affordable Housing/Millfields
- Play area equipment

Mr Hook declared an interest in the following matter:

- Play area equipment

## Minutes of the previous meeting

Mr Turner proposed, Mr Workman seconded, and it was unanimously agreed the minutes of the meeting on 14 May 2019 be approved.

## Public Participation

See under play area equipment.

## Planning Applications

### **New applications since the last meeting:**

2019/1060 - Mr & Mrs P Holden, Falgate Cottage, Silver Green, Hempnall - Demolition of existing single storey rear extension, replace with two storey rear extension with single storey extension to side. Including internal alterations and garden wall – Mr Turner proposed, Mr Driver seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the application be approved. IN

2019/1121 - Mr Dan Gray, Field House Stud Field Lane Hempnall - Demolition of existing glazed atrium lobby and erection of extended lobby. – Mr Delf proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the application be approved. IN

2019/1145 - Mr Dan Gray, Field House Stud, Field Lane, Hempnall - Refurbishment works including replacement roof, cladding, and roof lights to outbuilding to provide games room ancillary to the main dwelling – Mrs Allen proposed, Mr Turner seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the application be approved on the understanding that the room will be restricted to usage as a games room and will not be used for residential purposes. IN

### **Applications approved since the last meeting:**

There were none.

### **Applications refused since the last meeting:**

2019/0959 - Mr Quinton Brown, Land West off Alburgh Road Hempnall - Erection of dwelling and garage.

### **Applications withdrawn since the last meeting:**

There were none.

### **Applications outside the parish boundary since the last meeting:**

There were none.

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## **Affordable Housing/Millfields**

We still await an update. The Clerk to monitor.

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## **Matters arising from previous Parish Council meetings – for discussion**

### **Konect 84 Bus**

There will be additional services to the Greens but no connectivity between Hempnall and Harleston.

Mr Driver challenged the figures of 1.68 passengers per day provided by Konect to justify cutting the Harleston service. He said he had used the bus on several occasions in the last few weeks and there was an average of 5 to 6 people on each bus per day. Mrs Thomas pointed out the Boarder Hopper was available for this route. Mr Driver responded that there is a cost involved to this compared to the free bus passes.

Mrs Thomas also pointed out Konnect bus times changed to suit pupil access from Saxlingham to Framlingham school.

Mr Driver proposed, Mr Hook seconded, and it was unanimously agreed the Clerk should write to Konect to enquire how they arrived at the 1.68 passengers per day using the service to Harleston and, in particular, to explain over what time period this statistic was calculated and over which stages of the journey it applied to.

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### **Parish Partnership 2019-20**

The parish council had been successful in its application for funding towards a new SAM2 unit. The Parish Partnership had agreed to fund £1,575, which is to be matched by the parish council.

The cost of a smiley face/angry face unit is much the same as the existing unit, but it was noted this type of unit had not been approved for use by NCC. The Clerk to write to Gary Overland at NCC Highways to ask if it is likely to be approved in the near future and if so would it be possible to use the Parish Partnership grant to buy it rather than the traditional unit.

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### **Action Plan**

The Clerk had sent copies of the draft action plan to councillors for consideration prior to the meeting. Following discussion, it was agreed to add the aims of “Identify a site to be re-wilded” and “Moving the bus stop at the Greens to Alburgh Road”

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Mr Driver proposed, Mr Turner seconded, and it was unanimously agreed the draft, subject to the above amendments, be finalised. The Clerk to publish on the website and provide councillors with a copy.

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### **Play area equipment**

Mr Webb reaffirmed his willingness to volunteer to spearhead any action to help improve the play area. He will come back to the council with a plan. The matter to be on the agenda in future meetings to allow the parish council to assist. It is likely a sub-committee would be formed to deal with this.

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### **Parish Partnership 2020/21**

Mrs Thomas revealed a response from NCC was due to be sent to the parish council shortly which may have suggestions for road improvements for which Parish Partnership funding could be used. It was also noted the funding could be used to replace/repair the Greens’ bus shelter and/or for a pavement on Broaden Lane. The suggestion for a pavement between the Krons and the pavement on Mill Road was rejected as this area is in the parish of Morningthorpe, not Hempnall. It was agreed to consider these matters further following receipt of the letter from NCC.

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## **Items for next newsletter**

The Clerk to draft and issue covering the following matters in the next issue:

- Speedwatch call for volunteers. IN

## **Items for next main meeting**

- Clerk's Salary review
- Playing field – the roof is leaking.
- CPRE conference – Mr Driver to attend and report back. The Clerk to book. IN

## **Date of next meeting**

The next Parish Council main meeting will take place on 16 July 2019 at the Mill Centre at 19:00 and the next planning meeting on 20 August 2019 at the Mill Centre at 19:00. IN

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:20pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 16 July 2019

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