

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 15 October 2019 at 7:00pm
at The Mill Centre**

Present

Chairman Mr David Hook, Mrs Liz Allen, Mr Andrew Driver, Mr Roger Parker, Mr Hamish Rose, Mr Mike Turner, Clerk Ian Nelson.

Members of the public present

District Councillor Michael Edney, Mrs Katie Barnes, Mrs Diane Ingram.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Richard Delf, Mr Peter Workman.

Declarations of Interest

There were none.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Mr Turner proposed, Mr Parker seconded, and it was unanimously agreed the minutes of the meeting on 24 September 2019 be approved.

Public Participation

See VE Day Celebration.

Affordable Housing/Millfields

The Clerk and Mr Hook had written to District Councillor Edney and County Councillor Thomas and received a response, to which Mr Hook had replied. Mr Edney said he and Mrs Thomas supported the Millfield site as an affordable housing site, however, they also needed to balance this with funds the site may generate for the council taxpayer if the site was developed for housing (i.e. not as an exception site). Mr Edney said SNC was already in the top 10 in the country for affordable housing building.

Mr Hook proposed, Mr Driver seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk and Mr Hook should write to the relevant parties to arrange a meeting between the parish council, Saffron Housing / Sam Watts, Big Sky, District Councillor Edney and County Councillor Thomas to progress matters in the direction already discussed with Saffron for the development of the site as an exception site for affordable housing.

DH/IN

84 bus

Mr Driver had heard there may be further funding available from NCC for bus services and encouraged District Councillor Edney to support the reinstatement of the services to and from Harleston. Mr Edney agreed to mention this to County Councillor Thomas.

New applications since the last meeting:

2019/1559 & 1986 - Mr & Mrs M Cotton , The Chestnuts, Lundy Green, Hempnall - Replacement of lean-to extension and removal of conservatory, erection of detached garage and remedial work with internal alterations to main dwelling and alterations to ancillary buildings – Mr Turner proposed, Mr Driver seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the application be approved.

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Applications approved since the last meeting:

There were none.

Applications refused since the last meeting:

There were none.

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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The Deals / orchard / meadow – potential development

Mr Hook stated the information he had received was that the land above had been sold to a developer from Diss, but he had not been able to confirm this. At this stage it was for information only.

Division arrangements for Norfolk County Council

Mr Hook said that the proposals did not affect Hempnall.

Matters arising from previous Parish Council meetings – for discussion

Unnecessary verge cutting

Messrs Rose and Driver presented a map showing the areas requiring cutting for road and pedestrian safety. Following the addition of a couple of areas it was agreed suitable for the Clerk to send to NCC Highways in accordance with the minutes of 24 September 2019.

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Mr Rose to supply the Clerk with a copy of NCC's policy.

HR

Correspondence from Parishioners

75th VE Day Celebrations (Friday 08/05/2020)

The Clerk had circulated the letter from Mrs Katie Barnes prior to the meeting.

Mrs Ingram / Mrs Barnes said it had been a long time since the village came together for a celebration involving as many groups in the village as possible. Initial ideas for a celebration included:

- Village parade starting at the war memorial and ending at the playing field or school for a bring your own "people's picnic"
- Decorate bicycles / pushchairs
- Decorated houses
- Flypast

Mr Edney said there may be a district council fund to support such events but it was not available at present. He would be prepared to offer, say, £500 of his £1,000 discretionary fund to help.

It was noted that any road closure or rolling road closure would need to be requested as soon as possible.

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Mr Turner proposed, Mrs Allen seconded and it was unanimously agreed The Clerk in liaison with Mrs Ingram / Mrs Barnes, should send a letter to as many organisations, groups in the village as possible, promoting the idea and asking them to nominate an individual to join the steering group for the event. Consideration will also be given to the parish council helping to seed fund the event.

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Councillors thanked Mrs Ingram / Mrs Barnes for bringing the initiative to their attention.

Playing Field Grass Cutting

The Clerk reminded councillors that the grass cutting contract was for fortnightly cuts from mid-March to the end of October each year. We advanced the timing of the first cut of the year in 2019 due to the early start to the growing season so it may be necessary to pay for extra cuts in October / November as the growing season seems to also be extending.

Mr Hook proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed extra cuts could be paid for if they were in the region of £120.

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Repair of concrete bridge on footpath between The Street and B1527

The handrail was reported to be in a dangerous state, Mrs Allen, following liaison with Mr Hook and the Clerk had arranged for repairs to be urgently carried out, these had been

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completed today. The Clerk to pay the invoice.

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Guttering on Black Barn

Mrs Allen had received communication concerning water from the gutters on her black barn overflowing onto the pavement. She reported the gutters had been cleared today.

Items for next newsletter

The Clerk to draft and issue covering the following matters:

- VE Day celebrations
- Green Lane working group

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Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council main meeting will take place on 19 November 2019 at the Mill Centre at 19:00 and the next main meeting on 17 December 2019 at the Mill Centre at 19:00.

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

Signed _____ Date 19 November 2019