

# HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 22 December 2020 at  
7:00pm virtually via Zoom

## Present

Chairman Mr David Hook, Vice Chair Mr Richard Delf, Mrs Liz Allen, Mr Andy Driver, Mr Hamish Rose (to end of Parish Partnership Scheme), Mr Mike Turner, Mr Peter Workman (From planning application 2020/2338) and the Clerk Mr Ian Nelson.

## Members of the public present

There were none

## Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillor Alison Thomas and Mrs Joan Cann

## Declarations of Interest

Mrs Allen declared an interest in the Parish Partnership 2021/22 - Bungay Road pinch point. Mrs Allen and Mr Hook declared an interest as Tennis club members in the rent setting matter.

## Minutes of the previous meeting

Mr Delf proposed, Mr Driver seconded, and it was unanimously agreed the minutes of the meeting on 17 November be approved.

## Public Participation

There was none.

## Planning Applications

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

2020/2231 - Mr & Mrs Barnes, 10 Mill Road Hempnall - Demolition of existing rear outbuildings and construction of single and two storey rear extensions. – Mr Delf proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the application be approved. IN

2020/2162 - Mr And Mrs M Lightfoot, Cart Lodge Barn Lundy Green Hempnall - Erection of single storey rear extension – Mr Turner proposed, Mr Driver seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the application be approved. IN

2020/2307 - Mr And Mrs M Lightfoot, Cart Lodge Barn Lundy Green Hempnall - Erection of single storey rear extension – Mr Turner proposed, Mr Driver seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the application be approved. IN

2020/2319 - Mr Joss Rodger, Land at Junction off Bungay Road and Alburgh Road, Hempnall - Clear span steel framed building for agricultural use – Mr Turner proposed, Mr Delf seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the application be approved. IN

2020/2338 - Mr Tom Simpson for Mr Richard Buck, Grange Farm Lundy Green Hempnall - Demolition of 2 No poultry units, decommissioning of 2 No poultry units, modernisation of 3 No existing unit ventilation systems and erection of 2 No broiler poultry units with ancillary feed silos, LPG tanks, hard standing and staff amenity building – Mr Hook proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the application be approved subject to drawing attention to the Parish Council's Light Pollution policy. IN

2020/2396 - Clayland Estates Ltd, The Deals, Mill Road, Hempnall - Residential development of 5 dwellings (with demolition of existing outbuilding) – Mr Driver proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the application be refused and Mr Hook proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed that all the points of objection put forward by councillors should be included in the recommendation of refusal. The grounds for refusal (summarised) are:

A) The development would transform the heart of the village conservation area from a

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"green" enclave (an orchard and a meadow) into a residential development. This is unacceptable to the PC.

B) The proposals would lead to the removal of many trees resulting in serious negative impacts on the conservation area. As part of this it was noted that the developer had already contravened planning law by felling trees on the site without obtaining the necessary planning permission.

C) The unacceptable impact on the southern boundary of the site - notably resulting from the removal of a previously existing hedge and treeline along the conservation area boundary that marks the southern extent of the orchard which would be replaced by a fence alongside a newly created access road. As part of the discussion on this it was noted that considerable damage had already been done to hedging and trees bordering and in the orchard. It was also noted that 2 trees at the southern edge of the meadow would be removed which had been planted (in conjunction with SNC) as a result of contributions made by village residents.

D) Concerns that access via the narrow Field Lane would be unsafe and that it would not be possible to engineer a safe visual splay. As part of the discussion on this it was noted that provision for 13 car parking spaces was to be made on site.

E) Biodiversity impacts on the flora and fauna in the orchard and meadow.

F) Negative impacts on listed buildings.

G) Contravention of HPC policies re, new housing development. As part of the discussion on this it was noted that HPC generally opposes the allocation of Greenfield land for housing developments and that the Parish Council considers current allocations (the Bungay Road site plus the proposed affordable housing scheme near Mill fields together with known infills) to be sufficient new development for the village and therefore housing of the kind proposed for this site is not needed.

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A copy of our response to be sent to the County and District councillors with a request for them to support our position.

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

2020/1536 - Mr Grant Keys, Land South Of, Bungay Road, Hempnall - Discharge of conditions 7, 13, 16, 17 of planning permission 2019/0864 - construction traffic plan, construction management, biodiversity, tree protection.

2020/1903 - Mr & Mrs P Holden, Falgate Cottage Silver Green Hempnall - Variation of condition 2 from 2019/1060 - Condition 2 - Changes to window/door openings, internal layout, revise floor levels within the extension and revise the external wall finishes.

2020/2025 - Mr Christopher Sargent, Agricultural Building at Wood Farm Fairstead Lane Hempnall - Notification for Prior Approval for a proposed change of use and associated building works of an agricultural building to a dwelling house (QA and QB).

## **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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## **Football Club ball control net**

Mr Shurmer had written to state, the developer of the new estate off Bungay Road had suggested they install a 6m high scaffold pole behind the goal for the Football club which would then have to provide netting. The length of the netting would likely be 18 metres. He asked if councillors could advise whether this would be acceptable should the Football Club decide to go forward with this.

The Clerk responded by stating he would put to councillors at this meeting and asked Mr Shurmer to send a sketch of the design, which had been received and circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk had also asked Mr Shurmer to state any safety measure required, e.g. to stop people climbing up the construction, likely maintenance costs and who will be responsible. A response to these points is awaited, The Clerk to chase so this matter can be discussed at the next meeting.

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Mr Shurmer subsequently wrote further to state Mr John Ellis has suggested a laurel hedge be planted directly in front of the west side hedging to the playing field. The football club would favour this over the netting proposal. Councillors mentioned that the west side of the playing field was not behind the goal for which netting was proposed.

Mr Hook proposed, Mr Workman seconded and it was unanimously agreed the planting of a laurel hedge would not be acceptable due to its visual impact on the existing hedge and trees, width of land taken up and relatively high maintenance. The Clerk to inform Mr Shurmer.

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## **Parish Partnership 2021/22 - Bungay Rd pinch point**

Gary Overland of NCC Highways advised that work on this project could be included as part of a future Parish Partnership Scheme. The Parish Council suggested to NCC that it would be sensible for this work be done at the same time as the alterations for the entrance to the new estate but NCC responded that this was not possible. NCC stated the work could cost in the region of £10,000, 50% of which could be funded via the Parish Partnership.

Mr Driver proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was agreed with one abstention that in principle the Clerk should request such a scheme and liaise with NCC to obtain sufficient details to allow councillors to agree a proposal to be put forward to the Parish Partnership Scheme.

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## **Financial Statements**

### **Quarterly Budget Report**

The Clerk presented the quarterly budget report showing the movements for the quarter ended 30 September 2020. At the last meeting, however Mrs Allen had noticed post meeting that the net income to 30/09/2020 did not cast. The Clerk had investigated and discovered an error in the formula on the spreadsheet, which has been corrected and the Clerk apologised. The net figure should have read £22,657.63 slightly more than £22,156.57 previously reported.

### **Playing Field / Village hall rental setting**

The Clerk had circulated rents and costs prior to the meeting. Mr Workman proposed, Mr Driver seconded and it was agreed with 2 abstentions that the parish council will charge the Football Club £1,428 and the Tennis Club £175 for the year ended 31 March 2022. The Clerk to issue the invoices.

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It was noted the village hall intends to review its rent charge in June 2021. The Clerk to note that in future years councillors could set the Playing Field rent linked to account for any increase in Village Hall rent.

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### **Statement Regular Payments**

The Clerk presented the statement of regular payments to the meeting Mr Hook proposed, Mrs Allen seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the statement be approved.

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## **Budget/Precept 2021/22**

The Clerk presented the budget for 2021/22 as previously circulated to Councillors.

The Clerk reported that SNC had informed him the grant attributable to Hempnall in order to compensate for Council Tax Support would be £17,850. The tax base is 449.

Mrs Allen proposed, Mr Hook seconded and it was agreed unanimously that the precept in addition to the Council Tax Support be set at £17,850.

The Clerk to inform SNC of the required precept prior to the deadline.

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## **Items for next newsletter**

It was noted that Outlook would now only be issued electronically, so the following items should now be actioned by the Clerk:

The Clerk to draft and published when appropriate.

- Green Lane working group
- Community Action group thanks
- Trim hedges over pavement (if interfering with progress)
- The dog fouling posters to be brought to the attention of residents via the newsletter.
- Polite parking
- Speedwatch request volunteers

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The Clerk awaits a response from the Church magazine regarding the logistics of publication.

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## **Items for next meeting**

- There were no extra items.

## **Date of next meeting**

The next Parish Council main meeting on 19 January 2021 virtually or at the Mill Centre/Village Hall at approx. 19:00 and the next planning meeting will take place on 16 February virtually at 19:00

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There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 19 January 2021