

HEMPNALL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Parish meeting held on Tuesday 21 March 2017 at 7.00pm in The Mill Centre

ACTION

Present.

Chairman Mr David Hook, Vice Chairman Mr Richard Delf, Mrs Liz Allen, Mr Roger Parker, Mr Peter Workman and the Clerk Mr Ian Nelson.

Mrs Pauline Brookes, Mr Ian Cundy, Mrs Sylvia Cundy, Mr David Key, Mr Barrie Masterson, Mrs Jean Griffiths, Mr Phil Askew, Mrs Sylvia Driver, Mr Andrew Driver, Mr Richard Moore, Mrs Lynn Moore, Mrs Yvonne Davy and County & District Councillor Alison Thomas.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Hamish Rose, Mr Mike Turner, Mr Stephen Burley, Miss Margery Emery.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Mrs Allen proposed, Mr Parker seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th March 2016 were approved and signed by the chairman.

County and District Councillor Report

County & District Councillor Alison Thomas provided a verbal report the main points of which were:

District Council Matters

The district ward boundary review has been carried out to equalise the number of parishioners represented by a councillor.

In parish ward boundary review it is proposed Hempnall ward will no longer be linked to Woodton and Bedingham but will be linked to Topcroft and Tasburgh. Mrs Thomas encouraged the parish to make comment in the consultation period.

There is still a call for sites for the next GNLP despite the deadline for submissions having passed. Mr Hook asked Mrs Thomas to check if sites for the GNLP were still being accepted as this was not his understanding. Mrs Thomas agreed to do so.

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County Council Matters

Mrs Thomas reported that the County Council had been through a difficult year, particularly regarding issues around money.

More children are being educated in good or outstanding schools in Norfolk and the county had improved in the national exam rankings.

Adult social care – The “in good company” campaign – Mrs Thomas encouraged individuals to pledge to do a small regular gesture to help somebody.

The “Better Broadband” project continues with the aim of 95% of Norfolk to be covered by 2020.

The Northern Distributor Road (“NDR”) is progressing with 9km of carriageway ready for tarmacking.

Mill Fields #2 site

Mr Hook asked if Mill Fields #2 site could be used as a social housing site as the parish council requested. Mrs Thomas agreed to make enquiries.

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Roundabout on the A140 / B1527

Mrs Davy asked if there would be a roundabout on the A140 / B1527 junction. Mrs Thomas said there would be. Mr Hook pointed out that the funding of the junction improvement had not yet been agreed

Future development at Silver Green

Mr Driver stated that the parish council had recommended the sites in the Silver Green area were not suitable for future development. Mr Hook confirmed all sites outside the development boundary would not be supported. Mrs Thomas confirmed she had forwarded on such representations. There had been an error in the last newsletter article re planning. It was agreed to print an addendum in Outlook.

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Matters arising from the previous minutes

Path between the tennis courts and the properties on Bungay Rd

Quotes were being obtained for this work and further consideration would be given to it by the parish council.

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Vehicles near village sign

The large van no longer parked on the pavement on The Street opposite Kilbourn's garage following the article in the parish council newsletter.

Pavement in Coronation Crescent

The weeds growing through the tarmac surface of this new pavement had been reported to NCC.

Land near the old Queen's Head PH

The Clerk had made the new owners aware of the Tree Preservation Orders in force on the trees thereon.

Smoking in children's play area

"Please refrain from smoking in the children's play area" signs had been erected.

Annual Reports

The following annual reports were read out to the meeting:

Report	Written By	Read By
Chairman	Mr D Hook	Mr D Hook
The Church & Town Estates Property Charity	Mr B Masterson	Mr B Masterson
Town Estate Education Foundation	Mrs P Brookes	Mrs P Brookes
The Church Estate Charity	Mr D Key	Mr D Key
The Hempnall Trust	Mrs J Griffiths	Mrs J Griffiths
Hempnall Village Hall Committee	Mr D Ashcroft	Mrs Y Davy
Footpaths	Mr H Rose	Mr I Nelson
Tree Warden	Mr D Hook	Mr D Hook
Long Stratton High School	Mr R Harris	Mr I Nelson
Hempnall School	None received	

Copies of all reports are attached to these minutes (Master copy minutes only). Copies are available from the Clerk upon request. The Clerk will also publish the Chairman's report on the parish council's website www.hempnallpc.org. Copies of any report can be obtained from the Clerk.

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Mr Hook thanked all who wrote and those who delivered the reports.

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Any Other Business and Matters Arising from the Annual Reports

Ivy on Playing Field Trees

Mrs Davy mentioned there are some fine trees around the playing field but there is a lot of ivy on the trees, she asked if this could be removed. To be considered by the parish council. IN

Footpath signs

Mr Cundy reported some footpath signs which needed repair. The Clerk to report to NCC. IN

Mrs Brookes mentioned parishioners can report footpath matters directly to NCC via their online facility.

Church Roof

Mr David Key thank the people of Hempnall and organisations such as the Village Hall and the Mill Centre for contributing time, money and effort to help with the replacement of the lead on the church roof. He reported that a roof alarm system was also being fitted.

Mr Hook thanked Mr Key for his efforts too.

Next Meeting

The next parish meeting is provisionally scheduled for 20 March 2018. All

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8:10pm.

Signed _____ Date 20 March 2018