

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11 August 2015 at 7:30pm at The Mill Centre

ACTION

Present

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

Members of the public present

None

Apologies

Apologies had been given by Mr Steve Burley, County Councillor Alison Thomas, Mrs Liz Allen.

Declarations of Interest

Mr Parker declared an interest in the planning application.

Mr Hook declared an interest in the setting of the rent to the tennis club.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Mr Parker proposed, Mr Delf seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting on 21 July were approved.

Public Participation

None.

Play Area Project

No matters were reported.

ROSPA report

The Clerk had circulated the latest ROSPA report to councillors in July.

Mr Delf reported that the only issue needing attention related to the foot of one of the ladders and he received an estimate from Mr Ellis D MT £60.00

Mr Delf proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed that The quote be accepted. Mr Delf to inform Mr Ellis.

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Pitch maintenance and match postponements

Mr Trevor Shurman had written to say that since the retirement of Mr Youngman, he and Dr Griffiths were maintaining the pitch. For match cancellations, they need to change the system and suggest that one (or more) of either Mr Workman, Mr Shurmer or Dr Griffiths plus Matt Oakley on behalf of the team management, can be responsible for calling off matches in the event of poor weather / poor pitch conditions.

It was unanimously agreed that it was not a parish council matter as to whether a football match should be called off or not and that councillors trusted the football club members to make appropriate decisions taking into account the need to preserve the playing field / football pitch in good order, however Mr Workman was the appropriate contact for the parish council. The clerk to respond to Mr Shurmer accordingly.

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Planning Applications

Wind Turbines - Application 2013/0105 - revised

General Update

No matters to report.

New applications since the last meeting:

Mr & Mrs Paul Scott, Cydonia, Field Lane, Hempnall, Norfolk, NR15 2PB - Proposed vehicle and pedestrian access. Existing access to be stopped up and infilled with hedging – Recommended approval. IN

Applications approved since the last meeting:

Mr J Hollis Springwood Spring Lane Hempnall Norfolk NR15 2NT - Retrospective application for change of use of land to retain existing forestry accommodation (2 no caravans). It was noted that a forestry restriction does apply to this approval.

Applications outside the parish boundary

There were none to consider.

Matters arising from previous parish council meetings – for discussion

Maintenance of the playing field

The charge to the playing field users, taking into account the cost of hedging, spaying, fertiliser and general maintenance in addition to the village hall use, is to be decided.

Mr Delf proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was agreed with 1 abstention that the rents be set at £150 and £1,236 and the clerk to issue invoices to the tennis and football clubs respectively. IN

SAM2

Messrs Cunningham and Delf and Turner had met to finalise a method of securing the SAM2 unit and a chain and padlock has been used.

Risk Assessment Review

The clerk had previously circulated a suggested formal review document structure prior to the meeting.

Mr Delf proposed, Mr Workman seconded and it was unanimously agreed that having given careful consideration to the risks, the clerk to finalise the document. IN

With regard to Hugmore pond Mr Workman proposed, Mr Delf seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the clerk should contact the insurance company to determine what steps, if any, need to be taken to ensure that the parish council is covered for public liability. The clerk is also to find the deeds of Hugmore Pond and consider steps to sell it. IN

Fireworks on the Playing Field

The Friends of Hempnall School had asked for permission to hold the annual firework display on the playing field. The Clerk had granted permission under the usual terms. The clerk to also check that the football club

Free Trees

Mr Workman proposed, Mr Rose seconded and it was unanimously agreed that it was agreed that the clerk should write to local landowners and put an article in the Autumn Newsletter to identify any pieces of land suitable for planting. IN

Items for Newsletter

- Trees

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Items for next meeting

The clerk to investigate matters relating to the printing of the newsletter with Mrs Davy.

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Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 15 September 2015 at 7:30pm.

The following meeting (subject to receipt of applications) will be primarily planning at 7:30pm on 21 October 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.44pm.

Signed _____ Date 15 September 2015