

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 27 February 2018 at 7:30pm at The Loft

Present

Chairman Mr David Hook, Vice Chairman Mr Richard Delf, Mrs Liz Allen, Mr Stephen Burley, Mr Roger Parker, Mr Mike Turner and the Clerk Mr Ian Nelson.

Members of the public present

Mrs Cindy Mayes, Mr Alan Mayes, Mr Dennis Beckett, Mrs Melanie Hook, Mrs Sylvia Driver, Mr Andy Driver, Mrs Vivien Jupp, Mr Bob Jupp, Mr Dean Shreeve & son, Mrs Julia Mealing, Mrs Joan Dixon, Mr John Dixon, Mr David Key, Mr Gary Hewett, Mrs Alison Lincoln, Mrs Bridget Santander, Mr David Lincoln and Mr Robert Loudoun.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Hamish Rose and Mr Peter Workman.

Declarations of Interest

Mrs Allen declared an interest in the following matters:

- Swan Meadow footpath
- GNLP

Minutes of the previous meeting

Mr Delf proposed, Mrs Allen seconded and it was unanimously agreed the minutes of the meeting on 16 January 2018 be approved.

Public Participation

This is noted under the relevant headings below.

Planning Applications

New applications since the last meeting:

2018/0162 - Mr Colin Hawes, Hempnall House Lundy Green Hempnall - Construction of a greenhouse on west end of stable block – Mr Burley proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the application be approved. IN

2018/0089 - Mr Andrew Miller, Priory Cottage, The Street, Hempnall - Replace all external windows and doors to the property and installation of a Light Tunnel to the rear – Mr Delf proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the application be approved. IN

2018/0302 - Mr Daniel Gray, Field House Stud Field Lane Hempnall - Change of Use - To extend residential curtilage to the property boundary – Mr Parker proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed due to lack of information it was not possible to express an opinion IN

Applications approved since the last meeting:

Martin McColl, Connaught House, The Street, Hempnall - Extension of alcohol licence and opening time from 20:00 to 21:00 7 days per week.

2018/0194 - Hempnall Parish Council, Church of St Margaret The Street Hempnall - Works to trees in Conservation Area.

Applications refused since the last meeting:

None.

Applications withdrawn since the last meeting:

None.

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Applications outside the parish boundary since the last meeting:

2018/0111 - Norfolk Land Ltd, Land East of The A140 Long Stratton - Hybrid Application on 109.7 hectares of land to the east of the A140 seeking outline planning permission for 1275 no. dwellings, 8 hectares of employment land for uses within Classes B1, B2 and B8, 2-hectare primary school site, community facilities site, associated infrastructure and public open space. Together with application for full permission for a bypass including roundabouts and junctions.

2018/0112 - Norfolk Land Ltd, Land East of The A140 Long Stratton - Hybrid Application on 45.2 hectares of land to the west of the A140 seeking outline planning permission for 387 no. dwellings and 1.5 hectares of Class B1 employment land, associated infrastructure and public open space. Together with application for full planning permission for a western relief road (including a roundabout access at the north to the A140 and a priority junction access to Swan Lane at the south) and with phase 1 housing consisting of 213 no. dwellings, associated infrastructure and public open space.

Mr Parker proposed, Mr Delf seconded and it was unanimously agreed that both applications be neither approved or refused, however if the applications were approved consideration should be given to mitigation for the effect on Hempnall and other surrounding villages in respect of the anticipated increase in vehicular traffic flowing through the villages. Comment is also to be given to suggest reducing the number of roundabouts so the new road functions as a free-flowing bypass. There are serious concerns about the potential for increased "rat runs" through the Krons and Hempnall Street as a result of the large-scale expansion of Long Stratton and the pressure increased traffic will put in the A140 in to Norwich.

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Matters arising from previous Parish Council meetings – for discussion

Missing 30mph sign on Broaden Lane and other road signs

The Clerk had written again to NCC Highways and copied in Alison Thomas but had still not received a response. Mr Turner proposed, Mr Delf seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should chase again, especially as the SAM2 can't be used in that location without the post.

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NCC Grip test

The Clerk reported a response had still not been received. The Clerk to continue to chase.

IN

Mr Mayes commented vehicles were now too large to meet on the "ford corner". He had lived there for 42 years with little incident, however in last 12 months there had been 2 major collisions. Mrs Allen said the police woman attending the latest incident had commented on the slipperiness of the road due to wear and tear.

Due to the public interest, the Clerk to invite County Council Alison Thomas and a NCC Highways key representative to the parish meeting to discuss this and all other outstanding road safety matters.

IN

Playing Field container costs and contribution

The Clerk had written to Mr J Dye to accept his quote and asked him to liaise with Mr Delf for project management.

RD

Mr Delf to obtained written confirmation of the verbal quote from Mr Luke Parfitt.

RD

The Clerk had written to the Football Club to ask for their promised contribution towards costs. The Football Club had offered £250 which councillors accepted and asked the Clerk to arrange and thank the club.

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Play Area Repairs

Mr Delf is investigating the cost of more bucket swing seats, rubber matting under the swings and new chains on the swings together with the repair of the bin. Mr Dye to be asked to quote.

RD

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Phone box

Mr Delf was obtaining quotes for painting the box. The Clerk had received a quote from Mr Ashford.

RD

Playing Field Oak Tree

Mr Hook to organise the planting with the contractor.

DH

Tree cutting to reveal church clock

Mr Hook had obtained planning permission. Mr Delf had received confirmation of the quote for the work on the tree which had been accepted and the supplier instructed to undertake the work.

RD

Improvements to Swan Meadow footpath

This matter was carried forward in the absence of Mr Rose.

HR

GDPR

The Clerk had attended a further training course on the GDPR and had arranged for free consultation with the presenter to assist him in ensuring the parish council would be compliant by 25 May.

The Clerk had investigated the appointment of an external DPO which would cost circa £50/mth. As NALC etc are still developing procedures it was agreed to continue to seek options.

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The Clerk will continue to work on making the parish council compliant, which will councillors having a GDPR awareness session.

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MUGA

The line markings had been painted and Mr Hawes paid subject to the retention.

The age range for the use of the MUGA was discussed and was agreed there should not be an age restriction on its use. The Clerk should arrange an appropriate safety sign which should also include a thank you to those involved in providing the MUGA.

IN

The Greens bus shelter

Mr Parker reported that the bus shelter was repairable and we await a report on the cost from Mr Medlar. A new wooden shelter would cost circa £1k.

RP

Bus stop opposite the Three Horse Shoes PH

Mr Turner proposed, Mr Delf seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk write to NCC Highways to request the bus stop area be made good.

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Correspondence from Parishioners

Heavy goods vehicles that illegally use the Lundy Green road

Mr Austin had emailed to report an increasing number of heavy goods vehicles illegally using the Lundy Green road that runs west to east from the Horseshoes pub, to Hugmore pond. There is clear signage at the Hugmore pond end that indicates a 7.5 tonne limit unless unloading, although there is no sign at the Horseshoes end.

Since early December 2017, Mr Austin had counted over a dozen incidents and stated, clearly many more are taking place when he is not there to see them, which is most of the time.

Mr Turner proposed, Mrs Allan seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should write to Highways to ask for a weight restriction sign to be placed at the Three Horseshoes end and stress without the sign the safety of young people catching the bus was compromised.

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Speeding cars/motor bikes along Silver Green to the Hempnall Woodton Rd.

Mr Bob Jupp raised the speeding problem and it was supported by other parishioners present.

Mr Turner proposed, Mrs Allan seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should write to Highways to ask for a 30/40mph speed limit for Field Lane, Lundy Green and Silver Green.

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Rat run from The Krons to Broaden Lane

Mr Holland had emailed to ask if something could be done to limit the traffic using the rat run from The Krons to Broaden Lane at either end of the working day.

Mr Hook proposed, Mr Delf seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should make representations re rat runs in the Long Stratton development consultation and include SAM2 statistics and specifically ask what mitigation is proposed for safety along The Krons and The Street.

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30mph sign on approach to Broaden Lane

Mrs Lisa Ludkin emailed to report she had noticed when pulling out from Old Market Way onto Broaden lane the road can be clear of on-coming traffic, but as she pulls out onto Broaden Lane a car heading into Hempnall from the Norwich direction can suddenly appear from nowhere.

She thought the road signs 'Hempnall 30mph' needed to be moved further back, therefore slowing down the traffic sooner before it arrives at the junction of Old Market Way onto Broaden Lane.

Mr Burley proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was agreed with 2 abstentions that the Clerk should write to NCC Highways and ask again for the limit to be moved.

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Road Green road safety

Mr Burley reported that Mr John Ellis had asked the parish council to request Highways to:

- reduce the speed limit to 40mph from Woodton side Road Green to Hempnall
- put some concealed entrance warning signs up at Road Green

It was noted Mr Ellis' sister had been knocked over in this location and the railings had been hit on several occasions.

It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should write to NCC Highways to ask for concealed entrance signs be erected.

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Greater Norwich Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation 8/1/18 - 22/3/18

The Clerk had circulated an email of the subject prior to the meeting. Mr Hook explained the plan and process in outline.

Mrs Allen having declared an interest, left the meeting.

Mr Hook outlined the 7 sites proposed by landowners for housing and 1 site for housing, light industrial and office use.

As previously agreed, councillors thought the Millfields site could be developed as social housing as originally envisaged following the initial development. Mr Hook reported Saffron Housing had approached with a view to supporting social housing and mixed ownership housing on the Millfields site.

Mr Driver thought there were too many houses in the GNLP and would like to see more affordable housing. He agreed with CPRE that existing sites should be developed before new sites are allocated. He said there was insufficient public transport and infrastructure for larger scale development.

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It was noted the site between Rowland Drive and the playing field for 20 houses was already in the development area and not yet developed.

Those present generally held the opinion some affordable development is needed in the village to address local need.

It was noted the parish council already had a policy that building outside the development area would be rejected and it had also supported the CPRE pledge to build approved sites before giving approval to additional sites.

The Clerk also read a letter at the request of Mr & Mrs Jackson who were unable to attend the meeting. In summary they objected to proposed development on Church Meadow and the School Pit.

Mr Parker proposed, Mr Delf seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should respond that the Hempnall sites already in the existing local plan should be developed prior to approval being granted for any additional sites and that the response relating to the 4 additional sites proposed since the publication of the original GNLP site map should be rejected for the same reasons as applied to the other 4 sites.

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In addition, it was agreed, as a general comment in response to the GNLP consultation, that the parish council's view was that with nearly 36,000 houses already approved, but not yet built, in Broadland, South Norfolk and Norwich there was no need (applying the average build rate 2001 to 2017) to add new sites into the GNLP as the housing need could be met with existing sites.

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Mrs Allen returned to the meeting.

Football Club Balls

Mr Shurmer had written to state the club have now had 6 balls ruined this season by the thorn hedging (mainly, but not solely) behind the goals.

It was agreed Mr Hook would liaise with the contractor with a view to replace or trim back the thorn bushes.

DH

Norwich Western Link

It was unanimously agreed no comment should be made.

Defibrillator

Dr Stephen Griffiths wrote to inform the parish council that the battery on the defibrillator is soon to run out. It is not rechargeable and has to be replaced as do the pads. It will cost about £300. The battery lasts about 5 years but the pads about 2 years. He asked if the cost could be shared between the Village Hall, Cinema Club and Parish Council.

Mr Parker said the Village Hall and Cinema Club had agreed to share the cost.

Mrs Allen proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should write to say the parish council will contribute 1/3 of the cost.

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Items for next newsletter

The following items will be added to the next newsletter:

- cut hedges
- roads at parish meeting (if County Councillor Thomas and Highways can attend.

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Items for next meeting

- Affordable housing - Saffron Housing – DH
- Parish meeting

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Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council main meeting will take place in the Mill Centre on 27 March 2018 at approx. 8:00pm following the parish meeting which will start at 7pm.

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There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 10:05pm.

Signed _____ Date 27 March 2018

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