

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 27 March 2018 at 8:00pm at The Mill Centre

Present

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

Members of the public present

Up to public participation and road safety matters:

Mr Robert Jupp, Mrs Vivien Jupp, Mr John Dixon, Mrs Joan Dixon, Mrs James Newell, Mr William Lloyd, Mrs Linda Lloyd, Mr Paul Blyth, Mrs Karen Blyth, Mr Damian Ashcroft, Ms Freeman, Mr Burrows, Mr John Kelly, Mr A Birrell, Mr Alan Mayes, Mrs Mrs Pauline Brookes, Mrs Sylvia Cundy, Mr David Key, Mr Barrie Masterson, Mrs Sylvia Driver, Mr Andrew Driver, County & District Councillor Alison Thomas.

For whole meeting: Mr Ian Cundy.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Mike Turner, the Shreeve family and Mr Kevin Cunningham.

Declarations of Interest

Mrs Allen declared an interest in the following matters:

- Swan Meadow footpath
- GNLP
- Affordable Housing

Minutes of the previous meeting

Mrs Allen proposed, Mr Parker seconded and it was unanimously agreed the minutes of the meeting on 27 February 2018 be approved.

Public Participation

This all related to road safety matters and is recorded under that heading below.

County/District Councillor update

Mrs Thomas had reported earlier in the evening to the parish meeting.

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Road safety matters

The Clerk had reported all of the following matters to NCC Highways and County Councillor Alison Thomas.

- Missing 30mph sign on Broaden Lane and other road signs
- NCC Grip test
- Gritting Old Market Way
- Heavy goods vehicles that illegally use the Lundy Green road
- Rat run from The Krons to Broaden Lane
- Speeding cars/motor bikes along Silver Green to the Hempnall-Woodton Rd.
- 30mph sign on approach to Broaden Lane
- Bus stop opposite the Three Horse Shoes PH
- Parking at the junction of The Street and Busseys Loke

In addition, a site meeting between councillors, (Roger Parker, Liz Allen, David Hook Mike Turner) Gary Overland and John Hunter of NCC Highways and County Councillor Thomas had taken place on 21 March.

The result of the meeting was as follows:

Missing 30mph sign on Broaden Lane and other road signs

This has since been replaced and NCC had apologised for the delay in doing so.

NCC Grip test

NCC are to carry out a grip test. The Clerk to monitor.

Gritting Old Market Way

NCC state this is not practical.

IN

Heavy goods vehicles that illegally use the Lundy Green road

NCC state they are only allowed to erect weight restriction signs at the outer limits of the restricted areas and thus it is not possible to put a sign at the Three Horseshoes junction, however it was agreed the Clerk should investigate this matter further as it was thought that junction was on the outer limit.

Rat run from The Krons to Broaden Lane

No extra safety measures were suggested.

IN

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

NCC state there is not enough house density for a 30mph zone in this area.

30mph sign on approach to Broaden Lane

NCC state it is not possible to move the limit beyond the built-up area.

Bus stop opposite the Three Horse Shoes PH

NCC have agreed to improve this area. The Clerk to monitor.

Parking at the junction of The Street and Busseys Loke

There were no further restrictions which could be applied whilst maintaining access to other areas in the Street.

IN

Ideas put forward by the public and councillors were:

Picket fencing on the entrances to the village – to be investigated further.

Sleeping policeman - Mrs Thomas stated it was now NCC policy not to use them as they cause too much noise for nearby properties.

IN

Erection of signs such as “accident black spot” or “Hempnall welcomes careful drivers”

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

More police enforcement – The Clerk pointed out SAM2 results were reported to the police and they were undertaking speed checks. IN

Chicanes - Mrs Thomas stated this would not be possible as the B1527 was a designated lorry route, however, she would obtain an official response from highway engineers. The Clerk to monitor.

20mph zones – It was noted such zones are not legally enforceable so police will not check such zones at all, thus this is likely to make the situation worse. IN

Speed awareness day – perhaps stopping traffic to make drivers aware of speeding issues. Concern was expressed about the legality of this.

Increased Community Speed Watch sessions - There had been no sessions of late due to the short daylight hours and volunteers working during the day, however sessions recommence on 28/03/18. There is also a shortage of volunteers. In response to this, three parishioners volunteered. Mr Burley to liaise with them.

Speed limits painted on the road - NCC reported motorists tend to see speed restriction signs on the road more than vertical signs. To be investigated further. SB

Vehicle activated signs – These have been proved to reduce overall speed. To be investigated further. IN

Mrs Thomas said NCC are keen to find out why so many accidents are happening so measures can be taken to prevent this. Money is scarce and needs to be used appropriately. Mr Hook pointed out that at the site meeting on the 21st March John Hunter of NCC Highways agreed that there was clearly something resulting from the design / surface of the B 1527 through Hempnall that is contributing to a high number of collisions. Mr Hook reinforced this message and stated that, in his opinion, the design of the road and the smooth looking surface encouraged speeding - especially along Mill Road where a wide open section of road leads in to sharp and dangerous bends - his own fence / wall had suffered 3 "hit and run" collisions in the past 8 months. IN

The parish council is prepared to contribute and make use of the Parish Partnership Scheme, the Clerk to establish the timetable for applications. IN

Mrs Thomas offered to use some of her discretionary highways budget to pay for improvements. AT

Parishioners also stated that traffic matters would get worse when the extra 2000 houses planned for Long Stratton were built so action was needed as soon as possible. IN

The drain near Bay Cottages is blocked, the Clerk to report to Highways.

Planning Applications

New applications since the last meeting:

2018/0483 - Mr & Mrs James & Elizabeth McCrea, Lyndhurst, Broaden Lane Hempnall - Installation of 1 velux window to north elevation, creation of doorway on east elevation. Blocking up of existing doorway on north elevation and reinstatement of first floor window on west elevation – Mr Parker proposed, Mr Burley seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the application be approved. IN

Appeal to Secretary of State

Local Planning Authority Reference: 2017/0967 - DCLG Reference
APPIL2630IWI17I3188918 Mr Kilbourn Nelson House The Street Hempnall - Land
South Of Mill Road Hempnall

It was unanimously agreed no extra comment was required.

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

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.

Affordable Housing

Mr Hook explained that Mr Sam Watts of Saffron Housing had asked if there were any suitable sites in the village for social housing. The possibility of Mill Fields phase 2 was considered. It was agreed Mr Hook would invite Mr Watts to the April planning meeting.

DH

Matters arising from previous Parish Council meetings – completed

MUGA

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

The Clerk had ordered an appropriate sign for erection on the MUGA.

Dog fouling on pavements between Old Market Way and The Street bus stop

The Clerk had responded to the parishioner.

Playing Field / Village hall rental

The Clerk had issued the invoices.

Statement Regular Payments

The chairman had signed the statement.

Budget/Precept 2018/19

The Clerk had informed SNC of the required precept prior to the deadline.

Parish Meeting

The Clerk had sent out notices and requested reports.

Untidy hedges – Alburgh Rd

The Clerk had written to the owners of the property.

Norfolk Constabulary budget consultation

Councillors had responded individually.

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

The Clerk and Mr Hook had responded.

HPC Newsletter

The Clerk had written and it had been distributed.

Defibrillator

The Clerk had paid a contribution of 1/3 of the cost of the new defibrillator battery.

Matters arising from previous Parish Council meetings – awaiting others

Nobb's Lane Spur

Further forms are required to be completed. Mr Hook will co-ordinate.

DH

Wildlife survey of the churchyard

We await the PCC.

DH

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Local Council Award Scheme

We await the 2018 audit.

IN

MUGA – Sign

Awaiting contractor

IN

Matters arising from previous Parish Council meetings – for discussion

County Council Budget Cuts

The Clerk had written to NCC expressing concern and asking NCC to reconsider the following matters.

- Bus service subsidies (No 84 Harleston to Norwich)
- Gritting – only one route per village – Hempnall currently has 3 routes gritted. It was felt the B1527 would be the most likely to remain gritted so representation should be made, in particular re Alburgh Rd
- The Mobile Library service to be reduced or cut.

NCC had responded that following a review the bus service and gritting would no longer be affected. The mobile library cuts started in 2019/20, the detail of the proposal had not yet formulated, so they were unable to say how this might affect Hempnall.

Land at Hempnall-Fritton crossroads

Mr Delf reported that he had studied the report from SNC and it indicated the fence was in the correct position.

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

Phone box

Mr Delf had received quotes for painting the box. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should accept the quote and ask the contractor to liaise with Mr Delf for the supply of materials.

RD/IN

Playing Field container costs and contribution

Mr Delf reported the ground works had been completed and dryer weather was awaited before moving the containers. The Clerk to check he had received the written quote for this from Mr Parfitt.

RD

IN

The Clerk to written to the Football club thanking them for their contribution.

Playing Field Oak Tree

Mr Hook reported the oak tree had been planted.

It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should arrange for a plaque to be attached to the tree guard. Mr Hook to talk to Yvonne Davy to agree suitable wording for the plaque.

IN

DH

Tree cutting to reveal church clock

Mr Hook reported the work had been undertaken.

Improvements to Swan Meadow footpath

Concern was expressed about the surface of the well-used footpath over Swan Meadow. Mr Hook proposed, Mr Burley seconded and it was unanimously agreed to monitor the suitability of the surface work being undertaken by the Property Charity to improve the permissive path linking Swan Meadow to Krons Meadow, with a view to considering if this approach could be used for the Swan Meadow path.

DH

Mr Rose left the meeting.

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

The Greens bus shelter

It was agreed to carry forward this point until the contractor returned to the UK. RP

Football Club Balls

Mr Hook will liaise with the contractor to locate the offending thickthorn hedging and to take appropriate remedial measures. DH

SAM2 Report

Mr Turner had circulated the reports to councillors since the last main meeting. The SAM2 is currently with the supplier for repair under warranty. MT

Community Speed Watch

Nobody had volunteered as a result of the article in the newsletter.

Mr Burley will attend the meeting in Dereham of Speedwatch co-ordinators. SB

Footpath Maintenance

Mr Rose will contact Jodie at NCC regarding next year's cutting dates. HR

GDPR

The Clerk had attended further training and developed a relationship with a consultant. He had also carried out a lot of preparatory work already and would seek to complete this by the April meeting. IN

Mr Hook and Mrs Allen are to attend awareness session on 16 April and Mr Burley has been trained though his employment. IN/
DH/LA

Correspondence

Items given directly to Councillors or representatives since the last main meeting were:

Various police crime summaries
Various planning applications
Relevant notices/agenda and minutes
NALC Newsletters
Greater Norwich Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation 8/1/18 - 15/3/18
South Norfolk Council budget consultation 2018/19
Norwich Western Link
NALC Spring Conference - Tuesday 6 March 2018
Norfolk Playing Fields Association Newsletter
Hornsea Project Three - Community Newsletter February 2018
Norfolk Community Biodiversity Awards 2018
Free information sessions in South Norfolk
NCC re Hempnall Crossroads Junction Improvement
A Vision for Norfolk in 2021
Update on weather/highway conditions for Members
Our map showing green belt proposal around Norwich
South Norfolk Council Waste Collection Service
New Review of Ethical Standards in Local Government
Police response to speed check request
NCC re Hempnall Crossroads Junction Improvement

No further matters were raised from the above.

Items placed directly onto the Parish notice boards were:

Relevant notices/agenda and minutes
GNLP poster
Free information sessions in South Norfolk
Long Stratton bypass and proposed housing site notice
No further matters were raised from the above.

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Website

The following changes had been made since the last main meeting:

Added relevant notices/agenda and minutes
Added various planning application details
Added various papers to be tabled at meetings

No further matters were raised from the above.

Correspondence from Parishioners

Churchyard Moles

The Clerk reported the moles were active in the old churchyard.

Mr Burley proposed, Mr Delf seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should liaise with the PCC to effect a co-ordinated approach between for the old and in-use churchyard.

IN

Mrs Allen proposed, Mr Parker seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should have a budget of £300pa for this purpose.

IN

SHOWT Donation

SHOWT has agreed to donate the remainder of the funds in its account, being £2637.55 to the parish council as a donation towards the legal costs incurred during the wind turbine appeal process. The Clerk will make arrangements for receipt and write a thank you letter.

IN

Dog Bin Emptying

The Clerk reported that SNC had written to state that in return for a charge of £100 P.A. for each bin, (increasing to £104.00 for the next financial year) SNC will empty the dog bins twice a week. It may be that some bins are not as well used as others and may be able to cope with a once a week emptying at a cost of £70.00 P.A. for each bin.

Mr Burley proposed, Mr Delf seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should select the once a week option provided the twice a week option could be reinstated if needed at the £104pa rate.

IN

Items for next newsletter

There Clerk to draft and issue covering the following matters in the next issue:

- Road safety issues

IN

Items for next meeting

There were no extra items identified

IN

Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council planning meeting will take place on 17 April 2018 and the next main meeting on 15 May 2018 both at the Mill Centre at 19:30.

IN

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

Signed _____ Date 17 April 2018

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Presented to meeting on 27 March 2018

Current Account

(Payments)/Receipts since last meeting:		£
17/01/2018	tr bpa to c/a	800.00
17/01/2018	Hempnall Village Hall	(668.00)
17/01/2018	I Nelson - stamps,/ mileage	(46.95)
25/01/2018	tr bpa to c/a	6,520.00
30/01/2018	Norfolk Community Fund - grant for Muga	2,500.00
01/02/2018	Hempnall Tennis Club rent	175.00
05/02/2018	NSBI	4.25
11/02/2018	Eon - Streetlight Electricity	(8.91)
21/02/2018	CGM - grass cutting	(56.68)
27/02/2018	Barclays Bank - stop chq charges	(24.00)
27/02/2018	Polestar Enterprises Ltd - MUGA	(6,520.00)
05/03/2018	Football Club donation re container	250.00
05/03/2018	NSBI	3.84
07/03/2018	D Whiting - Moles	(110.00)
11/03/2018	Eon - Streetlight Electricity	(8.04)
27/03/2018	CGM - grass cutting	(56.68)
27/03/2018	Norse - Newsletter printing	(48.00)
27/03/2018	Lee Green – Tree surgeon	(275.00)
27/03/2018	Steven Griffiths – Defibrillator battery	(100.00)
		<hr/>
		2,330.83
		<hr/>
	Closing Balance	2,568.61

Business Premium Account

(Payments)/Receipts since last meeting:		£
17/01/2018	tr bpa to c/a	(800.00)
25/01/2018	tr bpa to c/a	(6,520.00)
05/03/2018	Interest	24.23
		<hr/>
		(7,295.77)
		<hr/>
	Closing Balance	44,211.77