

HEMPNALL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Parish meeting held on Tuesday 17th March 2015 at 7.00pm in The Mill Centre

ACTION

Present.

Chairman Mr Geoffrey Moulton, Vice Chairman Mr David Hook, Mrs Liz Allen, Mrs Debbie Ashford, Mr Kevin Cunningham, Mr Richard Delf, Mr Mike Turner, Mr Peter Workman and the Clerk Mr Ian Nelson.

Mrs Pauline Brookes, Miss Marjorie Emery, Mr Ian Cundy, Mr David Key, Mrs Mandy Moss, Mr Barrie Masterson, Mr Peter Dean, Mr Michael Cotton, Mrs Jean Griffiths, County Councillor Mrs Alison Thomas.

Apologies

Apologies were received from District Councillor Windridge, Mr David Pointer and Mr Hamish Rose.

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th March 2014 were approved before being signed by the chairman after altering the name of Mr Brookes to Mrs Brookes.

Matters arising from the previous minutes

Nobbs Lane

The matter had been reported to SNC, however despite this hedging has continued to be destroyed – Mr Hook has asked Robin Taylor (SNC Landscape Officer) to monitor the situation and to tackle the problem.

The Krons Verges

The erosion of the verges had been considered by the parish council, however it was felt that nothing could be done. It was noted later in the meeting that the problem was getting worse and the parish council were asked to reconsider the matter.

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Leaves on pavement

The clerk had asked the Highway Rangers to clear leaves from the pavements and this was done last autumn.

Annual Reports

The following annual reports were read out to the meeting :

Report	Written By	Read By
Chairman	Mr G Moulton	Mr G Moulton
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	Mr I Nelson
Playing Field Users Association	Mr R Delf	Mr R Delf
Hempnall Village Hall Committee	No report received	No report received
Footpaths	Mr H Rose	Mr I Nelson
Tree Warden	Mr D Hook	Mr D Hook
Long Stratton High School	No report received	No report received
Hempnall School	Mr M Cotton	Mr M Cotton

Copies of all reports are attached to these minutes (Master copy minutes only). Copies are available from the clerk upon request. The Chairman's report can also be found as part of the parish council's annual report (See parish council website www.hempnallpc.org or contact the clerk for copies).

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Any Other Business and Matters Arising from the Annual Reports

Cars parked on pavements

Miss Emery asked if anything could be done about parking on the pavements, particularly between the village sign and the church around mid morning as she found it difficult to use the pavement when it was blocked with vehicles.

Mrs Brookes seconded the comment and pointed out that this was also an issue on the corner near the old barbers on The Street.

The matter to be considered by the parish council.

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Potholes

It was pointed out that there were potholes needing repair on The Street by the bridge and just past Delf's Garage. The matter to be considered by the parish council.

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HGVs on narrow country roads

Mr Cotton pointed out that HGVs were obtaining access to the new chicken farm on Steppings Lane via Lundy Green. It was noted that the planning application had specified that access was to be via Field Lane and that passing places had been specifically built for that purpose. Mr Cotton suggested that HGVs be prohibited from accessing Lundy Green.

The matter to be considered by the parish council.

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Wind turbines

Mr Hook reported that TCI had discontinued its challenge via Judicial Review. This meant that this particular application is finished.

Mr Dean asked how we could be certain that TCI would not submit another application for the same site. Mr Moulton stated that we could not be certain, however, SNC did have discretionary power that enabled it to reject any new application in a 2 year period.

Mr Dean asked if SNC could be requested to give an assurance that they would exercise their discretion to reject any new application in the 2 year period.

Mr Hook stated that it is not known when the 2 year period starts from, however the parish council had written more than once to SNC to ask for such assurance and in addition the parish council had asked for support on this matter from District and County Councillors and Richard Bacon MP.

Mr Hook reported that SNC had not given an absolute undertaking to exercise its discretion in this way, because it would need to consider if a new application had any significant changes to relevant material planning considerations from the last application. However the leader of SNC had been reported in the EDP on the 12 March as saying "*Given the planning history at Hempnall and the way in which successive proposals have caused deep divisions within this rural community, any fresh application for new turbines would have to provide clear and compelling evidence of wide community support if we (SNC) were to consider it before the 2 year moratorium had expired*" Mr Hook indicated that it was encouraging that Mr Fuller would take local feelings into account given the 80%+ opposition to turbines on this site demonstrated in the parish polls.

County Councillor Thomas confirmed Mr Hook's comments re SNC's need to consider if a new application had any significant changes in relevant material planning considerations from the last application.

Mr Hook pointed out that legal advice indicated that if SNC exercised its discretion, the applicant would have no right of appeal.

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Path between the tennis courts and the properties on Bungay Rd

Mr Hook and Mrs Allen declared an interest in this matter.

It was noted that this path was very uneven and had been won down in the middle. It was agreed that it needed levelling but with caution as there was a water pipe running along its length. Crushed concrete was suggested as a surface dressing. The matter to be considered by the parish council at its May meeting.

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Thank You

Miss Emery, thanked the parish council for the work it had undertaken over the years.

Mr Dean seconded Miss Emery and said that he was new to the village but was very impressed with village and the community of Hempnall, he felt it was a lovely place and worth protecting.

Next Meeting

The next parish meeting is provisionally scheduled for 15th March 2016.

All

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 07:55pm.

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Date 15th March 2016