

HEMPNALL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Parish meeting held on Tuesday 19 March 2019 at 7.00pm in The Mill Centre

ACTION

Present.

Chairman Mr David Hook, Mrs Liz Allen, Mr Kevin Cunningham, Mr Hamish Rose, Mr Mike Turner Mr Peter Workman and the Clerk Mr Ian Nelson.

Mr John Dixon, Mr Barrie Masterson, Mr David Key, Mrs Melony Hook, Mr John Kelly Mr Paul Edden, Ms Lesley Mitchenall, Ms Matilda Jones, Mrs Claire Key, Mrs Irene Lincoln, Mrs Mary Hobbs, Mrs Joan Cann, Mr Robert Webb.

Apologies

Apologies were received from County and District Councillor Alison Thomas, Mrs P Brookes, Mr Richard Delf, Mr Stephen Burley, Mr Roger Parker.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Mrs Allen proposed, Mr Turner seconded, and it was agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 March 2018 were approved and signed by the chairman.

Matters arising from the previous minutes

Road Safety

It was noted that matters had progressed in the year with NCC enhancing signage and planned resurfacing the B1527.

The parish council had approved the purchase of another SAM2 unit subject to Parish Partnership grant.

Mobile library

Mr Andy Driver had asked what the impact of cuts might be on Hempnall mobile library (2019/20). The review of the service removed stops where the library was little used but the service to Hempnall is not affected.

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	Mr D Key
The Church Estate Charity	Mr D Key	Mr D Key
The Hempnall Trust	Mr J Kelly	Mr J Kelly
Hempnall Village Hall Committee	No report received	
Footpaths	Mr H Rose	Mr H Rose
Tree Warden	Mr D Hook	Mr D Hook
Long Stratton High School	No report received	
Hempnall School	No report 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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County and District Councillor Report

There was none due to Mrs Thomas suffering a close family bereavement.

Any Other Business and Matters Arising from the Annual Reports

Picket Gates

Ms Mitchenhall asked if picket gates at the entrances to the village could be paid for by a grant from the one of the Hempnall Trusts and whether NCC could be approached to enquire if picket gates could be paid for by the parish and if so, what the cost might be. This matter is to be considered further at the parish council meeting.

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Petition to NCC re road safety

Mrs Hook has raised a petition stating *"We the undersigned residents of Hempnall, call on Norfolk County Council, our highways Authority, to install effective traffic calming measures (preferably chicanes/road narrowing) along the B1527 road through Hempnall and the Street/Broaden Lane. We feel strongly that this is the only way to reduce the dangerously high speed traffic through our village, which has caused many accidents and threatens the safety and wellbeing of residents."* She had collected 427 signatures so far from 317 households which is approximately 75% of households in the village (not including the Greens). This matter was considered further at the parish council meeting.

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SAM2 Accuracy

Mr Edden reported the readings from the radar gun seemed to give different results than the SAM2 units indicating the SAM2 were inaccurate. Mr Turner suggested the SAM2 unit could have the calibration checked. This matter is to be considered further at the parish council meeting.

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Development off Bungay Road – Site HEM1

A parishioner asked if the entrance to HEM1 site would be off Bungay Road. Mr Hook stated that one of the conditions in the current local plan stated that any development must have access to Bungay Road. Mrs Allen indicated NCC wanted the access on Bungay Road and stressed that an entrance via Field Lane / Coronation Crescent was not appropriate because the increased amount of traffic would cause problems if that access was allowed.

Mr Cundy asked who owned the access road to the Village Hall. Mr Hook explained the Clerk had established that the parish council had transferred ownership of the access road to the Village Hall prior to the building of the hall. The land for the playing field, which originally included the village hall site, the car park and the access road was originally given to the parish council by Frederick Hall on 31 December 1948. The Parish Council sold the land for the village hall, a car park and the access road to the Village Hall for £3,000 on 24 September 1980. The Parish Council then made a donation to the village hall of £3,000. The Clerk had a copy of the deeds and attached map. It was also noted that the parish council had retained a right of way for access to the playing field and also shared responsibility for the cost of upkeep for the car park and entrance road.

Provision of Play Equipment

Mr Webb stated the position of some of the equipment under trees was not ideal due to bird fouling. He asked if more facilities could be provided and existing equipment updated. Mr Hook explained the issues surrounding the raising of funds and the organising of the building of the MUGA and encouraged parishioners to get involved with efforts to expand the play area. Mr Webb indicated he would be prepared to get involved. Mr Hook explained that a considerable amount of time and money had been spent on renovating the existing play area and thanked Councillor Delf for overseeing this task. Mr Masterson stated some councils were finding it difficult to insure play areas as insurance companies were pulling out of the market. This matter is to be considered further at the parish council meeting.

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Cars parking on pavements

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Complaints were received about cars parking on the pavements, particularly on The Street, outside by butchers, near the village sign, and Old Market Way. It was a particular hazard for people using buggies and wheel chairs. This matter is to be considered further at the parish council meeting.

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Footpath on Broaden Lane between Old Market Way and the war memorial.

A request was made for the provision of a footpath on Broaden Lane between Old Market Way and the war memorial. This matter is to be considered further at the parish council meeting.

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Next Meeting

The next parish meeting is provisionally scheduled for 17 March 2020.

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There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.07pm.

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Date 17 March 2020