

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 18 February 2020 at 7:00pm
at The Mill Centre**

Present

Chairman Mr David Hook, Vice Chairman Mr Richard Delf, Mrs Liz Allen, Mr Andrew Driver, Mr Hamish Rose, Mr Peter Workman, Clerk Ian Nelson.

Members of the public present

Mr Andrew March, Mrs Diane Ingram, Mrs Katie Barnes.

Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillor Alison Thomas, District Councillor Michael Edney and Mr Mike Turner

Minutes Silence

Mr Hook announced councillor Roger Parker had died on Saturday 15 February. He is irreplaceable in so many ways to the village. A minute's silence was observed in respect.

Mrs Allen proposed, Mr Delf seconded and it was unanimously agreed that a donation would be made of £50 to the charity nominated by Mr Parker's family and the Clerk should write to and send flowers to Mr Parker's wife Julie.

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The Clerk to advertise the vacancy and inform SNC.

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Declarations of Interest

Mrs Allen expressed a pecuniary interest in the GNLP matter and planning application 2019/0864.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Mr Driver proposed, Mr Delf seconded, and it was unanimously agreed the minutes of the meeting on 21 January 2020 be approved.

Public Participation

20mph signs

Mr March, a new resident of Hempnall, indicated it was confusing to have 20mph signs in the middle of a 30mph limit on the B1527 and pointed out there was not a sign indicating the 20mph limit when approaching from the Street.

It was noted that the 20mph was an advisory and not a compulsory limit. Mr Hook explained the background to the 20mph zone re preventing accidents on the double bends. It was further noted that NCC Highways had agreed in principle that some compulsory 20mph zones will be formally agreed as part of the overall traffic safety scheme for the village and appropriate signs will be erected at that time.

Mr Hook also encouraged Mr March to become involved with Hempnall Speedwatch.

County Councillor Thomas provided a report to the Clerk:

The county boundary review is delayed due to some challenge over the housing growth numbers attributed to South Norfolk. It is highly unlikely that Hempnall will move from Stratton Division. The budget is being decided on Monday and Council tax bills will flood out after that. Just for some context NCC is increasing the budget in Adult and Children's Social care due the ever-growing demands of these two services. It does however mean that any previously agreed savings in these areas have to remain to ensure the budget balances. Recent weather has put additional pressure on highway teams as a result of significant flooding episodes. I am however very pleased to see that the extensive work required to address issues near Boyland Hall has been completed and is working well.

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Planning Applications

New applications since the last meeting:

2020/0088 - Mr Thomas Bradley, 20 Old Market Way Hempnall - Flat roof dormer to rear of dwelling and change of external materials to existing front elevation dormer – Mr Workman proposed, Mr Driver seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the application be approved.

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Applications amended since the last meeting:

2019/0864 - Mr Julian Wells, Land South off Bungay Road Hempnall - Proposed erection of 23 dwellings with associated landscaping, drainage and highways works. – Attenuation ditch. Mr Hook proposed, Mr Delf seconded and it was agreed to approve subject to existing comments re. this application remaining in place.

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2019/0282 - Mr P Ellis Old Mill Cottage Field Lane Hempnall Subdivision of Garden of Old Mill Cottage Field Lane Hempnall Erection of detached dwelling and garage – revised Mr Hook proposed, Mr Workman seconded and it was agreed with one abstention that the application be acknowledged but opinion remains the same - rejection.

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New appeals since the last meeting:

2019/0959 - Mr Quinton Brown, Land West of Alburgh Road Hempnall - Erection of dwelling and garage – It was unanimously agreed that no further comments were necessary.

Applications approved since the last meeting:

There were none.

Applications where no prior approval required since the last meeting:

2019/2576 - Mr Joss Roger, Lundy Green Farm, Lundy Green, Hempnall - Agricultural building for the storage of crops and machinery

Applications refused since the last meeting:

There were none.

Applications withdrawn since the last meeting:

There were none.

Applications outside the parish boundary since the last meeting:

There were none.

VE Day Celebrations

Mrs Ingram and Mrs Barnes outlined the progress to date and the plans for the day. They were thanked by councillors for their hard work and organisation. The overall plan at present is as follows:

- 11am meet at school grounds
- Blessing at church
- 2 part road closure of The Street and the B1527 to allow parade to Village Hall.
- Village Hall bring your own picnic
- 3pm toast and end

Mr Hook proposed, Mrs Allen seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the parish council will fund up to £550 of costs for the VE Day celebrations. In addition the parish council would be the lead organiser with Messrs Delf and Workman sitting on the sub-committee with Mrs Ingram, Mrs Barnes and others.

RD/PW

The Clerk to send a copy of the standing orders to Mrs Barnes. The sub-committee will report to the parish council and keep minutes and financial records. Where possible sub-committee meetings will be scheduled to just precede parish council meetings.

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Dog Bins

The Clerk reported that Mr Turner had been contacted by Mr Paul Scott asking for the provision of a dog bin on Field Lane. In addition, Mrs Sarah Shipley had contacted the client requesting a dog bin between the church and the school. The headteacher, Mrs Jestico had indicated the school would be very happy to help in any way it can, like designing posters to put up in the village.

Given the lack of suitable location to put up dog bins and the experience to date regarding lack of use of them by antisocial offenders, Mr Delf proposed, Mr Workman seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Mrs Jestico's offer of posters should be accepted in the hope of offenders taking more note of children's requests to use the bins already provided and to ensure school children were taught good practice and hopefully that they would encourage their parents to use the bins.

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The posters to be brought to the attention of residents via the newsletter.

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Millfields

Mr Hook reported that Sam Watts had redesigned the layout/costing of social housing and presented them to Stuart for approval. The revised designs to be circulated once received.

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Mrs Allen left the meeting.

GNDP

The draft plan has been published. The deadline for consultation submissions is 16 March – the day before the next parish council meeting. Mr Workman proposed, Mr Delf seconded and it was unanimously agreed that a group of councillors be formed to respond, setting out the position of Hempnall Parish Council as agreed in policies and previous communications with the GNDP on this matter. The group is to consist of Messrs Hook, Rose and Driver and will meet on 11 March 2020 at Mr Hook's at 10am. Furthermore a letter is also to be sent to Mr Richard Bacon MP critical of his comments in the press that there should be no upper limit set regarding the number of new houses.

DH/AD/
HR

It was noted councillors would not be able to attend the NALC meeting on this subject on 20/02/20 due to the failure of NALC to provide sufficient notice of this meeting. The Clerk to notify NALC accordingly.

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Items for next main meeting

- Parking at surgery
- Business Rates for parish council

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Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council next main meeting will be on 17 March 2020 at the Mill Centre at 19:45, preceded by the annual parish meeting starting at 19:00.

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There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20:40

Signed _____ Date 17 March 2020