

HEMPNALL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 18 March 2020 at 7.00pm in The Nelson Room, Hempnall Village Hall

ACTION

Present.

Chairman Mr David Hook, Mr Andy Driver, Mr Hamish Rose, Mr Mike Turner and the Clerk Mr Ian Nelson.

Mr Barrie Masterson, Rev Michael Kingston, Mrs Pauline Brookes, Mrs Charlie Sutton, Mrs Katie Barnes.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr John Kelly, Mr Peter Workman, County Councillor Alison Thomas, District Councillor Michael Edney. Mrs Jestico, Mrs Liz Allen, Mr Richard Delf.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Mr Turner proposed, Mr Rose seconded, and it was agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 March 2019 were approved and signed by the chairman.

Matters arising from the previous minutes

Picket Gates

It was noted those to the east were proposed to be provided by the developers of the 2019/0864 site. The parish council had also made application to the Parish Partnership for funding towards the £1,353 needed for picket gates on Broaden Lane. The outcome is awaited.

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Petition to NCC re road safety

The petition was used to good effect by the parish council to help engage NCC Highways to provide further safety measures in the village.

SAM2 Accuracy

The unit had been professionally tested and was found to be accurate.

Provision of Play Equipment

Mr Webb's proposals are awaited.

Cars parking on pavements

Mr Key had asked if the vicar could mention the issue from the pulpit. The Clerk had put an article in the newsletter. The government have indicated they will shortly make parking on pavements illegal.

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

The parish council raised this with NCC Highways who inspected the area and concluded there was not sufficient room to build a footpath.

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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	Mrs P Brookes
The Church Estate Charity	Mr D Key	Mr I Nelson
The Hempnall Trust	Mr J Kelly	Mr I Nelson
Hempnall Village Hall Committee	No report received	
Footpaths	Mr H Rose to supply	n/a
Tree Warden	Mr D Hook	Mr D Hook
Long Stratton High School	Dr R Harris	Mr I Nelson
Hempnall School	Mrs L Jestic	Mr I Nelson

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 prepared reports.

County and District Councillor Report

No reports had been provided.

Any Other Business and Matters Arising from the Annual Reports

Coronavirus – Corvid19

Mrs Katie Barnes and Mrs Charlie Sutton had already started action in this area to support the vulnerable. It was noted the parish council and some the Hempnall Trust would also like to provide support so it was agreed to consider a coordinated approach during the parish council meeting following.

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Grass Cutting Swan Meadow

Mr Masterson said that the Church & Town Estates Property Charity is considering tenders for grass cutting which may include Swan Meadow public footpath. He will let the Clerk know the outcome.

BM/IN

Re-wilding project

It was considered desirable to take part in the government's re-wilding project. This matter is to be considered further at the parish council meeting.

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Pavement Damage

Mr Pauline Brooks reported the pavement was damaged on Mill Road opposite Mr Hook's house. It was thought this had been caused by caterpillar tractor mounting the pavement. Mrs Brookes kindly agreed to report the matter to NCC Highways.

PB

Dangerous manhole

Mr Hook reported that Mr Alan Reader's wife had recently fallen in to a manhole as the cover was off and was very lucky to escape serious injury – the hole is around 10 feet deep and she was fortunately able to avoid falling all the way down. Apparently, this is the second time that parishioners had reported that this manhole cover had come off. The Manhole is situated on the headland of the field adjacent to the allotments and gives access to a drain which runs from Millfields to the stream at the foot of the valley. The location of the manhole (approximately halfway along the allotment boundary but in the adjacent field) places it on land that is either owned by South Norfolk Council (but farmed by the Allen's) or on land that is owned by the Allen's. 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 16 March 2021.

All

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 19:44pm.

Signed _____

Date 16 March 2021

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