

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10 August 2021 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall.

Present

Chairman Mr David Hook, Vice Chair Mr Richard Delf, Mrs Liz Allen, Mrs Joan Cann, Mr Mike Turner, Mr Peter Workman and the Clerk Mr Ian Nelson.

Members of the public present

None

Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillor Alison Thomas, Mr Andy Driver and Mr Hamish Rose.

Declarations of Interest

Mrs Allen declared a prejudicial interest in the CPRE Norfolk - GNLP - Public Examination potential legal costs matter and Mr Hook declared an interest in the same matter.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Mrs Cann proposed, Mr Delf seconded, and it was unanimously agreed the minutes of the meeting on 20 July be approved.

Public Participation

Planning Applications

New applications since the last meeting:

2021/1742/3 - Mr Sutherland, Former Farm Buildings at Wood Farm Fairstead Lane Hempnall - Conversion of Traditional Former Farm Buildings to Provide a Single Dwelling with Associated Development – Mr Delf proposed, Mr Turner seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the application be approved on the assumption that the parish council's planning policy 2c is amended to read as below (see italics) at the next meeting. The Clerk to agenda.

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2c) Development Area Boundary

HPC opposes any development of the village outside the currently defined development boundary. We support infill of small groups of dwellings and small-scale businesses and services inside the development area demarcated by this boundary but oppose large scale housing estates. *We also support sympathetic conversions of existing buildings both inside and outside of the development area.*

Applications approved since the last meeting:

2021/1585 - Mr Grant Keys, Land South Of, Bungay Road, Hempnall - Discharge of conditions 15, 19 and 20 of permission 2019/0864 - Condition 15 - external lighting, Condition 19 - landscape management plan, Condition 20 - energy requirement.

Applications withdrawn since the last meeting:

2021/0958 - Mr David Ayton, Land at Villa Farm, Alburgh Road, Hempnall - Change of use of land to residential, provision of concrete pad for siting of static caravan for residential occupation and creation of new access.

Applications refused since the last meeting:

There were none.

Applications outside the parish boundary since the last meeting:

There were none.

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Millfields Exception Site

Talks are at an advanced state with Saffron and a paper will come to the council in the next few weeks on the way forward. Richard Browes of Saffron Housing will update the parish council further when the district council has come to a decision based on the submitter papers. Mr Hook informed the meeting that Paul Harris (Place Shaping Manager) had advised that it is possible for the site to be granted allocated status in the GNLP and still be wholly an affordable housing site. Mr Hook proposed, Mrs Cann seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should write to Paul Harris the SNC Shaping Manager; SNC policy team and Saffron Housing inviting them to a site meeting to co-ordinate proposals for the site.

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The Deals

It was noted SNC said they had granted the applicant until 30 July to submit revised plans but having checked no such plans had been submitted. The Clerk spoke to the new case officer, Nigel Harris, for an update at 3pm today and was advised he had not reviewed the case as yet and no updated application had been received, he said he would update the Clerk when he had reviewed the case. The Clerk to monitor. Mr Delf had noticed after 3pm that a revised application had been uploaded to SNC website. As it had not been possible to review this in detail it was agreed that the Clerk should call the case officer and ask for extension to 2 days after the next parish council meeting, failing which another parish council meeting would need to be called.

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18 Coronation Crescent

SNC enforcement officer has advised that he had visited the site and will be inviting a retrospective application.

Planning permissions & Business Rates

The Clerk had asked SNC if various businesses in and around the village needed or have planning permission and whether they were registered for business rates. Andy Baines, SNC enforcement officer has responded to the Clerk to say he will look in to the above and update us with his findings. He is, however, on leave until 9th August. The Clerk to monitor.

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It was noted that two dead trees in The Street which were in a conservation area had been felled without planning permission. Mr Hook proposed, Mr Workman seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that Mr Hook, as tree warden, will contact SNC conservation officer, Imogen Mole with a view to the contractors/landowner being contacted.

DH

Matters arising from previous Parish Council meetings – for discussion.

B1527 Declassification

Mr Hook explained that NCC had indicated that it is unlikely that there could be any significant further traffic calming measures, such as chicanes, on the B1527 unless it could be declassified from a B road to a C road and potentially also if it was declassified from being a designated HGV route.

Mrs Allen was concerned that level of maintenance of the road could be lower if declassified.

It was noted there were many more lorries using the road since the opening of the roundabout on the A140 and there are several places in the village that are difficult for lorries to pass.

Mr Workman and Mr Hook commented that some residents along Mill Road are fearful of crossing this section of the B1527 due to high traffic speeds.

Mr Hook proposed, Mr Delf seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should make enquires with NCC about the process for declassification.

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Footpath cutting

Due to the inadequacy of NCC cutting consideration is to be given to the parish council arranging its own cutting programme. This was carried forward in the absence of the footpath officer, Mr Rose.

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Mr Delf proposed, Mr Hook seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk write to NCC Highways to inform them how overgrown the paths were.

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Lower Lane Bridleway Cutting

Mr Simon Spaul had written to ask if the parish council could help re the maintenance of the bridleway (Lower Lane). The Clerk to send a holding email to await the outcome of discussions at the next PC meeting re footpath maintenance. The Clerk read Mr Spaul's helpful response to the meeting.

This was carried forward in the absence of the footpath officer, Mr Rose.

HR

Mrs Allen proposed, Mr Hook seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk write to NCC Highways to ask if the bridleway could be added to the cutting list and point out non-ground level maintenance is required.

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Verge Cutting

NCC's review of verge cutting policy took place on 14 July but details of the decision are not yet on the website. The Clerk to monitor.

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Cross field footpaths

This was carried forward in the absence of the footpath officer, Mr Rose.

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Flooding

The Clerk had invited the Environment Agency/Norfolk County Council for a site meeting to show them the issues and discuss possible solutions. A response is awaited. The Clerk had received and circulated to councillors the Draft Flood Investigation Report for South Norfolk District in Winter 2020-21.

Mr Hook referred councillors to pages 153 to 157 of the report which related to Hempnall. He said there were many inaccuracies in the report. Mr Hook proposed, Mr Turner seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should write to the EA to invite them to a site meeting so that our local knowledge could be used to help them develop an accurate report with meaningful recommendations.

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Dates for next year's meetings

The Clerk had circulated proposed dates for councillors to consider prior to the meeting. It was unanimously agreed the following dates be set for next year's meetings, generally being the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The Clerk to make the relevant Mill Centre bookings.

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18/01/2022	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Full
15/02/2022 P	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Planning
15/03/2022	7.00pm	Parish Meeting
15/03/2022	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Full
19/04/2022 P	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Planning
17/05/2022	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Full - Annual Meeting
21/06/2022 P	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Planning
19/07/2022	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Full
16/08/2022 P	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Planning

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20/09/2022	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Full
18/10/2022 P	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Planning
15/11/2022	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Full
13/12/2022P	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Planning

Items for next newsletter

No further items were identified.

Items for next main meeting

- Parking on the road on the corner of The Street near Broaden Lane
- Dogs loose on playingfield – The Clerk to investigate our bylaw powers and contact SNC to see what help can be offered by the dog warden
- Vandalism

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CPRE Norfolk - GNLP - Public Examination potential legal costs

Due to Mr Hook's declared interest in this matter, Mr Delf took the chair.
Mrs Allen left the meeting due to her prejudicial interest.

The Clerk had circulated an email from CPRE Norfolk explaining that with the GNLP submitted to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on 30 July 2021, CPRE Norfolk is looking to seek legal advice as how best to challenge elements of the Plan at Public Examination.

A letter from Chris Dady, Chairman of CPRE Norfolk to councillors was attached which is seeking donations for this work. Also attached was a list of the current Alliance member parishes across Broadland and South Norfolk.

The Clerk informed the meeting that Mr Driver had written to say that he thought the GNLP had many flaws and needed to be challenged at the Public Examination and he urged councillors to support contributing to the potential legal costs.

Mr Turner proposed, Mrs Cann seconded, and it was agreed 4 votes for and 1 abstention (Mr Hook) that the Clerk write to CPRE with support for the action and to pledge £500 towards costs.

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Mr Hook resumed as chairman.

Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council main meeting will take place on 21 September at the Mill Centre at 7:00pm.

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There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20:50.

Signed _____ Date 21 September 2021