

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14 December 2021 at 7:00pm in the Mill Centre.

Present

Chairman Mr David Hook, Vice Chair Mr Richard Delf, Mr Andy Driver, Mr Mike Turner, Mr Peter Workman and the Clerk Mr Ian Nelson.

Members of the public present

Norfolk Deputy Lieutenant, Mr David McLeavy Hill (to end of Pandemic Commemorative Plaque matter), Mr Marc Joesbury (to end of planning application 2021/2637), and Mr Rob Webb (to end of play area matter).

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs Liz Allen, County Councillor Alison Thomas, Mr Hamish Rose.

Declarations of Interest

Mr Hook declared an interest in planning application 2021/2637 and the Tennis Club rent.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Mr Workman proposed, Mr Driver seconded, and it was unanimously agreed the minutes of the meeting on 16 November be approved.

Pandemic Commemorative Plaque

Norfolk Deputy Lieutenant, Mr David McLeavy Hill, attended to present the Pandemic Commemorative Plaque for the village. The plaque commemorates community resilience in the year of the Covid pandemic.

The plaque may be placed wherever the council thinks is most appropriate and is suitable for both outdoor and indoor fixing. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should agenda this for the next meeting.

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Public Participation

Mr Marc Joesbury spoke to his planning application under that heading. Mr Webb spoke to the play area matter under that heading.

County Councillor Update

Mrs Alison Thomas had provided the following report: *“Highways teams busy with gritting routes etc now so be mindful that the drivers are often the same people who do small works so if we have a prolonged cold snap minor works might be held up.”*

Bypass application is being delayed until Feb/March to ensure issues raised via the consultation can be addressed before determination.”

District Councillor Update

There was no report.

Planning Applications

New applications since the last meeting:

2021/2574 - Mr Simon Carver, Pear Tree Farm Alburgh Road Hempnall - Details of conditions 4 and 5 of 2021/0325 - (4) Surface water and (5) Tree protection.

Mr Driver proposed, Mr Turner seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that it was not possible to comment as appendix 4 was not made available on SNC website.

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2021/2582 - Mr Tom Simpson for R Buck, Grange Farm Lundy Green Hempnall - Discharge of conditions 3, 4, and 6 from 2020/2338 - (3) materials for external surfaces, (4) external lighting, (6) surface water drainage – Mr Driver proposed, Mr Turner seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the application be approved subject to the containment tank being sufficient to prevent extra flooding in the village. There has historically been flooding from the stream into which it is proposed to discharge the surface water.

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2021-2682 - Mr Dennis Beckett, Kelby Rows Meadow Hempnall - New double garage to front and dormers to dwelling. – Mr Delf proposed, Mr Workman seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the application be approved.

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Mr Delf took the chair for this matter and Mr Hook left the meeting.

2021/2637 – Mr Marc Joesbury, 2 Freemasons Cottages, Mill Road Hempnall - Two storey rear extension with external and internal alterations to include first floor terrace over existing ground floor extension.

Mr Joesbury explained the rationale behind his application and said he was open to make amendments to suit his neighbours. It was noted that corrected plans showing the location of the site boundary are being submitted to SNC.

Mr Workman proposed, Mr Turner seconded, and it was agreed with one abstention, that the application be approved.

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Mr Hook returned to the meeting and retook the chair.

Applications approved since the last meeting:

2021/2201 - Mr Andrew Cruickshank, 18 Coronation Crescent Hempnall - Erection of cart shed to rear of dwelling. (retrospective).

Applications withdrawn since the last meeting:

There were none.

Applications refused since the last meeting:

There were none.

Applications outside the parish boundary since the last meeting:

There were none.

Millfields Exception Site

The Clerk with the help of Mr Hook, had written to SNC to make clear the parish council would like to have any development on this site be treated as an allocated site in the GNLP and thus be counted towards the housing target for village clusters in the GNLP .

The Deals

Following the site visit of the new planning officer, Mr Edney had informed the Clerk that the new planning officer was a senior officer who was aware and sympathetic to the concerns of parish councillors. The Clerk had passed this information on to councillors.

Matters arising from previous Parish Council meetings – for discussion.

Play area development

Mr Webb gave a report of progress to date on behalf of the sub-committee.

Two of the three Norfolk companies sent a tender have responded. The sub-committee preferred the options presented by NGF Play Ltd and these were shown to the meeting. The total cost is likely to be around £89,000 plus VAT.

It was unanimously agreed that the plans look good in principle and councillors supported

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the sub-committee proceeding to seek grants to help cover as much of the cost as possible. RD/PW
The sub-committee to also investigate whether planning permission would be required. RD/PW

The Clerk to seek approval from SNC to some or all of use the s106 funds for the project IN
and obtain an estimate of the insurance premium to cover the equipment. IN

Councillors formally thanked all of the sub-committee for the work undertaken to date.

Roadside nature reserves

A site meeting had taken place on 25 November 2021 between Helen Baczkowska, Acting Conservation Manager for Norfolk Wildlife Trust and Messrs Driver and Hook.

Mr Driver reported there were several areas around the village which the Conservation Manager had agreed were suitable. She said it may be possible for her to obtain wild-flower seeds for each area, but the sites would need to be cleared and planted locally. Roadside nature reserve signs would be installed to protect the areas. The areas would only be cut once per year.

Mr Driver volunteered to take this further with NCC, with the help of Mr Rose. AD/HR

Correspondence

B1527 Road Closure w/c 29/11

Mr John Ellis had called to complain that contractors had put up a number of misleading signs advising road closures and then had not actually blocked the roads. Councillors agreed that the contractors had followed procedure by obtaining the relevant road closure authorities and signed accordingly. Even if the road is not blocked it is illegal for motorists to pass the road closed signs. It was also noted that the contractor had only closed the road for 3 of the possible 5 days allowed. It was agreed however that it is not clear from the advanced warning signs where the road was closed.

Mr Turner proposed, Mr Driver seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk write to NCC again to encourage them to state on the road signs where the road is shut, even if it just says Hempnall or Woodton for example. IN

Possible illegal dumping off Field Lane

Mr Hook proposed, Mr Workman seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk report to the Environment Agency possible illegal dumping in a pit at the north-west corner of a field off Field Lane (GR 239939). IN

Mud on road

Mr Delf volunteered to informally ask Robert Allen to sweep Busseys Loke. RD

Finance

Hempnall Football Club / Tennis Club Rent

The Clerk reported he had attended a meeting today with representatives of the village hall and the football club and they had agreed in future the football club would be billed directly by the village hall. It was noted the parish council would still pass on part of the costs to the football club relating to spraying, scarifying and spiking. The village hall representatives had agreed the tennis club could continue to use the toilets and have a room for its AGM FOC.

Budget/Precept 2022/23

The Clerk presented the budget for 2022/23 as previously circulated to Councillors. It was noted that the costs relating to the play area development were still estimated and were for illustration only. It was agreed to add a charge to the tennis club for ground rent of £175. It was also noted that a new parish council board was needed and had been allowed for in the budget. The Clerk to bring quotes to the next meeting. IN

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The Clerk reported that SNC had informed him the tax base is 461 (Previous year 449) properties.

Mr Driver proposed, Mr Turner seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that the budget be approved, and the precept be set at £18,300, an effective decrease of 1.06% per household.

The Clerk to inform SNC of the required precept prior to the deadline of 15 January 2022. IN

Items for next newsletter

The Clerk to draft and publish, when appropriate, articles on the following:

- Parish council assistance given re CCTV at the Village Hall
- Historic footpaths
- Trees – free sites
- Play area progress
- Speedwatch resumed

Items for next main meeting

No extra matters were identified. IN

Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council main meeting will take place on 18 January 2022 at 7.00pm in the Mill Centre and the next planning meeting on 15 February at the Mill Centre at 7:00pm. IN

It was agreed that if the government allow, future meetings would be held via Zoom so long as Covid/Omicron remain a significant threat.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21:08.

Signed _____ Date 18 January 2022