

HEMPNALL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 22 March 2022 at 7.00pm At the Mill Centre

ACTION

Present.

Chairman Mr David Hook, Vice Chair Mr Richard Delf, Mrs Liz Allen, Mrs Joan Cann (from Hempnall School Report onwards), Mr Andy Driver, Mr Hamish Rose, Mr Barrie Masterson, Mrs Pauline Brookes, Mr David Key and the Clerk Mr Ian Nelson.

Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillor Alison Thomas, Mr Mike Turner, Mr Peter Workman.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Mr Driver proposed, Mr Delf seconded, and it was agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 March 2021 were approved and signed by the chairman.

Matters arising from the previous minutes

Re-wilding project

Mr Hook reported that no land had been offered for re-wilding however hopefully this may change with the introduction of new agricultural rewilding subsidies.

Mr Driver was currently liaising with Norfolk Wildlife Trust to try and re-wild verges around the village.

Parish Partnership 2020/21

The bus shelter roof and repairs to footpath bridges had been carried out, partially funded via the Parish Partnership.

Cats Eyes

Despite further representations, NCC would not alter the cats eyes on the B1527 at the double bends in the middle of the village.

Footpath Finger posts

Mr Rose had carried out an audit to determine how many and where extra posts are needed, NCC had replaced some figure posts and Mr Rose held a stock of round route markers which people could use upon request.

Annual Reports

The following annual reports were read out to the meeting:

Report

Chairman

The Church & Town Estates Property Charity

Town Estate Educational Foundation

The Church Estate Charity

The Hempnall Trust

Hempnall Village Hall Committee

Footpaths

Tree Warden

Long Stratton High School

Hempnall School

County Councillor

District Councillor

Written By

Mr D Hook

Mr B Masterson

Mrs P Brookes

Mr D Key

Mr J Kelly

No report received

Mr H Rose

Mr D Hook

No report received

Mr A Griffiths

Mrs A Thomas

Mr M Edney

Read By

Mr D Hook

Mr B Masterson

Mrs P Brookes

Mr D Key

Mr I Nelson

Mr H Rose

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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.

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Mr Hook thanked all who prepared reports.

Any Other Business and Matters Arising from the Annual Reports

Churchyard Tree Pruning

Mr Key asked if the large tree in the old churchyard which is blocking the view of the clock could be pruned again. It was agreed to consider this at the parish council meeting.

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Telephone mast

Mr Key asked if any details were available re a proposed telephone mast on the playingfield.

The Clerk and Mrs Allen reported that the village hall committee had been approached to site it on their property, however upon a site visit the mast company did not feel it was a suitable location but instead considered a site at the far southeast corner of the playingfield. No formal approach had been made to the parish council and no planning application had been submitted. The details of the mast cleaned from the site meeting are as follows:

- It would serve an area of 2km radius.
- As well as enabling smart meter technology it would initially have two phone providers aerials attached, believed to be O2 and EE. Mr Driver said we should ask them to add more providers.
- It would have 3 antennas.
- It would have a 6m x 6m footprint and be between 15m to 20m high.
- They would pay a rent to the landowner the parish council of £1,500 to £1,800 per annum.
- Mrs Yvonne Davey would agree to move her husband's memorial oak tree, however Mr Hook felt that moving the tree was not acceptable and could in fact kill it and that a site meeting should be held to discuss the possibility of locating the mast where it would not interfere with the growth of the tree nor its future visual contribution to the playing field and also where it would not pose a problem for potential play area expansion.

It was agreed to consider this at the parish council meeting.

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Bus route to Norwich via Poringland

Mrs Brookes asked why buses from/to Hempnall were routed via Poringland, thus significantly increasing the journey time and putting people off using the service. Mr Driver explained the contractual negotiations held between the bus company and NCC had led to this, but the contracts were up for review next year so perhaps representations could be made nearer the time. It was agreed to consider this at the parish council meeting.

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Next Meeting

The next parish meeting is provisionally scheduled for 21 March 2023.

All

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 19:55

Signed _____

Date 21 March 2023