

# HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 15 August 2023 at 7:00pm in the Mill Centre

### Present

Chairman Mr David Hook, Mr Phil Bates, Mrs Joan Cann, Mr Mike Turner, Mr Peter Workman and the Clerk Mr Ian Nelson.

### Members of the public present

County Councillor Alison Thomas.

### Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Richard Delf, Mr Robert Elliott, District Councillor Martyn Hooton, Mr Hamish Rose.

### Declaration of interests

Mr Hook declared an interest in the Traffic calming on B1527 matter.

### Minutes of the previous meeting

Mr Bates proposed, Mrs Cann seconded, and it was unanimously agreed the minutes of the meeting on 18 July 2023 be approved.

### Public Participation

There was none.

### County Councillor Update

County Councillor Alison Thomas provided the following report:

NCC Adult Social Care team are having conversations with those using their service to find out how they want the service to support them to ensure best service can be provided.

Mrs Thomas was in support of a meeting with NCC Highways safety team re the B1527.

She also supported the idea of the ex SNC offices being used as a community hub.

Work on the Long Stratton bypass should start in April 2024.

The A47 North Burlingham widening has commenced.

### District Councillor Update

District Councillor Mr Martyn Hooton provided the following report:

*"It's been a quiet month for Hempnall issues, so the following is all I have to pass on at the moment:*

*I have made my own representations to the Licensing Committee which meets to decide on the Morrison's application on Monday 21st August. I have asked to be kept updated at every stage, but I expect we will probably hear at the same time what the committee decides.*

*I have had contact from three other Hempnall residents since we last met at the PC meeting about the Morrison's takeover and again these residents were concerned either about the vape displays and/or the licencing extension. One resident contacted me (and sent me a photograph) on the day the shop closed unexpectedly, and a handwritten notice went up on the door. I'm still unsure what this was all about!*

*I have also had contact from one resident about vehicles turning around in the entrance to the school. After talking to Alison Thomas, she has agreed to take this matter to the County Highway Engineer to see if anything can be done to reduce vehicles turning at this location.*

*Finally, you should have received consultation papers in relation to a Public Spaces Protection Order. The consultation period has been extended a bit to allow for the August holiday period. However, this is an issue which we will be progressing from the end of the*

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*month so again I would welcome the council's comments and views."*

## **Planning Applications**

### **New applications since the last meeting:**

2023/2257 - Mr & Mrs J Kirk, The Long House, The Street, Hempnall - proposed 2 x rooflights to kitchen – Mr Turner proposed, Mr Bates seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the application be approved.

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2023/2318 - Mr & Mrs J Fagg, Homeleigh Field Lane Hempnall - Conversion of outbuilding to form annexe – Mr Bates proposed, Mr Turner seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the application be approved.

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### **Applications approved since the last meeting:**

2023/0952 - Simon Webster, Rosewood House, The Street Hempnall - Four bay cart lodge

### **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.

## **Wheels 4 Less Lighting Issue**

It was noted that a lighting pole had been erected which is thought not to be in accordance with the planning permission granted. Mr Hook proposed, Mr Bates seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk ask the SNC enforcement officer to enforce the conditions of the planning permission. Mr Hook had prepared a suitable email for the Clerk to send.

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## **Matters arising from previous Parish Council meetings – completed**

### **Morrisons licence extension**

The Clerk responded to the application and forwarded Mrs Battye's emails and the parish council's objections to Mr Hooton for him to make further enquiries. Mr Rose will attend the hearing on the 21 August.

HR

### **Parish Council NALC Representative**

The Clerk had contacted Norfolk ALC to ask why Mr Elliott (our NALC Rep) was not receiving their emails. They were still awaiting other councils and expected to start contact soon with a view to a meeting in September.

### **New bank signatory**

The Clerk had submitted the fully signed bank mandate forms and received confirmation that the changes have been enacted.

### **National Infrastructure Project - National Grid - Norwich to Tilbury**

The Clerk had responded to the consultation opposing the plan and added a link to the consultation on the parish council Facebook page.

### **Footpath Cutting**

The Clerk had encouraged Mrs Franks and Mr Kelly to contact NCC Highways as individuals to complain so as to add strength to the parish council's complaints.

### **SAM2 use**

Mr Elliott had reported back to the parishioner that SAM2 units are in constant use over 6 sites in the village.

### **Extra agenda item - Speedwatch**

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The Clerk had added Speedwatch as a standing item.

## **South Norfolk House – proposal for community hub.**

The Clerk responded in support in principle for community and small businesses use of the old council offices.

## **Footpath warden**

Mr Rose had conducted a suitable handover with Mr Bates and the Clerk had provided various helpful information to Mr Bates. The Clerk had also updated the website.

## **Summer newsletter**

The Clerk had published and issued.

## **Footpath 12 ditch filled**

The Clerk confirmed NCC had filled in the ditch which crosses footpath 12. A pipe was put in to take the water under the footpath.

## **Matters arising from previous Parish Council meetings – awaiting others**

### **Nobbs Lane Spur**

Further forms are required to be completed. Mr Hook will co-ordinate in Autumn 2023. Names of users are being collated. It was noted that the path is already shown on the Sustrans cycle map.

DH

### **Thanking the Speedwatch Team**

The Clerk was to write to each individual team member to thank them for their service but had not been provided with individual's details by the group. Mr Hook proposed, Mrs Cann seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk send one letter to the group coordinator to distribute.

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### **Log stuck under Miss Emery Bridge**

The Clerk reported that the property charity would remove the log. The Clerk to monitor.

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## **Matters arising from previous Parish Council meetings – for discussion.**

### **Change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage**

The Clerk had established that planning permission for change of use would be needed if parcels of agricultural land are sold for residential curtilage, whether or not any building work was proposed.

### **Hempnall Mardel / police activity**

It had been noticed there had been postings on the Hempnall Mardle warning people about the police's speed gun presence. Mr Elliott had checked if this was illegal and had been informed that warning motorists of Speed Enforcement could be construed as obstructing police officers in the execution of their duty. The Clerk will put a suitable notice in the newsletter.

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### **Play area redevelopment**

The Clerk had obtained a copy of the play area safety report on the new equipment.

Messrs Workman and Delf have asked Mr Havens to remove the dead tree branches. To be monitored.

RD/PW

The Clerk had sent Mr Delf the recommendations for safety and maintenance of the new play area equipment per NGF's report. This matter will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

RD

Mr Workman reported the children's painted stones would be positioned this weekend.

The Clerk and Mrs Bachelor to prepare a final costing of the project.

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## **Traffic calming on B1527 West**

County Councillor Thomas had now provided her verbal and written support so the Clerk will send an email to NCC Highways to request a site meeting to discuss traffic calming / safety measures at this location. Mrs Thomas will follow up with Highways.

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Mrs Cann also mentioned the problem crossing the B1527 near the junction with The Street, especially for those less-mobile parishioners.

## **Extra grass cutting on playing field**

The Clerk had written to Mr Shurmer of Hempnall Football club offering to administer extra grass cutting of the playing field. £30+vat. Mr Shurmer was to take the matter to the committee. The Clerk to monitor.

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## **Speedwatch/SAM2**

Mr Elliott reported that the police motorcyclist had carried out two sessions in Broaden Lane and that passers-by had thanked him. It seems these were in the area of the War Memorial, and they intended to carry out more monitoring further up Broaden Lane.

Mr Elliott had also noted a post on Hempnall Mardle from the lady who is Admin saying that they would not approve posts in future that warn of Speedwatch or Police checks.

Mr Turner reported that the oldest SAM2 unit had a few issues re downloading but this was now sorted with the aid of Westetec.

## **Dates for next year's meetings**

The Clerk had circulated proposed dates for councillors to consider prior to the meeting. Mr Bates proposed, Mr Hook seconded, and it was unanimously agreed the following dates be set for next year's meetings, generally being the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The Clerk had made a provisional booking with the Mill Centre and would now make final.

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16/01/2024	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Full
20/02/2024 P	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Planning
19/03/2024	7.00pm	Parish Meeting
19/03/2024	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Full
16/04/2024 P	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Planning
21/05/2024	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Full - Annual Meeting
18/06/2024 P	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Planning
16/07/2024	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Full
20/08/2024 P	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Planning
17/09/2024	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Full
15/10/2024 P	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Planning
19/11/2024	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Full
17/12/2024 P	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Planning

## **Old Churchyard maintenance**

Mr Hook had undertaken an inspection of the churchyard with Mrs Jill Turner, a church warden.

There are two war graves in the closed churchyard and as they are in the conservation area, they are overgrown and difficult to locate, so extra grass cutting was required. Mrs Turner also asked if it was possible to have a sign somewhere near the church gate to advertise their presence.

Mr Hook also had a list of other matters to be attended to.

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Mr Hook proposed, Mr Workman seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk, Messrs Hook and Bates and any other councillors who wished to attend would meet with Mr D Whiting on site to obtain a quote for the work to be carried out. The Clerk to make arrangements.

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Mr Workman volunteered to carry out the annual gravestone wobble test before the next meeting.

PW

## **Items for next newsletter**

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

- Warning re social media / police presence
- Thank you to those that have cut their hedges

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## **Items for next main meeting**

- HPC Policy re use of chemicals – PB
- HPC emails names – PB/IN

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## **Date of next meeting**

The next parish council main meeting on 19 September 2023 at the Mill Centre at 7:00pm.  
The next parish council planning meeting will take place on 17 October 2023 at 7.00pm in the Mill Centre.

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There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20:30

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 19/09/2023