

# HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13 August 2024 at 7:00pm in the Mill Centre

### Present

Chairman Mr David Hook, Mr Phil Bates, Mr Robert Elliott, Mr Hamish Rose, Mr Mike Turner, Mr Peter Workman and the Clerk Mr Ian Nelson.

### Members of the public present

Mrs Paula Bailey, Mr William Bailey, Mr Trevor Shurmer, Mrs Patsy Shurmer (all for the Parking on The Street matter)

### Apologies

Apologies were received from District Councillor Hooton, Mrs Joan Cann and Mr Richard Delf.

### Declaration of interests

Mr Bates and Mr Hook expressed an interest in the Support for Hempnall Trust issue.

### Minutes of the previous meeting

Mr Elliott proposed, Mr Bates seconded, and it was unanimously agreed the minutes of the meeting on 16 July 2024 be approved.

### Public Participation

See the Parking on The Street matter.

### County Councillor Update

County Councillor Alison Thomas had not submitted a report.

### District Councillor Update

District Councillor Hooton had informed the Clerk there was nothing to report.

### Planning Applications

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

2024/2108/2200 - Mr & Mrs Allen, Cottleston, Mill Rd, Hempnall - Demolition of detached single garage and associate garden wall – Mr Turner proposed, Mr Bates seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the application be approved.

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

2024/1385 - Mr Richard Buck, Grange Farm, Lundy Green Hempnall - Decommissioning of 3 No. existing poultry houses, erection of 2 No. additional poultry houses with feed bins, concrete apron & drainage attenuation pond.

#### **Applications withdrawn since the last meeting:**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.

### 2024/2027 - Change of use of land from agricultural to residential gardens

Correspondence had been received from a parishioner asking the parish council to reconsider its response in respect of this application. After discussion, Mr Hook proposed, Mr Bates seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk responds to the parishioner to reassert his previous email that all the parish council can do is ask SNC to impose conditions as part of the planning approval that no structural development be allowed.

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## **Broadland & South Norfolk Design Code workshop**

Mr Delf will report back at the next meeting, and in the meantime, Mr Hook will liaise with Mr Delf re the response to the Consultation - District-wide Design Code for South Norfolk and Broadland districts.

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## **South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan consultation**

This particular consultation is in regard to the plan's legal compliance. No response will be made by the parish council.

## **A140 Long Stratton Bypass – Proposed Traffic Regulation Order Consultation – Regulation 19 Addendum consultation**

This consultation also relates to legal compliance. No response will be made by the parish council.

## **Consultation - District-wide Design Code for South Norfolk and Broadland districts**

Broadland District Council and South Norfolk Council have appointed Tibbalds Planning and Urban Design to develop a district wide Design Code for both South Norfolk and Broadland. The aim of the Design Code is to strengthen the design quality and consistency of new residential developments across the area. It will provide straightforward guidance to ensure high quality and appropriate development, covering themes such as the height of buildings, their design and materials, landscaping, the design of bin stores, and the design of parking spaces. It is anticipated that the Design Code will be applicable to all new development, although it is expected to be most relevant to new residential developments that are under 500 homes.

The Design Code will be used to help in the planning applications process to ensure that new development is of appropriate quality, responds to the local context, and provides great places for people to live. As part of this Code, particular emphasis will be given to the quality of landscaping, the character of local buildings, and the use of distinctive materials. It is intended that the new Code will eventually be adopted by each Council as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). SPDs are used to provide further guidance on planning policies.

As part of this process, local communities and other stakeholder bodies are being consulted to help inform the priorities, content and structure of the Design Code as it develops. This is the first stage of engagement to help establish priorities for design of new development across the districts,

An online survey is available at: <https://southnorfolkandbroadland.placechangers.co.uk> until 5.00pm on Monday 2nd September 2024.

Mr Elliott proposed, Mr Turner seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that Mr Hook would liaise with Mr Delf re. the HPC response but this will not be possible before September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Clerk is to ask if it is possible to have views considered after the 02/09/24 deadline.

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## **Over hanging hedge Lundy Green**

Mr Turner reported that a local farmer has said it is very difficult when transporting farm machinery and large straw bales to get past a hedge on Lundy Green. The parish Council had written to the householder but to no effect. Mr Turner proposed, Mr Workman seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk write to NCC to ask them to cut the hedge and notify the parishioner of this and point out that if they cut it before NCC, it would avoid a charge being imposed by NCC.

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Mr Turner to inform the Clerk of a local farmer who may be prepared to cut the hedge for the resident.

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## **Alburgh Rd SAM2 positioning**

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A parishioner had requested the unit be located nearer the Three Horseshoes to help control traffic on the straight 40mph area. The Clerk had already liaised with Mr Turner and the unit was placed in the area as requested. The parishioner had been informed.

Mr Turner reported a bent SAM2 bracket on the post and said he would try to repair it.

Mr Turner was thanked for all he does with regard to the SAM2.

## **Parking on the street**

The members of the public attending expressed concern about parking on the street, specifically the war memorial end. They reported that particularly at school drop off and pick up times or for school events involving parents, cars are parked all the way down the street including the blind bend from Brymor to the war memorial. This reduces the road to a single carriageway which can mean vehicles meeting head on, on a blind bend. They were concerned this could result in a serious collision.

In addition, cars are regularly parked over the lowered curb outside Casterbridge thus preventing wheelchair users, mobility scooters and prams from using this facility.

Councillors also related many instances which supported the above and multiple complaints from other parishioners.

Mr Hook proposed, Mr Elliott seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should ask NCC to place double yellow lines from the east side of the drop kerb to the war memorial corner on both sides of the road. There would then not be a need for the white line to protect the drop kerb. It was noted the road would be closed from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of September, so this would be an ideal time to carry out the work.

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## **White Lines – Fairsted Lane / The Krons**

Mrs Cann had written to say she had been approached by a parishioner who asked her to bring to the attention of councillors a concern that there could be an awful accident at the Krons junction with Fairstead Lane. Although there is a give way sign the white lines have been erased over time and many vehicles are driving straight out to turn right without stopping or slowing down. He has asked if the white lines can be painted again.

Mr Elliott proposed, Mr Bates seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk ask NCC to repaint the lines and respond to Mrs Cann who can provide feedback to the parishioner.

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## **District Councillor support for Speedwatch**

As Mr Hooton had not attended council meetings lately, Mr Elliott proposed, Mr Bates seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk remind him of his promise to meet with the Speedwatch team and supply Mr Elliott's contact details to allow him to liaise directly.

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## **Support for the Mill Centre - requested by The Hempnall Trust**

Mr Bates left the room due to his interest in the matter.

Mr Bates had provided a business plan for the Mill Centre which the Clerk had circulated to councillors after the previous parish council meeting.

After much discussion, Mr Elliott proposed, Mr Turner seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk write to the Hempnall Trust pointing out that the parish council values the contribution the building makes to the parish and therefore the Parish Council has agreed to offer financial support with a grant of £2,500 to assist with the purchase of new kitchen equipment. This new equipment will help the Trust increase the revenue generated by the building. The Clerk to set out the detailed terms of the grant.

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## **Items for next newsletter**

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

- Discarded Vapes on playingfield – make parents aware.
- The HPC report to the police re stolen “No horse” signs.
- Information on who is responsible for PROW maintenance and how to report issues with PROW
- A plea for more Speedwatch volunteers
- A request to parishioners to trim hedges that intrude on to roads and pavements

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## **Items for next main meeting**

- External Audit of accounts to 31/03/24 result
- Dates for next year’s meetings

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## **Date of next meeting**

The next Parish Council planning meeting will take place on 15 October 2024 at 7.00pm in the Mill Centre and the next main meeting on 19 November 2024 at the Mill Centre at 7:00pm.

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There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20:28

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 15/10/2024