

HONINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 11th May 2022, 7.00pm at Honingham Village Hall

Cllrs present:

Tony Roberts – Vice Chair (TR), Michael Eales (ME), Graham Cullender (GC), Richard Kirkham (RK)

Absent:

Cllr Greg Peck (GP), Sam Steggles (SS),

Other:

Jordana Wheeler (Clerk), Cllr Peter Bulman (PB), 8 members of the public were present.

1. Welcome and to receive apologies for absence
 - 1.1. All Councillors were present.
2. To welcome a representative from National Highways to discuss the dualling of the A47
 - 2.1. Jim Freeman (JF), from Galliford Try, addressed the meeting as the local representative for the A47 dualling project. Galliford Try will be constructing the new road if given the go ahead. JF was unable to answer some questions due to legal reasons. The route has been chosen and any changes to this cannot be discussed. The Council have already had the opportunity to make their own representations to the formal DCO process to raise their concerns about the project.
 - 2.2. JF will be the main point of contact during the construction period if residents or the Council have any concerns about noise/traffic etc...
 - 2.3. If the road is approved construction will begin in early 2023. If there are any recommendations for change from the DCO process this may lead to a few months delay.
 - 2.4. The project is not affected by the new planning guidance 'Nutrient Neutrality'.
 - 2.5. If the Council wish for traffic calming measures such as village gateways, speed bumps or changes to speed limits, these must be approved and implemented by Norfolk County Council.
 - 2.6. JF clarified that the current A47 will remain open and will change to a local road (detrunked). This would be able to be used for traffic diversions if there were roadworks or traffic accidents, rather than traffic being re-routed through the centre of the village.
 - 2.7. The main construction will take place offline, meaning it will be built whilst the current road remains open for use (National Highways are duty bound to maintain traffic flow).

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- 2.8. Concerns were expressed again about the impact of increased traffic on Taverham Road.
3. To approve the minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 4th May 2021
 - 3.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2021 were received and read by Councillors prior to the meeting. The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes.
4. To announce the winner of the Ailwyn Cup
 - 4.1. The Council awarded the Ailwyn Cup to David Bishop in recognition of his work for and dedication to the community and Parish Council, as Chairman, over many years.

To receive reports from;

5. Tony Roberts, Vice Chairman of Honingham Parish Council, on the Council's Year
 - 5.1. Please see attached report.
6. Cllr Peter Bulman, Broadland District Council
 - 6.1. Broadland District Council (BDC) will not be increasing their council tax this coming year and are mindful of the pressures on residents' finances. The Council are aiming to be more efficient and cost effective rather than cut services.
 - 6.2. PB was pleased to support the village through the Greater Norwich Local Plan consultation. PB shared residents concerns about plans for large scale development in the parish, noting they would have significant implications and impose an intrusion on the rural life enjoyed by residents.
 - 6.3. BDC are supporting the Norwich Western Link project and hope it will remove traffic from local rural roads.
 - 6.4. PB has supported residents with various concerns including light pollution from the Food Enterprise Zone. PB is keeping informed of other developments on the site and how they may impact the village.
7. Cllr Greg Peck, Norfolk County Council
 - 7.1. Apologies were received from GP.

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8. Update from the Village Hall Committee
 - 8.1. The Chairman Ray Grant shared his report with the Council. 2021 started with flooding at the rear of the village hall. Rainwater had run off neighbouring fields. The landowner installed some new drains to prevent further flooding.
 - 8.2. Following the removal of Covid restrictions use of the hall has almost returned to normal. The fundraising events the committee usually arrange have not yet returned.
 - 8.3. Grants received due to covid have enabled the committee to install a new floor, a concrete path around the outside of the building providing a safe emergency exit for wheelchairs, as well as installing wifi and an audio system with amplification system. New LED lights have also been installed which will reduce the halls energy usage.
9. Update on current village organisations & activities
 - 9.1. The Council are looking for a volunteer to help organise and run the village litter picks. Anyone interested should contact the Parish Clerk.
 - 9.2. TR will be taking over as volunteer to look after the SAM2 speed signs. They are next expected in the village in August.
 - 9.3. The resident who provided and tended to the flowers at the war memorial is no longer in the parish. If anyone is interested in taking this over please speak to the Clerk.
10. Opportunity for members of the public to discuss general parish issues
 - 10.1. A resident enquired about the new dog bins for the village, including Mill Lane. The Clerk noted these had been delayed due to the pandemic.
 - 10.2. Maintenance work sent to the Highways Rangers does not appear to be completed. The Clerk noted that the Rangers did not report back when work had been completed so it was hard to monitor.
 - 10.3. TR shared ideas for a location to install the plaque awarded to the village in recognition of residents' resilience during the pandemic. The final location is to be confirmed.
 - 10.4. A resident enquired if the precept would be increased to raise funds to replace the play area equipment. TR noted the Council intended to use CIL money. TR shared the idea to move the play area onto the bowling green and open up the current play area to provide a bigger green space for recreation and community events. These events have been missed during the pandemic.
 - 10.5. Ideas to raise the profile of the village hall and increase its usage were considered. The committee want to encourage more people, including new bookings, to use the hall.
 - 10.6. TR felt social media could be used more within the community. There is currently no community page. A resident agreed to set up a facebook page for the community. This will be separate from the Parish Council facebook page which is for information sharing only.

The public meeting closed at 8.00pm

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