

MINUTES OF THE HONINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY AT 7:30PM

Councillors Present: Stacey Bertram, Paul Blyth, Sally Blyth, Ryan Harvey, Anthony Meynell
(Chair)
Members of the Public Present: 7
Clerk: Samantha Bromley

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Jules Dean & Cllr Bernie Perrett (alternative commitments).

2. Co-Option.

Applications for co-option were considered. Sally Blyth and Paul Blyth were voted onto the Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 13th November 2024 were AGREED as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

4. Declaration of Interest.

- 4.1. No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests were declared.
- 4.2. No dispensation requests were received.

5. To receive matters not elsewhere on the agenda.

- 5.1. The Parish Council has been informed by their Highways Officer that his funding source has agreed to help with the bus shelter project. He will be contacting their firm which installs shelters to see what they can do, including upgrading the kerb line, if required. He has informed the Parish Council that they do not need to apply for 50/50 funding from the Parish Partnership Scheme.
- 5.2. Cllr Bertram has spoken with the individual who would like to purchase a memorial bench to be installed on the village green. Once the bench has been ordered they will meet again to discuss further details.
- 5.3. To receive an update on the purchase of the birch trees to be planted on the Green. DEFERRED.
- 5.4. The defibrillator's batteries and pads have been replaced and regular monthly checks are being conducted by the Honingham Buck. The defibrillator has been registered on The Circuit as being back online.
- 5.5. The application for The Repair Shop, to repair the Village Pump's Weathervane, is in process. Once the weathervane is repaired, it will require a new oak finial to join it to the existing structure. An individual has been contacted to provide this.
- 5.6. The Hornsea Community Fund grant application, for the purchase of planters, has been submitted.
- 5.7. The Borough Council and Highways have been contacted re. moving one of the dog waste bins from the East end of the village to Mill Lane. The Council needs to forward the exact location of where they would like the bin placed. – What3words to be identified.
- 5.8. The Clerk & Chair have been successfully added onto the Barclays account and are waiting for their login details to arrive via post.

6. Public Participation & Reports.

- 6.1. A report on the 7 Chairs' Meeting, held on December 12th was received. – see attached.
- 6.2. County Cllr Greg Peck reported:
 - 6.2.1. Tomorrow the County Council will be holding an extraordinary Council meeting to vote on whether to agree with the current government's proposal for Devolution. The Council's vote will be given to the Cabinet who will then make the final decision.
 - 6.2.2. Norfolk was voted the best county for road conditions for the 7th year running.
 - 6.2.3. NCC will be receiving a further 15 million pounds for road maintenance.
 - 6.2.4. You can now access a map of all walking trails in Norfolk on the NCC website.
 - 6.2.5. There was nothing further to report regarding the 'Western Link' as the current government is still in the process of reviewing the project.
- 6.3. District Cllr Peter Bulman expressed his views on the Government's proposal for Devolution. The District Council will be meeting to discuss Council Tax for 2025-26.
- 6.4. To receive a report from the Police if present. Not present.
- 6.5. Open forum for members of the public:
 - 6.5.1. A suggestion to reduce the speed on Dereham Road to a 20mph was received. – County Councillor Greg Peck, informed the meeting to change a speed limit requires a Traffic Regulation Order which is a long and expensive process, costing over £10k and a minimum of 15 months to complete, if no objections are received during the consultation period.
 - 6.5.2. It was noted that with Berry Lane closed there will be more traffic on Mattishall Road, which increases concern over the lack of visibility at Mattishall Road, Colton Road junction. It was suggested that installing a mirror at the end of Colton Road may improve visibility – County Councillor Greg Peck suggested inviting the Highways Officer for a walk around the village to highlight these concerns. – Clerk to organise.

7. Open Spaces.

- 7.1. The 'Highways, Transport & Waste Infrastructure: Urban Grass Cutting' correspondence was discussed, and it was decided not to pursue at this time.
- 7.2. It was noted that there has been an increase in traffic travelling through the village during the mornings, made worse by an increase of vehicles parked on the road.

8. Ailwyn Cup.

To award the 2024 Ailwyn Cup. DEFERRED.

9. Planning Matters.

- 9.1. To consider consultee responses to applications received from Broadland District Council:
 - 9.1.1. 2024/3755 – Merryhill Country Park, Telegraph Hill, Honingham, Norfolk, NR9 5AT – Certificate of lawfulness (existing) for use of land as a mixed holiday & residential caravan site. NO OBJECTION.
- 9.2. To consider consultee response to any other applications received from Broadland District Council after the publication of the agenda: None.
<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/planning-applications/find-planning-application>.
- 9.3. To receive notifications of decisions made by Broadland District Council:
 - 9.3.1. 2024/2520 – Bridge House, 9 The Street, Honingham, NR9 5BL – Two storey rear extension. APPROVED with conditions.
 - 9.3.2. 2024/3519 – Honingham Thorpe Farm, Norwich Road, Honingham, Norfolk, NR9 5BZ – Detail of conditions 4,5 and 6 of 20220393- (4)- Archaeological written scheme of investigation, (5)- Onsite parking provisions, (6) Construction traffic

management plan. APPROVED (Delegated)

10. Finance and Governance Matters.

- 10.1. The 2025-26 draft budget was reviewed, and it was AGREED for the 2025-26 precept to be set at £10,718. Proposed Cllr A. Meynell, second Cllr S. Bertram. This is an increase of £519.00 (5%).
- 10.2. To note that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services has announced that an agreement has been reached on increased rate of pay, applicable from 1st April 2024, for current and past employers employed after 1st April 2024. – Clerk to receive backpay of £98.28 and the previous Clerk to receive a backpay of £116.47. Both amounts have been included in Staffing under item 10.4.
- 10.3. It was RESOLVED to AGREE the following payments, proposed Cllr S. Bertram, seconded Cllr R. Harvey.

The Chair requested a schedule showing the latest 'used by' date for each tranche of CIL money. – Clerk to produce.

Payee	Description	Method	Net	VAT	Gross
Broadland Computers	Laptop & Antivirus	Cheque	£353.33	£70.67	£424.00
Staffing	Salary/HMRC	Cheque	£621.33	£0.00	£621.33
Clerk	Mileage – Mandate Change & Laptop Collection	Cheque	£54.00	£0.00	£54.00

**To include any invoices received after the publication of the agenda.*

11. Correspondence.

- 11.1. Norwich Western Link: Norwich Western Link Project Update. Noted.
- 11.2. Resident: Flooding. Noted. – The Clerk has reported this to Highways and has advised the resident and any other residents effected to also report to Highways.
- 11.3. A47 North Tuddenham to Easton RIS: Notification of Road Closure CRM:0224014. Noted.
- 11.4. Street Naming BDC: SNN1442024 – Policy on Street Naming and Numbering Address Confirmation. Noted.

12. Items for the Next Meeting.

- 12.1. To consider purchasing a replacement climbing frame for the playground.
- 12.2. To AGREE Councilors' responsibilities, inc. planters
- 12.3. To award the 2024 Ailwyn Cup.

13. Next Meeting of the Council.

To note when that the next meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday 12th March 2024 at 7:30pm in the Honingham Village Hall.

Meeting Closed at: 8:38pm