

Hindolveston Parish Council

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Present: Wayne Bowditch, Hazel Carter, Wayne Jolly, Trevor Leeder (Chair), Neil Lewis, Mary Walsh (Vice-Chair)
and: Pierre Butikofer (District Cllr), Steff Aquarone (County Cllr) and twelve members of the public

Meeting of Hindolveston Parish Council on Thursday 18 April 2019
preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 pm
in the Millennium Pavilion, Rec Ground

DRAFT MINUTES

Welcome from the Chair

- 1) Apologies from Chip Davison were accepted.
- 2) Declarations of pecuniary interest in any of the agenda items listed below. None.
- 3) The Minutes of the previous meeting (21 March) were approved and signed.
- 4) Matters arising: progress on items from previous meetings for information or reminders only. Items not on this agenda requiring decisions will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. None.

- 5) The Chair adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public, District and County Councillors to speak.

NCCllr S Aquarone started off by saying what a wonderful record of reports at the Annual Parish Meeting from village groups. He reported that the County Council is moving from a committee system to a cabinet system - the ruling party meets and makes decisions behind closed doors with the only scrutiny coming from a Scrutiny Committee. It has also decided not to replace the Chief Executive which means that one person has a lot of operational and executive power. The Full Council is, therefore, an important place for representation. A recent County Council meeting was delayed by four hours due to a Climate Change protest which, although inconvenient, probably contributed to the adoption of a motion to set up special areas of concern to address for example carbon emissions and to see how to use policies to do 'our bit' for the environment. The County Council is continuing to work with the mobile phone providers to improve coverage. A list of potential sites for booster masts has been put to three mobile service providers and at least one of these has committed to using some of them. He is looking at inventive ways to address issues of public transport (please send ideas to him and also notify him of problems which he pass on).

A member of the public asked if anything could be done as the bus service and changed the weekly bus to Norwich from Tuesdays to Mondays (which clashes with the regular Coffee Morning at the Village Hall). The County Councillor said that he would ask Sanders why the change had been made.

NNDCllr P Butikofer echoed the County Councillor's praise of the reports to the Annual Parish Meeting. He said that this would be his last meeting in this Ward. (The Chair thanked him for what he has done for the parish over the past few years.). He reported that the District Council has had two more successful prosecutions against fly-tippers. The Bagot goats, which are used to maintain the embankments on the seafront at Cromer are being lent to other councils across the county (e.g. the heathland in Thetford). They also had six kids last month which is both boost for this rare breed. North Norfolk was the first authority in Norfolk to adopt the Courtauld Commitment Agreement 2025 (looking at environmentally

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Signed:
Chair

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efficient means for food and drink production and consumption). Various grants have been awarded including £11,000 from the Art and Culture Fund.

A member of the public raised points of concern connected with the plans for the wildflower and picnic area and the impact this would have on their barn conversion. She pointed out that the paved area for the picnic tables was immediately adjacent to the barn (and the bathroom windows) and in shade. She suggested that it might be better to have the picnic tables and litter bin nearer to the play area. She also requested if the Parish Council would consider leasing the triangle of land between their fence and the corner of the Barn to provide them with some privacy. (They understood the Parish Council's previous decision not to sell this bit of land).

Other members of the public supported these requests.

The Clerk explained that the plans for the wildflower and picnic area had been drawn up to fit a tight deadline for a Pocket Parks plus grant which also stipulated that the grant needed to be used almost immediately. However, as the grant had been drawn down via the District Council there would be more flexibility in the deadline for completion particularly as the security fence associated with the Barn conversion was still in place. Now that the Parish Council was not under so much pressure to carry out the ground works and plant the wildflowers this season there was time to consider the best way forward for implementation of the project.

The Chair re-opened the meeting.

6) Highways

- a) Items to report
 - i) Potholes on Pinfold Lane.
- b) A request from residents at Station Road for new signage at the entrance stating that there is no access for The Dyes and a dead end symbol was considered. It was noted that this is a private road so Highways was not obliged to put up signage but they could arrange for a sign which would cost approximately £250. It was agreed that the Parish Council would provide a sign (probably cost £50 plus post and fixings). The Clerk would produce a draft for approval by the parish councillors and residents.

7) Speed Management Speed Indicator Device (SID) Report from the Manager:

In the last 12 months, the SID has been moved 16 times to 11 of the 13 possible positions. Only the 2 positions on the same post on Foulsham Road have not been used due to difficulty of access. The SID has worked without any faults although a battery charger cable needed replacing. With rare exception daytime data shows average speeds being maintained at or around the 30 mph limit. There are occasional instances of excessive speeds by individuals normally in the hours of darkness and early morning. Unfortunately there is a never a consistent pattern of speeding being recorded that would warrant involving the Norfolk Constabulary. The data files are available to anyone who requests them but they will need to install the (Houston) traffic analysis program onto their devices before loading the files separately. Only one member of the public has requested these files in the last year. A history of the SID usage (by site) is maintained on the village website.

8) Planning

- a) Applications received from the District Council since the last meeting for consideration. None.
- b) Decisions made by North Norfolk District Council were noted:

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- i) PF/19/0310: Demolition of rear conservatory and replacement with the single storey rear extension at **67A The Street**. APPROVED.

9) Financial Business

- a) **Accounts:** Balances on bank statements as at 31 March 2019

Business Bonus	5,966.00
Business Premium	114.17
Community A/C	4,270.37

- b) **Receipts:** interest £2.98

- c) **Regular payments** since previous statement

date	to whom		Details	Amount
10/03/19	E.ON	DD	non-metered supply	44.34
25/03/19	salary and on costs	SOs	salary and on costs	271.47

- d) The following payments were approved:

	cheque no	£	p
J Otte (expenses incl. newsletter photocopying April)	100833	60.22	
Ryan Hubbard (old and new graveyard)	100834	115.00	

- e) The standing order instructions for payment of salary and pensions contributions were amended due to annual incremental increases, approved and signed.

10) Allotments

- a) Matters of concern

- i) Problems of foul language being used in the presence of children - item to be put in newsletter.
- ii) Feral chickens in allotments and gardens on The Street, Fulmodeston Road and Church Lane - destroying gardens and being a nuisance e.g. crowing at night. The Clerk was seeking advice from the District Council but suspected that a local solution would need to be found and asked for any suggestions.

11) Recreation Ground and Pavilion

- a) **Safety report:** and repairs to playground: The play area was looking good with all the proposed repairs up to date. The only issue was the rubber seats on the ordinary swings which are becoming quite cracked and might need replacing. W Jolly said that he would take a look and see if anything could be done otherwise replacement should be ordered.
- b) **Disabled friendly path** from The Street to the Pavilion was nearly complete.
- c) **Goal posts:** progress report. One set of goal posts had been brought to the recreation ground and needed to be set in the ground.
- d) The Vice-Chair reported that she had received a letter from a couple of children requesting **pump tracks for scooters**. She had investigated the cost and discovered that such a track would cost in the region of £50,000. It was agreed that this was too expensive for this village. She had visited the children, thanked them for their letter and explained the situation to them.
- e) **Fundraising and Social Events:** Good Friday Coffee Morning: 10 am - 12 noon.
- f) **Financial Business**
- i) Receipts: none
- ii) Regular payments since last statement: E.ON £23.00
- iii) Balances as at 31 March 2019: current a/c £1345.67, savings a/c £3,962.09.
- iv) Payments for approval:

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	cheque no	£ p
Lisa Chapman (cleaning March)	101025	£32.00

- 12) **Pocket Parks Plus - wildflower and picnic area on the Recreation Ground**
a) It was noted that parish councillors meet up with owners of the Barn. It was confirmed that the Parish Council would not sell land and that the plans for the wildflower and picnic area would go ahead. The Parish Council was waiting for the fencing at the Barn to be removed from the Recreation Ground so that work can begin for planting this season. (See report from the owner of the Barns above). It was agreed that the Parish Council would consider the requests (to lease the triangle of land and to move the picnic tables to a different location) at the next meeting.
- 13) **Communication with the Community - report from the website manager:**
The **website** continues to fulfil the Parish Council's legal obligation to make formal documentation, such as meeting minutes, available on-line. In addition it acts as an electronic notice board for upcoming events as well as a repository of images, posters, details of clubs, businesses, accommodation options, local police newsletters, village screen showings and reports relating to the village for an annual fee of £40 to the Parish Council. It is the case that the website could be used much more for post event reports and these would, in time, be a resource of useful and interesting aspects of village life. No technical problems were experienced in the last 12 months and the statistics suggest that typically there are between 12 - 20 visitors per day, mostly from the UK. Whilst the analytical data provides information about the country in which a visitor may reside, it does not identify the visitor personally. This means that some visitors may be 'robots' but it is only speculation as to how many there might be on a daily basis. One slight editorial change is found on the home page where the 'Keep the Date' section has moved to closer to the top of the page for better visibility.
- 14) **Street lighting:** the bracket on the light on Foulsham road needed to be re-welded. W Jolly and C Davison to see if this was possible.
- 15) **Correspondence**
a) It was noted that eight people were nominated for the parish council so there would be a contested election (along with the District Council election) on 2 May to decide on the seven people to be parish councillors for the next four years. The voting paper would have the eight names for electors to mark their choice of up to seven.
- 16) **Items for report or for the next agenda.** Nothing to report.
- 1) **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30pm on Thursday 16 May 2019** in the Millennium Pavilion, Recreation Ground.

Meeting closed at 9 pm.