

## Hindolveston Parish Council

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Present: Hazel Carter, Claire Chapman, Wayne Jolly, Trevor Leeder (Vice-Chair), Liz Vickers, Mary Walsh (Chair),  
CC: Mike Hankins (District Cllr) and two members of the public

### **Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 15 February 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Millennium Pavilion**

#### **Public Forum**

Welcome from the Chair

- Members of the public may raise matters of concern and make comments in respect of items on the Agenda before the Parish Council meeting opens.
- Reports from District and County Councillors were circulated via email.

#### **MINUTES**

Welcome

- 1) Apologies from John Senior and Steff Aquarone (County Cllr) were accepted.
- 2) Declarations of pecuniary interest in any of the agenda items listed below. None.
- 3) The Minutes of the previous meeting (18 Jan) were approved and signed.
- 4) Matters arising: None.
- 5) Highways: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem>
  - a) Items to report
    - i) Potholes
      - (1) Fulmodeston Road by 30 mph sign
      - (2) Hellpit Lane NR24 2JJ
    - ii) Collapsed ditch on Melton Road just before the beck
  - b) Items to note:
    - i) Junction on B1110: request for speed limit reduction and / or other measures to make the junction safer. To note the response from Highways Casualty Reduction Team: *'I've had a look at the accident record and there is only one in the last 10 years. This involved a 76 year old westbound motor scooter rider failing to give way to a southbound motorcyclist on B1110, resulting in a serious injury to the scooter rider. A low overall accident record and we would not normally intervene. Looking at streetview (September 2023) I note that there are no SLOW road markings on the B1110 approaches and the junction markings are well worn. If this is still the case I would recommend a refresh of the junction markings and providing SLOW road markings alongside the crossroads warning sign on each B1110 approach. Hedges within the visibility splays to be kept cut back.'* The recommended work has been programmed.
      - (1) It was noted that the police had been called to the accidents in December and on one occasion the road had been closed.

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- ii) It was noted that the flood of pavement and road near 21 The Street had been reported in before the beginning of February. The Clerk has asked the County Council to chase as the pavement is impassable and the standing water has not drained away.

6) Street lighting: no problems to report.

### 7) Planning

- a) Applications received from the District Council since the last meeting.  
None received.
- b) Decisions made by North Norfolk District Council
- i) PF/23/2589: Extensions and alterations to dwelling; detached outbuilding for use as annexe to the dwelling. At The Old Station, Station Road. APPROVED.

### 8) Offer to replace septic tanks

- a) Harrison Civils Ltd are running a new scheme to help clean up the rivers Bure, Wensum and Yare. They have been installing sewage treatment plants in Norfolk for 25 years and are at the forefront of solving the current Nutrient Pollution issue. They are the supplier, service agent, and installer for Graf Sewage treatment plants which have been approved by Natural England as the only plant that can viably be used for the foreseeable future in situations where NN is an issue. ***They are now running a scheme to replace any suitable septic tank in the parish, absolutely FREE.*** Septic tanks are polluting our rivers with Nitrogen and Phosphates according to Natural England, so by replacing them they company gain credits that can be offset against other new housing developments. This is called off-site mitigation. They can install the complete unit for FREE because they will sell the credits gained from this process, to developers and anyone else requiring Nutrient Credits for planning requirements, which will then enable them to achieve Nutrient Neutrality and therefore planning permission.

The benefits are:

- Villagers will get around 10-15k worth of work for free
- Our ditches and rivers will no longer have raw sewage running into them
- Builders and developers can get back to building us new homes

Reuben Harrison and their ecologist are happy to visit and discuss what needs to be done.

- b) It was decided to invited them to give a presentation at the next Parish Council meeting and to include the information in the newsletter to bring the offer to those in the parish who could benefit.

### 9) Financial Business

- a) Account balances on bank statements as at 30 January 2024

Business Bonus	£22,608.27
Business Premium	£115.64
Current account ( <i>incl £2371.98 from Silver Band Trust</i> )	£6,827.69

- b) Receipts: UK Power Networks wayleaves £66.01

- c) Regular payments: salary and on costs.

- d) The following payments were approved:

Payee	Chq. No.	Amount
Joanna Otte (expenses)	101037	£45.69
Walsingham Parish Council (photocopying newsletter Feb)	101038	£18.88

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### 10) Recreation Ground: Nature Reserve, Playground and Pavilion

#### a) Nature Reserve:

- i) It was noted that the Chair had had a site meeting with Adam who would leave the margins by the hedges, cut a path round and go round the trees. His daily rate is £180 (but he thinks it won't take him a full day). He hoped to do it around two to three weeks (before the birds start nesting).
- ii) Before Adam could do the work, Chip had cut back all the perimeter hedges on the Playing Field and Nature Reserve. There was concern about this as it set the project back. However, the hedges and scrub on the margins would re-grow to provide habit for field mice etc.
- iii) It was decided to leave the raised bank at the newly opened ditch to see what plants grow (e.g. it might have poppies this summer as the earth is freshly turned). It was suggested that leaving this as a clear bank (rather than plant another hedge) would provide a different type of habitat (and avoid the additional work of maintaining another hedge in the future). The plants which naturally establish could be supplemented in due course to improve the habitat.

#### b) Play area

- i) Regular check of equipment: no problems to report.
- ii) It was agreed to put the welcome sign on the inside of the fence between the play area and the playing field.
- iii) Cllr Vickers mentioned that children in the play area had been approaching the window of Wells Barn Cottage. A solution might be to allow the residents to extend the flower bed. This was opposed by a majority on the grounds that it would encroach on Parish Council land.

#### c) Storage shed: the metal shed has been erected and will be placed on the pad when the concrete has set. Thank you to Wayne! (Wayne will purchase a padlock)

#### d) Pavilion: no problems to report.

#### e) Financial Business

- i) It was agreed to accept the quote from Di Dann to carry out the internal audit for £40 (plus travel expenses if required at 45p per mile).
- ii) Balances as at 8 Feb: current account £3,743.43; savings account £6,421.52
- iii) Regular payments: Anglian Water £57.98; E.ON Next £35
- iv) Receipts: bookings £85.50.
- v) The following payments were approved:

Payee	cheque no.	Amount
Lisa Chapman (cleaning Jan)	101159	£82.50

[The payment for cleaning should have been £57.75. The extra £24.75 would be carried forward for to cover cleaning in February.]

### 11) War Memorial

- a) Initial application has been submitted to the War Memorial Trust. Awaiting a response.

### 12) Graveyard

- a) It was noted that Norfolk Wildlife Trust will be carrying out a wildflower survey during in the next few months.
- b) Hedge cutting and clearing of a couple more areas of graves. It was agreed to ask Paul Minns to do this for £400.

### 13) Correspondence: mail circulated as usual via email

### 14) Items for report from Parish Councillors or for the next agenda.

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15) Next Meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 21 March 2024 in the Millennium Pavilion

Meeting closed at 8:15 pm