

FLEMPTON CUM HENGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of the Flempton cum Hengrave Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th November 2021 at 7.30pm in St Catherine's Church

Present: Councillors Dave Bambury, Jean Lindsay, Andrew Speed, Gill Martin, Tony Tooth, Janet Davies

In attendance: Cllr Susan Glossop, Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger, Christine Mason (Clerk), David Hudson.

1. Apologies

Cllr Pamela Newborough.

2. Declaration of Interest

a) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda, and their nature. None declared.

b) To declare any other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda, and their nature.

None declared.

3. Minutes of the meeting

Proposed by Cllr Speed, seconded by Cllr Lindsey that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th September 2021 were a true record and the Chair authorised to sign them as such on behalf of the Council – agreed.

Agenda item 9 was heard now.

Councillors introduced themselves to newly co-opted councillor David Hudson. The declaration of acceptance of office was duly signed and Cllr Hudson was invited to join the meeting.

4. County & District Council Reports:

a) To receive a report from Cllr Hopfensperger: A general report was previously circulated. Main issues included the high unvaccinated rate in Ipswich, to help reduce the spread Suffolk will become an 'enhanced response area' for up to five weeks, additional help and funding to be provided by Government; a joint bid by a number of Suffolk's authorities has secured funding from the Forestry Commission to plant around 3000 trees this coming planting season. HGV lorry routes review, submission date 17th December, second part is community led, three issues that affect the village to be identified, the response to be focused. Councillors to look at the survey and respond with three bullet points to Cllr Bambury by 22nd November. When collated, to be forwarded to Cllr Hopfensperger. A meeting with a SCC engineer to see what can be done at The Links agreed as 29th November at 12.00am. Cllrs Bambury and Tooth to attend.

b) To receive a report from Cllr Susan Glossop: Information sent out as and when received. The Greyhound Pub has been sold at auction, new owners RSLC Developments Limited; locality budget monies can this year be used towards the village Christmas event i.e.lights/decorations. The application form to be sent to the clerk. Suggestions for the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations next year to be an agenda item for the next meeting. Enforcement issue in Hengrave - once with the team, liaison with the person concerned is the next stage, if unsuccessful, final enforcement will be initiated. Cllr Glossop to send contact details of the team to the Chairman.

5. Public Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

6. Finance

Proposed by Cllr Speed, seconded by Cllr Davies that payments listed on the schedule be retrospectively approved. Current bank balances were noted and approved.

7. Review of recommended lorry routes

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

8. Village signs

As the verge is overgrown, Highways have asked if the village sign coming into Hengrave can be positioned on the other side of the road to the 50mph sign. Proposed by Cllr Bambury, seconded by Cllr Tooth that the original location is to be applied - unanimous.

9. Co-option of a new Councillor

Approved earlier in the meeting.

10. Resignation of Iris Evans

A letter of thanks to be sent to Iris Evans for her many years of service to the council. The clerk to action.

11. Bus stop update

The order for the bus stop has been put in. The design department have indicated the bus stop will be in place within fourteen weeks.

12. Update on The Links

With mixed ownership of properties/garages at The Links, it was felt Havebury Housing ought to be invited to the proposed site meeting – agreed.

13. Update on the medium term plan for the churchyard

Cllr Speed to arrange the last grass cut of the season. As less costly, WSC could be interested to quote for the work. Dependant on cost for the year, the underlying plan for the three way agreement will stand. As the church is the only community area in the village, it was

suggested the focal point of activities for the Queens Jubilee Celebrations could involve planting etc. To be discussed further at a future meeting.

14. Lark Valley footpath

a) Newly appointed Councillor David Hudson gave an update on the possible establishment of a footpath from Flempton Bridge following the river to Hengrave Bridge. Although this has been investigated previously, the landowner chose not to allow a right of way over his land. The SCC Public Rights of Way Officer is keen to take this up again and will be contacting landowners in the next two weeks. Another plan, further advanced, is a footpath between Hengrave and Fornham All Saints on land owned by Charlie Browne. Agreed in principle but negotiations are ongoing, however looking favourable. Main point of contact for the Lark Valley Area is James Pickerin. Cllr Hudson volunteered to represent Flempton cum Hengrave Parish Council in all future discussions – agreed.

b) Cllr Hudson also serves on the River Lark Catchment Partnership and is the Fisheries Officer for the BSE Trout Club. With a high level of pollution in the river, a forum has been set up to campaign to get pollution incidents under control. A recent water quality test carried out by the University of Suffolk at the Water Treatment Works showed the level of E.coli is twenty times higher than the limit for safe swimming. Cllr Hudson to report back to the Parish Council following future forum meetings.

15. Website

Being progressed by Suffolk Cloud.

Additional item: The Christmas tree for Carols on the Green has been ordered and will be delivered 3rd December, marquee to be used instead of gazebo, budget to be prepared for additional lights/decorations, keyboard sorted, flyers to be printed free of charge and posted around the village. Date Monday 6th December, a 7pm start.

14. Date of next meeting – Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.00pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.