

FLEMPTON CUM HENGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Of the Flempton cum Hengrave Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 26th June 2023 at  
The Stables, Bury Road, IP28 6EG

Present: Councillors Andrew Speed, Dave Bambury, Gill Martin, David Hudson, Jean Lindsay,  
Janet Davies

In attendance: Councillor Susan Glossop, Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger, Christine Mason (Clerk)  
and two members of the public.

1. To sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

All duly signed.

2. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

3. Apologies

All present.

4. Declarations of Interest

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

b) To declare any other Disclosable Interests in the items on the agenda, and their nature.  
None received.

5. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Hudson, seconded by Cllr Lindsay that the minutes of the Annual  
General Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were approved and signed by the  
Chairman.

6. Public Forum

It was pointed out that leaving the grass uncut in the churchyard is a potential trip hazard,  
particularly for those less mobile. In response, and with this concern shared by councillors,  
Cllr Speed said dialogue with the local ministry is ongoing. However, the Parish Council have  
no jurisdiction over the -PCC and can only offer financial support and voice concerns of  
residents.

7. Finance

a) There have been no transactions since the previous meeting. Balances to date stand at  
£19176.10. For future finance reports, earmarked costs to be added to the schedule i.e.  
Flempton bus stop and Coronation bench – all in favour.

8. Co-option

Following a short presentation by the applicant and subsequent discussion by councillors, it  
was proposed by Cllr Speed, seconded by Cllr Lindsay that Ken Borrow by majority vote be

co-opted to Flempton cum Hengrave Parish Council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office form was duly signed.

## 9. Planning applications

DC/23/0799/TPO

a) TPO 010 (2021) tree preservation order – one Beech (T1 on plan) – fell.

Location: 1 Grange Farm Bungalows Bury Road, Hengrave IP28 6LX Applicant: Kevin Scott

### **Object**

b) DC/23/0883/HH Householder planning application detached garage

Location: 3 Grange Farm Bungalows Bury Road Hengrave IP28 6LX

**No objection with the comment that it should be a condition of the planning application that we would not support any future change of use.**

## 10. Carried forward items from the last meeting

a) Cost of two defibrillators £1325.00. Owing to the adoption of the telephone box being declined, the defibrillators will have to be sited outside in waterproof boxes, a charging point will also be required. To enable a feasibility study to be carried out, further analysis at the next meeting. Cllr Lindsay to explore the possibility of using the church. A locality budget grant of £500 from both Cllr Glossop and Cllr Hofensperger was offered towards the purchase.

b) Mainly covered earlier in the meeting. Agreed an ongoing constructive conversation be progressed. Cllr Glossop expressed concern that there are three places along the church wall where the flints have fallen out onto the path and were a safety hazard. A full site survey, including weeds around the wall needs to be carried out, Cllr Lindsay to action. The clerk to formally invite Mark Prina to the next meeting. Discussion at the next meeting in relation to the Volunteer Day due to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> July.

At this point in the meeting, Cllr Glossop and Cllr Hopfensperger were invited to give their reports.

Cllr Hopfensperger: With continuing issues with getting work done i.e. cleaning road signs, overhanging trees, temporary road closures, Cllr Hopfensperger said Luke Merton at Suffolk County Council can offer free training / guidelines to parish councils to work safely on Highways. Contact details to be sent to the Clerk. Agreed FCH will take advantage of the available training. A working party to support Hengrave in terms of general condition and appearance. An agenda item at the next meeting.

Cllr Glossop: WSC are currently looking at new walkways, but dog poo issues are still a problem. More signs and possibly bins may need to be installed.

c) Flempton bus stop

Due to be completed by September.

d) The Links

No further forward. Cllr Speed to send a letter to Andrew Cook, Director of Highways to attempt to progress the car parking issue. Cllr Hopfensperger to be copied in.

e) Cottages at Bury Road and Mill Road

Although work was due to be commenced at the Bury Road properties in June, this has now been delayed until July. A structural engineer and an architect have been appointed to progress the Mill Road cottages. Cllr Glossop to closely monitor and keep the Parish Council informed.

f) Speed limits in the village

Cllr Speed's team at Larkbridge have taken on the responsibility of the Flempton VAS. Data to be downloaded using Bluetooth. Via Cllr Glossop it was suggested Cllr Stan Green from Lackford PC be contacted for advice. No further update on speed limits.

g) Planned pruning of trees on The Green

To be revisited in the pruning season. Cllr Borrow to send contractor details to Cllr Speed to provide a quotation to carry out the work at the end of autumn.

h) Commemorative Coronation Bench

Due to be delivered some time in August. Locality to be agreed, the pub owner to construct a concrete plinth. Cllr Hudson to be involved in locating a suitable place to site the bench.

i) Adoption of the BT telephone kiosk

Following on from correspondence received from BT, no further action to be taken.

j) Memorial bench to be sited alongside the river

H G Frost to carry out the work to install the bench and fixing it in place. Cllr Hudson to send a formal letter to the family requesting confirmation they will maintain it for the life of the bench.

k) Entrance gates to both villages

With low maintenance and minimum difference between wood and plastic, it was agreed that subject to a survey in each village, plastic gates were the preferred option, Cllr Davies plus one other to action. A quotation for installation to be sought, Cllr Hudson to action. All information to be submitted with the licence application.

11. River Lark pollution testing

Summary of costs for the water testing are as follows:

Fornham All Saints £1000

Flempton cum Hengrave £445

Lackford did grant £445 but the money has yet to be transferred.

Total spend to date £1072

With three sets completed, the remaining balance is £372. The next test will be the last one but waiting for the river level to be at its lowest. There has been a pollution incident at West Stow on 2<sup>nd</sup> February with the EA being called out. The pollution group has meetings planned with the Anglian Water Chief Engineer for East Anglia and the Environmental Water Quality Director in July. For accountability purposes, by 2030 all Water Treatment Works will be required to have in-river live data monitoring machines. After stage reports, a final copy will be drafted between members of the pollution group and circulated. The report to be revisited at the September parish council meeting.

#### 11. Date of next meeting

Agreed as Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 6.30pm.

Cllr Hopfensperger gave her apologies in advance of the meeting.

Additional point raised: Permissive footpath meeting on site with Claire Dickson, Cllr Speed, Cllr Hudson, Cllr Glossop.

Proposed footpath from Flempton to Hengrave - with strong opposition from a property at Lackford Bridge. a slight detour will be required. An alternative landowner has agreed in principle to allow the deviation to the footpath. A second meeting with Charlie Browne to be arranged. Cllr speed expressed his interest in attending.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

