

HELLESDON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 16 June 2015
at 7pm in Diamond Jubilee Lodge, Wood View Road, Hellesdon**

PRESENT

Mrs S Gurney - Chairman
Mr A Adams Mrs D Attenborough Mr I Bond Mr G Britton Mr D Buck
Mrs U Franklin Mr R Grady Mr N Hopkins Mr D Jones-Blackett
Mr D King (from 7.12pm) Mr J Knowles Mr M Walsh Miss J Wright
Mrs P Kirby – Parish Clerk Mr J Hall – Deputy Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE

No other attendees

Cllr Gurney opened the meeting & welcomed those present.

Cllr Walsh advised he had another meeting that he had to attend and so would be leaving the meeting at 7.29pm.

Before commencing with proceedings the Chairman advised of

- A well attended Good Living event and thanked helpers and participants
- Just Hellesdon Magazine is profiling the councilors and will have contacted party leaders. She encouraged responding so the article would cover all members.
- Working with the Clerk and the Vicar of St Mary's regarding an event on Sunday 9 August in respect of the rededication of the memorial garden
- the first piece of national case law in respect of failure to declare interests which received a considerable fine.

Cllr Walsh left the meeting at 7.09pm

48. Absence and Apologies for absence

Cllr's Everett & Prutton – apologies received and accepted.

49. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr Gurney. The matter which is to be for consideration
Disclosable pecuniary interest - property adjoins HEL2 land. She advised she would speak and then leave the meeting which would be chaired by the Vice Chairman.

50. Public Participation

No attendees

39. General Matters

4.1 – HEL2. Options for conversion to formal amenity space. The Chairman advised that a further proposal would need to be considered and that was the offer from Drayton Farms which resulted from a meeting attended by the Clerk and the Head Grounds man in respect of many issues relative to the area. The clerk briefed members accordingly and of the proposal site to swipe the field, drill and seed which would be done within other work to the area being undertaken by the landowner. The cost for the proposed work to convert to grass would be for covering costs. A further meeting is to be held with the Estate Manager and the Farm Manager of Drayton Farms in due course.

The Chairman spoke on behalf of residents of the area who want to see something done and to see the area utilised and urged members to consider accordingly. She then left the meeting at 7.21pm and Vice chairman Cllr Richard Grady took the chair.

Cllr Adams proposed exploring further Drayton Farms' proposal. Much discussion took place. Cllr Bond made reference to play equipment and stated and asked for it to be recorded in the minutes that the Contractor making the offer is not competent in this style of work.

The Clerk reminded members the decision of the council on acceptance of leasing the land in February 2013 was to convert the open space area to grass and in this respect that has been that pursued. The consideration this evening was to determine which method would be used to achieve this. In this respect papers presented offered three options and now there is a fourth option which is the offer from Drayton Farms. Members needed to be mindful of the council's support of the Site Allocations in this respect which indicates the area as formal amenity land and of any perceived risk in selecting a method which may be contradictory to this. Members need to also be mindful of any risk of over expenditure should no further land in this area be secured or if more land was secured of the configuration of the land. It was

RESOLVED to obtain from Drayton Farms the specification and a firm cost for preparing and seeding the area of land. Alternative costs to be given in respect of including the supply of seed and using seed supplied by the council. The head grounds man to advise if the seed specified by Drayton Farms is suitable or suggest an alternative for in house supply. The information to be submitted to the full council meeting in July for final decision.

Cllr Bond requested these minutes record he objected to this.

Meeting closed 8.08pm