

**Minutes of the Meeting of Hellesdon Parish Council
held on Tuesday 5 March 2019 in the Council Chamber,
Diamond Jubilee Lodge, Wood View Road, Hellesdon, at 7.00p.m.**

PRESENT:

Cllr S Prutton, Chairman

Cllr Attenborough Cllr G Britton Cllr D Buck

Cllr Franklin Cllr Knowles

Cllr S Gurney Cllr D Jones-Blackett

Cllr Johnson Cllr Sear

Mr Mark Knight – Parish Clerk

Also in attendance were 6 members of the public.

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed those present at 7.00p.m.

229. Apologies and Acceptance for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. King, Everett, Fulcher and Wright.

No apologies were received or accepted from Cllr. Fahy and Cllr. Ghimire.

230. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr Buck – Hellesdon Youth Club, Hellesdon Community History, Broadland District Council

Cllr Johnson – Hellesdon Bowls Club

Cllr Gurney – Broadland District Council, Norfolk County Council

Cllr Knowles – Hellesdon Community Choir

No dispensations had been requested.

231. Minutes of Meeting held on 5 February 2019

Minutes had been circulated.

RESOLVED TO ADOPT with minor corrections.

232. Public Participation

Ms Sarah Carpenter from Kinsale School spoke regarding a planned event which she hopes will fill the gap left by the absence of the Hellesdon Carnival. This event should take place on the 13th July 2019 between 10am and 4pm. Cllr. Gurney pointed Ms Carpenter toward the Environmental Service Team's area on the Broadland District Council website where help on the legal, logistical issues and safeguarding issue involved in hosting such an event could be accessed.

233. Report from Police to include Parish Crime Figures

These were circulated and discussed. Cllr. Franklin pointed out an unexpectedly low level of shoplifting incidents being reported.

234. Report from County Councillor

- Cllr. Gurney reported that the 7.5 tonne weight restriction for Drayton Wood Road should be in place within the next 6 months. Thanks were extended to Police and Norfolk County Council Highways for their assistance.
- The ownership of the grass area at the south-western end of the road was not public land; rather, it belonged to the owners of the shops.
- Cllr Gurney and Ben Rayner had looked at the Mann Egerton area with a view to an appropriate site for the memorial plaque. There is no public land in the area and it was suggested that perhaps an engraved paving slab should be considered. NB This would require a Street Furniture Licence which would be granted by Norfolk County Council and for which the Parish Council would need to apply..

235. Reports from District Councillors

- Cllr Gurney reported that the Broadland District Council street cleaning team had treated further dog fouling reported in the vicinity of Arden Grove School.
- More roads are going to be brought into the food waste collection scheme as uptake is low.
- Road resurfacing in the area of the Reephams Road Toucan crossing will take place and it is also planned to repair the pavement adjacent to the shopping area.
- Road signs near the Doctors' surgery had been replaced.

- Cllr Buck reported that the Norfolk Museums service was supporting a project called Kick the Dust which was providing funding for transport so that young people could engage with history. For example, as part of the Museum of Norwich's display for 1959 the young people are being supported in organising a fashion show.
- He also commented on the FaceBook reports of young people gathering in the vicinity of the Doctors' Surgery, apparently drunk and dealing in drugs.

The Police had been alerted and Sgt Youd was planning to mount additional drive-bys.

236. Report from Parish Council Chairman

There were no specific activities in the Parish on which to report, but in her capacity as a member of the Community Speed Watch team Cllr Prutton reported on the near-completion of the set-up of a new unit to serve the Drayton Wood Road area.

Parish Clerk

The Chairman highlighted the report previously circulated:
The report was **ADOPTED** with no questions asked.

237. Financial Matters

237.1 Bank Reconciliation – 1st December to 31st December 2018.

This report was circulated prior to the meeting and figures were accepted.

237.2a Approval of Accounts - Payments – 1st December to 31st December 2018.

This report was circulated prior to the meeting and figures were accepted.

237.2b Approval of Accounts – Receipts - 1st December to 31st December 2018.

This report was circulated prior to the meeting and figures were accepted.

237.3 To receive the budget monitoring document.

This report was circulated prior to the meeting and figures were accepted.

238. General Matters

238.1 Letter from Heather Avenue School

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Head Teacher indicating support from the Parish Council for a crossing but only if Norfolk County Council deemed it appropriate.

NCC would only be in a position to decide once they had undertaken footfall counts.

Cllr Gurney indicated that she has had discussions with Ian Webb at County Hall (the Lollipop Officer) who has been trying unsuccessfully to fill the vacancy. Suggestions that parents might like to share the duties on a rotating basis have not met with any success.

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238.2 Report on use of PHS products at the Community Centre

There was an intensive debate. Eventually the Council RESOLVED to accept the whole report with the exception of the section on hand dryer rental which was returned with a request for further information in the form of comparative costs.

239. Activities

239.1 An event to encourage residents to stand in the upcoming elections in May 2019.

It was AGREED that as many councillors as possible should be present in the Council Chamber before the Annual Parish Meeting which was being held on Thursday 14 March at 7.30pm. They should be prepared to discuss their experiences and responsibilities informally with attendees.

240. Planning Committee

240.1. Meetings of the 5th and 19th February 2019.

Minutes had been circulated. There were no questions.

RESOLVED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES

241. Playing Fields, Amenities and Allotments Committee

241.1 Meeting of the 19th February 2019

Minutes had been circulated. There were no questions.

RESOLVED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES

242.2 Benches in Mountfield Park .

After further discussion the Playing Fields Committee had agreed to recommend that the WW1 commemorative benches should, for the immediate future, remain in the Memorial Garden next to the Bowling Green.

PROPOSED (JK) AND SECONDED (DB), THIS WAS AGREED

It was further agreed that THREE benches of a more robust nature should be purchased and installed on concrete hard standing which also allowed space for wheelchair parking.

Additional bins to be purchased and installed at suitable locations, although not immediately adjacent to the seats.

242. Media and Communications

242.1 It was reported that deliveries of the Grapevine seem to have omitted parts of Heather Avenue, Hastings Avenue and Reepham Road.

To be referred to Media, Communications and IT Infrastructure Committee

243. Property, Policy and Resources

243.1 Nothing to report

244. Hellesdon Community Centre

244.1. Committee Meeting of the 25th February 2019.

Minutes had been circulated. There were no questions.

RESOLVED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES

245. Staffing

224.1. Cllr. Knowles reported that the Clerk’s appraisal was currently under way, should be completed shortly and would be reported initially to the Staffing Committee.

246. Resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the press and public for the duration of the following item(s) related to Staffing Issues in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. If resolved, such items to be dealt with after the item that confirmed details of the next meeting.

It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public as detailed above.

248. Exchange of Information

Cllr Franklin reported that Cllr Wright had recently been discharged from Kelling Hospital after having had a spell in the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

Cllr Buck reported that the Youth Club regularly had 12 / 16 members but that more volunteers would always be welcomed.

They had also had a visit from a YMCA anti-bullying officer

He also reported that the History Group Event would probably be rescheduled

Cllr Sear reminded those present of the “Elvis” event in the Community Centre on Saturday 11th May 2019

Cllr Prutton asked (to hollow laughter) whether anyone had an empty garage for short term rental.

249. Date, Time and Venue for Next Meeting

This was confirmed as **Tuesday 2 April 2019**, at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Diamond Jubilee Lodge.

247. Update on development land and legal agreement

Charles Judson (Broadland District Council Planning Dept) will address the P&R meeting on Wednesday 20th March at 3.00pm about alternative proposals on the Golf Course site. All councillors are welcome.

The meeting then closed at 8.40pm

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