

HOCKERING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING FOR 9th FEBRUARY 2021

ALL COUNCILLORS CONSULTED: J McMahon, R Hawker, M. Darge, Mrs R Neave, M. Mason, N.Blackwell.

CHAIRMAN: J McMahon.

CLERK: Penny Hawker

APOLOGIES: None this month.

All documents were circulated electronically or by paper copies and circulated. It was agreed to focus only on matters that needed immediate consideration.

The minutes of the last meeting of 12th January 2021 were agreed correct and signed by the Chairman, J McMahon.

MATTERS ARISING. It is still noted that the vacancy created by the resignation of D Johnson cannot be filled until a meeting can be held in the village hall. Parish Handyman. This needs further discussion once the parish council can meet. Parking at Yew Tree Court. This is ongoing and will need discussion with NCC once a face to face meeting can be arranged.

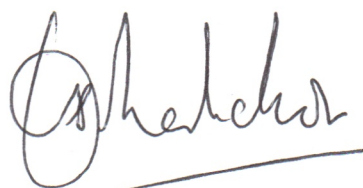
PARISH COUNCILLOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS: M Mason declared an interest in planning application 3PL/2020/1457/HOU. No other requests for dispensation this month.

PLANNING & ROADS

3PL/2020/1457/HOU. 19 Heath Road, Hockering. Extension to rear of existing bungalow. This application has now been approved. (Details arrived too late for this to be listed on the agenda).

3PL/2020/1455/HOU. Six Acres, Stone Road, Hockering. Proposed two-storey side extension. This application has been approved.

3PL/2021/0098/F. 46 Manor Close, Hockering. Erection on one dwelling. There was a unanimous objection to this application. It was felt that Manor Close does not need any more houses as parking is already at a premium. There is not sufficient land here for another house. A number of applications have already been made for this site and all have been rejected.


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A47 dualling update brochure of Winter 2020. Highways England. Consultation deadline date was 6th January 2021 but the chairman managed to obtain an extension to consider the brochure until Friday 15th January 2021. Comments made included queries about mitigation for potential harm to the Tudd valley. Comments made included the welcoming of through traffic from Hockering to Mattishall (and vice versa) via Mattishall Lane being maintained both for vehicles and pedestrians, queries about mitigation for proposed harm to the Tudd Valley. The severing of the connection from Sandy Lane to Church Lane was questioned. Details regarding noise abatement mitigation measures were also listed.

FINANCE: -

Financial Risk Assessment – Annual Review.

All assets were considered and notes were made that the following will need attention:
Metal bus shelter - Possible painting and cleaning in the summer

Play Area – parish council to meet at the play area to review the equipment, when restrictions allow.

The Stile footpath – work is needed to maintain the stream bank. (Further details under OTHER ISSUES)

Further consideration to other assets to be given when the council can meet.

PAYMENTS THIS MONTH:

No payments this month.

RECEIPTS

VAT receipt. £802.70

It was agreed to accept the grounds maintenance contract for a further three years with TTSR Ltd for The Stile footpath.

OTHER ISSUES

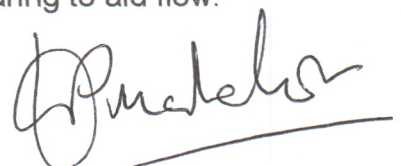
Inter-speed cameras – these are currently with Ringland parish council. Some repairs are necessary to one of the cameras. No further details available at present.

Dog bin – The Stile – this was not being emptied. The clerk has contacted Breckland DC and it has now been emptied. She requested that dog-owners keep her updated of any further problems.

Trees bordering the A47 at St Michael's Close. Workmen have been cutting the trees but some of the trees have been left in a dangerous condition. R Hawker is looking into this.

Unexpected closure of road by Anglian Water w/c 17th November 2020. The chairman will send out a report and comments. No update available as he has had no reply from Anglian Water. This has been deferred until issues regarding the stream along The Stile have been considered.

Damage to stream bank. The Stile. Some sandbags have become dislodged during all the wet weather this winter. Areas along the stream need clearing to aid flow.


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CORRESPONDENCE AND AOB:

Village website. N Blackwell has asked councillors to look at the website and feedback any ideas and comments.

Discussions have also taken place with a view to having any future virtual meetings, when needed by Zoom. Talks are still continuing.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 9th March 2021. Decision on how this will take place is subject to lifting of the lockdown and any new regulations imposed.



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