

HOCKERING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 10th AUGUST 2021

PRESENT: J McMahon, R Hawker, Mrs R Neave, N.Blackwell, M Mason, B Higgins.
3 parishioners.

CHAIRMAN: J McMahon

CLERK: Penny Hawker

APOLOGIES: M. Darge has asked for a period of absence. This will be reviewed after 6 months.

The meeting was held at the village hall.

The minutes of the last meeting of 13th July 2021 were agreed correct and signed by the Chairman, J McMahon.

MATTERS ARISING.

PARISH COUNCILLOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS: None this month.

PLANNING & ROADS

3PL/2021/1009/O. Outline planning application including access with all other matters reserved for residential development of up to 18 new homes and associated works
HOCKERING: Rectory Farm Heath Road Hockering.

Concerns were raised about the risk of flooding in this area. Where the water will discharge to needs clarification. A neighbouring property suffers flooding in wet weather. The parish council felt that more detail was needed on how this development would fit into the Local Plan and on the flooding issues. Therefore it was unanimously opposed.

A47 Hockering Parish council has registered as an interested party in the application for planning consent by Highways England for the dualling of the A47. The hearings will discuss the development of the A47 between North Tuddenham and Easton. The proposal to attend the hearings and monitor and to write to the hearing examiner and say that the parish is in favour of dualling, as the plan stands, was passed by 4 votes to 2.

FINANCE: -

PAYMENTS THIS MONTH:

P Hawker. Clerk's expenses. April – August 2021. £720.65

N Blackwell. Website Host Fee - £211.81

CPRE Annual membership. (Paid by Direct Debit). £36.00

OTHER ISSUES

Review of Parish Councillor roles. This will be deferred until the September meeting.

Play Area – safety report review. M Mason agreed to contact a contractor to organise the work needed on the area. Mrs Neave said she would organise obtaining the bark needed to renew the surfacing.

Parish Clerk recruitment. Two new members of staff have been appointed and will start at the September meeting.

Hockering Wood. The wood is open for the month of August. J McMahon has spoken to the police and they have agreed to include the wood in their daily patrols to try to eradicate the recent spout of vandalism.

The Stile Footpath. It was agreed to accept the original quote of £700 from S Cole to do all necessary work along The Stile footpath. The clerk will contact the tree surgeon and ask if he can do this work as a priority.

Autumn HQN. Mrs Jackie Brown has kindly agreed to take over the editorship of the magazine from M Darge. The editorial team are meeting on August 17th to prepare the Autumn edition of the magazine.

Parish Litter Pick. The litter pick equipment has been provisionally booked for Saturday and Sunday 2nd – 3rd in October. Details will be printed in the Autumn HQN and around the village shortly.

Hockering village website. The renewal of the website domain was agreed, pending the official notification. Website meeting to be held Wednesday 11th August to discuss further improvements and actions.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 14th September 2021. The meeting will be held in the village hall.

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