

HOCKERING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING FOR 12th JANUARY 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 8th December 2020 were agreed correct and signed by the Chairman, J McMahon.

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

PARISH COUNCILLOR ROLES. These were circulated and all councillors confirmed they were in agreement with the roles allocated.

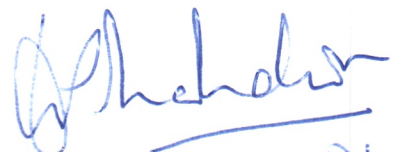
PLANNING & ROADS

3PL/2020/1457/HOU. 19 Heath Road, Hockering. Extension to rear of existing bungalow. There were no objections to this application.

3PL/2020/1455/HOU. Six Acres, Stone Road, Hockering. Proposed two-storey side extension. The majority vote was in favour of the application, however, it was noted that the drawings submitted for this application were not accurate as the north elevation does not show the whole of the house; it is outside the village guidelines and has now considerably increased in size from the original dwelling.

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.

Consideration was ongoing at the time of the meeting but general comments to be sent to Highways England include: acknowledgement that access to Mattishall lane has been kept; and a request for further details regarding noise readings and predictions.



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Linked with the dualling and the North Western Link, NCC are to be sent questions for a special traffic-modelling meeting to be held at the end of January 2021.

Closure of footpath No.8. As stated last month, Norfolk County Council Bridges have had to close Hockering Footpath no.8. R Hawker has written to support NCC's clear intention to repair the bridge, and make the path passable as soon as possible.

FINANCE: -

Applications for grants from the parish - the chairman has drafted a form for all future applications for grants. There were no objections to the form which will therefore be used for future applications from the parish.

PAYMENTS THIS MONTH:

M Darge. Printing of Winter HQN. £242.00

M Darge Edit of Winter HQN. £150.00

Hockering Football Club. Payment of remaining balance held for Hockering Playing Field: £129.18

OTHER ISSUES

Parish handyman. This issue has been deferred until further consideration can be given to it.

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.

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.

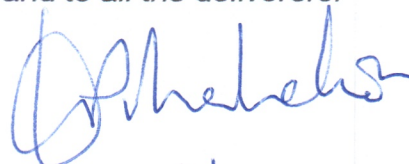
J McMahon and R Hawker are investigating who is responsible for this area of the Stile. The parish council is responsible only for the footpath and both the Environment Agency and NCC have denied responsibility.

Yew Tree Court parking. There is very little parking space here and the verge at the entrance to the court is being overrun.

All councillors were requested to take a look at the area and prepare for a discuss when the council can next meet face to face.

CORRESPONDENCE AND AOB:

Autumn and Winter issue of the Hockering quarterly news has been distributed. Thanks again to the editor, M Darge for all his work on this and to all the deliverers.



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Parking on verges is still a problem as the verges become damaged and spoil the look of the village. Car owners are politely asked to park in their drives, garages or on the road.

Complaints have been received about bonfires in the village causing undo upset. R Hawker is consulting Breckland DC.

Dog bins - the post on one of the bins has been repaired by M Mason and M Kasica. Thanks to them for doing this.

Village website. N Blackwell stated that he is working on updating the website and it will be fully available shortly.

Website page on councillors' addresses. Some concerns have been raised about the disclosure of councillors' contact details. Most councillors have stated they have no problem with this. However, further discussion will take place when the council can meet in person.

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

Hockering Wood. The clerk has been in contact with the owner who confirms that the wood will be open from 1st April 2021, once forestry work has been completed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 9th February 2021. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 9th February 2021. This is unlikely to be held at the village hall as it will be subject to lifting of the lockdown and any new regulations imposed.

