

HOCKERING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 11th MAY 2021

PRESENT:: J McMahon, R Hawker, M. Darge, Mrs R Neave, M. Mason, N.Blackwell.
Two parishioners.

CLERK: Penny Hawker

APOLOGIES: None this month.

The meeting was held at the village hall. All safety precautions put in place.

The meeting starting with the Annual Meeting.

The parish clerk asked for nominations for chairman.

JP McMahon was reappointed unanimously as chairman and then continued to chair the meeting.

CHAIRMAN: J McMahon

Vice-chairman – M Darge was reappointed unanimously.

Tree warden and footpath officer - M Mason was reappointed unanimously.

Review of parish councillor roles. These have already been allocated recently so will remain as they are. Details are available on the village website.

The clerk was reappointed as the responsible financial officer.

The statement of Parish Accounts for April 2020 – March 2021 were then unanimously approved.

The Annual Return was then completed and approved.

The accounts have been examined by the internal auditor and confirmation was given of approval of the accounts by the auditor. There were no outstanding issues found.

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

Resignation of clerk. The chairman has compiled a job description to advertise the post of Parish Clerk. The current clerk hopes to leave the post at the end of September 2021.

The post will be advertised in the village magazine which is due out shortly.

MATTERS ARISING. None this month.

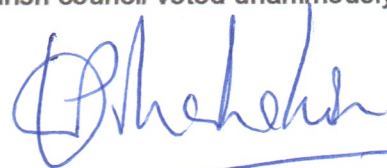
PARISH COUNCILLOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS: no requests for dispensation this month.

PLANNING & ROADS

3PL/2021/0415/HOU 12 Lily Avenue, Hockering. Demolish existing flat roof garage and replace with new pitched roof garage. This application has been approved.

3PL/2021/0319/F Land adjacent to Heath cottage 24 Heath Road, Hockering. Full application. There were no objections to this application.

3PL/2021/0561/D Plot adjacent to Meadow View, Chapel Lane, Hockering. Reserved matters application following outline approval 3PL/2017/1520/O. The parish council voted unanimously against


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this application. Walnut Tree developments (who appear to own the site now) have applied for approval of: Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout, Scale.

Note that: 1) the footprint is considerably-larger than that of the outline application, and the garage is in a different position.

2) although skylight windows are shown on the drawing, no mention is made in the application, nor in the 'design and access statement'.

3) the outline plan 'design and access statement' mentions that the access would have to be modified, and built to Building Regs Part M and have approval of the Highways authority. This is not mentioned in the reserved matters (development) application and Chapel Lane is said to be unadopted – the parish council feels that the Highway authority (NCC) would need to be involved; there is no statement from them on the website yet, nor is it clear whether they have been consulted, but it was felt that they should be consulted.

4) the application claims that foul water can be discharged by connecting to the main sewer from Meadow View. The parish council intend to request a confirmation from Anglian Water. In the development of the local plan, it was stated that further housing approval should be conditional upon the sewerage system being checked that it is capable of taking more discharge.

5) Although not part of the plan itself, Breckland have been remiss in handling this: the initial outline proposal was for 3 bungalows, but it was later amended to one. There is no revised application form on the website; hardly any of the documents are dated. The scan of the block plan of April 2018 has missed out part of the drawing.

A47 DUALLING PROPOSAL. It is now possible for an interested party to register to be represented at the consultation hearings. This applies to both the parish council and individuals. Deadline for registering is 17th June 2021. It was agreed that R Hawker and J McMahon would do this.

NORWICH WESTERN LINK. This plan is due to go to the Norfolk County Council planning committee in June. The agenda has not yet been publicised.

FINANCE: -

AUDIT 2020-1. As stated under the Annual meeting minutes above, the accounts now have to be audited by the internal auditor and now approved by the Parish Council.

All documents will now be placed on the Audit page of the Parish Council finance section of the village website. Parishioners will, as in every year, be given the opportunity to view the accounts in June / July. Details of the available dates will be posted on the village website and the parish noticeboard. This will be 14th June 2021 – 23rd July 2021.

PAYMENTS THIS MONTH:

Clare Morton. Annual internal audit. £50.00

Zurich Municipal. Annual Parish Insurance. £460.48

TTSR Limited. The Stile footpath maintenance. First half year. £154.20

OTHER ISSUES

Village website. N Blackwell reported on progress so far. Everyone is invited to view the new website and make comments on how to develop it.

Next issue of HQN. The editorial meeting is fixed for Tuesday 18th May and it is hoped to go to print by the beginning of June.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 8th June 2021. This is the Special Annual meeting. The meeting will be held in the village hall.

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