

Hockering Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Hockering Parish Council held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 14th March 2023 in the village hall.

Present:

Cllr J Blackwell (Chair)
Cllr R Neave
Cllr L Parker
Cllr T Bassett
Cllr M Mason
Cllr P Cocker

Three members of the public
Sue Marsh (Clerk)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Higgins.

2. To receive declarations of interest

None received.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th December 2022

A mistake was found on the minutes, these would be amended and brought back to council.

4. To receive County/District Councillor reports

D/Cllr Bambridge updated the Council on the review of the local plan and encouraged councillors to respond to the consultation. Breckland must supply 788 per year over the next 25 years.

D/Cllr Bambridge also confirmed that he would be standing for Breckland District Council.

5. To receive a report from a senior member of the HQN editorial committee on the recent distribution and concerns raised by parishioners

A member of the HQN editorial committee attended the meeting and confirmed that they would be putting an apology in the next edition regarding the upset caused by delivery of another publication within the HQN.

6. Open Forum for Public Participation

a) A discussion was had regarding the upset caused by the delivery of the other publication. Councillors felt that the editorial committee had taken the situation on board and it was time to move on.

7. To receive a report on the repairs to the Stile Footpath

The Chair confirmed that the brook had been cleared and that Anglian Water had replaced the old sand bags. It was felt that a rubbish/brook clearance in the summer could be a community event.

8. To consider the Offer of Trees

The owner of Hockering Woods have offered some trees to the community. The school have accepted two and the football ground has an area where others could be planted.

9. To consider the parking issues within Hockering

A discussion was had regarding the recent near misses near the school. The painting of yellow lines was discussed, but these are a County Council issue. Cllr Cocker would draft an article for the next issue of the HQN.

10. Planning Matters:

a) Applications for consideration

- TRE/2023/0083/TCA – Regarding the work on four large trees in the rear, fully enclosed garden of Cleobury Cottage, IP24 1NH – **Although this application was on Breckland District Council under Hockering, it has no relevance to the village**

b) Take note of any planning decisions:

Council noted the following decisions by Breckland District Council:

- 3PL/2023/0077/HOU – proposed two storey rear extension, plus single storey extension to the garage – 4 Manor Close, Hockering - **Approved**

11. Finance & Governance Matters

a) To receive a financial report for the year ending 31st March 2023

The financial report was noted

b) Acceptance of bank payments were proposed by Cllr Bassett and seconded by Cllr Neave. Agreed by Council:

• Clerk Dec salary/allowances	£355.43
• HMRC – PAYE	£ 85.60
• Road Ware – Dog Bin	£172.74 (paid by clerk)
• NPT Annual Fee	£100.00
• NPTS Training Costs	£144.00
	£857.77

12. To pass a resolution excluding the press and public from the meeting given the sensitive nature of the business to be discussed

The councillors accepted the resignation of the clerk and agreed that the Chair and clerk would interview applicants for the role.

13. Correspondence for circulation

Gallifordtey – information regarding litter pick on the A47

14. To receive any new items for the next agenda

- Planters

To note the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 18th April 2023 in the village hall

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8:35 pm

Signed Date