

HOCKERING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 13th APRIL 2021

PRESENT:: J McMahon, R Hawker, M. Darge, Mrs R Neave, M. Mason, N.Blackwell.
One parishioner.

CHAIRMAN: J McMahon.

CLERK: Penny Hawker

APOLOGIES: None this month.

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

Due to the number of issues in need of consideration, it was decided to hold a brief meeting at the village hall so documents and important decisions could be made.

The minutes of the last virtual meeting of March 2021 were agreed correct and signed by the Chairman, J McMahon.

MATTERS ARISING. None this month.

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

PLANNING & ROADS

3PL/2021/0098/F 46 Manor Close, Hockering. Erection of dwelling. This application has been refused due to the close proximity of mature, category A trees on third party land which would need to be removed as a result of nuisance factors. This is contrary to adopted policy ENV06.

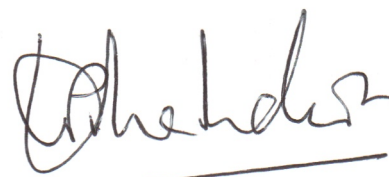
3PL/2021/0415/HOU 12 Lily Avenue, Hockering. Demolish existing flat roof garage and replace with new pitched roof garage. Planning application. There were no objections to this application.

3PL/2021/0298/HOU 1 Canary Close, Hockering. Single-storey rear extension. This application has been approved.

3PL/2021/0319/VAR Land adjacent to Heath cottage 24 Heath Road, Hockering. Variation of condition 2 on 3PL/2018/0383/F. Reduced scaled scheme for the erection of one dwelling. There were no objections to this application which had been circulated prior to the meeting as the deadline for comments was 26th March 2021.

3PL/2021/0464/VAR Hill House, Albatross Road. Variation of condition 1 on 3PL/2020/0049/VAR. This alters the size of the garage on plot 3. There were no objections to this application.

3PL/2021/0215/F. Land north of 3 Bramble Drive, Hockering. Erection of dwelling. This application has been refused on the grounds that it would amount to an unacceptably incongruous intrusion into the countryside and it is not located immediately adjacent to the settlement boundary.

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FINANCE: -

AUDIT 2020-1. The accounts now have to be audited by the internal auditor prior to approval by the Parish Council.

The parish council agreed to, and the chairman signed, the Certificate of Exemption which is completed by authorities where the gross income or expenditure does not exceed £25,000. This then means there is no requirement for the parish accounts to have a limited assurance review by the external auditor or to submit the Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor. This certificate is then sent to the external auditor and posted on the village website www.hockeringvillage.co.uk .

The clerk then advised that the accounts, along with a copy of the Certificate of Exemption, would go the internal auditor by the end of the week. It was then hoped that the audited accounts could then be approved by the Parish Council at the May parish meeting. All documents will be placed on the Audit page of the Parish Council finance section of the village website as they are completed and approved. Parishioners would, 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.

PAYMENTS THIS MONTH:

R Hawker. Replacement Defibrillator pads. £98.39

Norfolk Association of Local Councils. Annual Subscription. £162.15

P Hawker – Clerk’s half-year expenses. £770.17

RECEIPTS:

Breckland Council. Precept. 1st instalment. £5,000.00

OTHER ISSUES

Play Area –M Darge has mended the picnic bench. The parish council thanked him for doing this. The play area inspection has been confirmed by RoSPA for June.

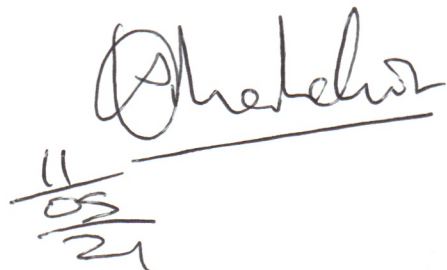
Heath Road, Lyng Road and Stone Road. 50 mph speed limit order. Comments had to be in by 9th April 2021 on this order. There were no objections.

Trees on A47 and litter behind St Michael’s Close. Communication regarding proper removal of trees causing problems to residents and the huge amount of fly tipping that is behind the Close bordering the A47 continues.

A47 Dualling. The planning documents will shortly be available to view. There will be an chance to express an interest in the dualling which will give the parish council an opportunity to attend a public enquiry later in the year. R Hawker will look into this.

North Western Link – the application plan is not yet available. It goes to Norfolk County Council in June 2021.

Improved access to Albatross road from A47. An update and reply is still awaited from Highways England.



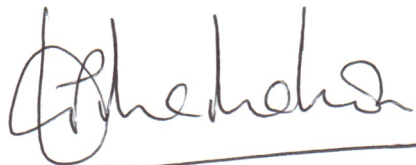
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Village website. N Blackwell has updated and improved the website. He asked councillors to take a close look at the changes and give him feedback on changes and amendments needed. He was thanked by the chairman.

Next issue of HQN. It was decided that this should be a combined Spring/Summer edition. The editor, M Darge, said he would work out a suitable deadline date for submissions.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 11th May 2021. This is the Annual meeting. The meeting will be held in the village hall.

PENNY HAWKER
HOCKERING PARISH CLERK



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