

## Hockering Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Hockering Parish Council held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022 in the village hall.

**Present:**

Cllr J Blackwell (Chair)  
Cllr T Bassett  
Cllr R Neave  
Cllr M Mason  
Cllr B Higgins  
Cllr L Parker

Three members of the public  
Sue Marsh (Clerk)

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Darge.

**2. To receive declarations of interest.**

None received

**3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022**

Cllr Bassett proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 be accepted as a true record of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Neave and agreed by Council. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

**4. To introduce Jim Freeman – Stakeholder Manager, A47 RDP**

Mr Freeman explained that the Transport Secretary, Grant Shapps was to make the final decision on the development between Easton and North Tuddenham on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022. If agreed, work will start in January 2023 and will be completed within 2 years. Clerk to add the link to the National Highways page on to the Parish Council website.

**5. To receive County/District Councillor reports.**

None in Attendance

**6. Open Forum for Public Participation**

a) Comments made regarding access to the Parish Council accounts, clerk to email documents to the member of the public.

**7. To receive an update on the Stile footpath and tree maintenance**

It was agreed that the clerk should obtain three quotes from registered tree surgeons for the work that is required.

## 8. Planning Matters:

### a) Applications for consideration

- **3CM/2022/0705/F** – Bells Wood - Change from agricultural to leisure to create flower meadow. Erection of small hide and compost toilet & nesting boxes, including planting trees and hedges (retrospective) – Councillors voted 4/2 in favour of no objections

### b) Take note of any planning decisions:

Council noted the following decisions by Breckland District Council:

- **3NM/2022/0064/NMA** – 21 Heath Road, Hockering, NR20 3HX – Non material amendments on 3PL/2022/248/HOU – Outbuilding reduced in length from 15m to approx. 12m. Side lights added to patio doors. Amendments to external materials (Hardie plank Cladding). Extension – Additional window to be placed on the NE Elevation to accommodate en-suite (Non Mat Minor Amend) – **permission**

## 9. To consider the Rospar Playground Report

The main finding of the report was that the depth of the bark covering. Councillors agreed to obtain additional bark. There were a few minor issues, and it was agreed that the clerk would obtain quotes for any replacement parts.

## 10. To consider grass verges and bee bombs

The clerk had contacted Norfolk County Council regarding the grass verge next to the A47 as this was deemed by the Parish Council to be dangerous – the contractors responded, and the verge has been cut.

Councillors wished to thank the members of the public who either donated plants or watered the tubs during the summer. Cllr Parker would investigate the cost of bee bombs for next year.

A discussion was had regarding a water butt, clerk to investigate whether planning permission was required.

## 11. To consider the map in the brick bus shelter

The map in the brick bus shelter has been vandalised over time and now needs replacing. Clerk to obtain the cost of replacing the map and siting in a different location.

## 12. Finance & Governance Matters

1. Financial report for year ending March 2023 was received and agreed.
2. Acceptance of the bank payments were proposed by Cllr Parker and seconded by Cllr Neave. Agreed by Council:
3. Clerk July & Aug salary/allowances £ 722.76
4. HMRC – PAYE £ 167.60
5. Instant Print – printing HQN £ 285.12
6. Rospa £ 88.20
7. Sally Thompson – Edit HQN £ 125.00

