

HERRINGSWELL PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 13th October 2015 at
Herringswell Village Hall 7.00 pm

Present: Liz Marchington (Chairman)
Selina Boyce (Vice Chairman)
Garry Brown
Gloria Hicks
Steve Griffiths

In attendance: Cllr Lisa Chambers
Cllr Carol Lynch
Cllr Lance Stanbury
Su Field (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public: 0

- 1 **Welcome:** LM welcomed everyone.
- 2 **Apologies:**
- 3 **Minutes of Previous Meeting (25 August 2015):** The minutes were approved and signed.
- 4 **Public Participation.** Allowed throughout the meeting.
- 5 **Police Report.** Correspondence received from T/Chief Constable Gareth Wilson explaining Suffolk Constabulary's position on why no PCSO would be in attendance for any parish council meeting throughout the County.

If there was a specific local issue of concern that is due to be discussed at any meeting then a representative will be sent. Local teams will continue to provide written reports on local crime issues until the Constabulary's new website goes live in 2016.

LM informed the meeting that this issue had been raised at the Parish Forum meeting that she had recently attended and other parishes would appear to be as concerned as Herringswell are that there is a distinct lack of police visibility.

6 District/County Report.

District Council

CL, LS and LC– Attended a meeting with some residents and Anglian Water. Very good meeting – both the regional manager and an engineer were in attendance. AW said that “they had not received many complaints”. They reiterated that **all** instances of the “stink” need to be reported immediately.

It was noted that the “bubbling up” issue which AW have attended should be more than enough evidence for AW to acknowledge that there is a problem.

CL and LS were assured by AW that provided the complaints were phoned through they would do something about it. Residents are to be encouraged to call as many times as possible and LM asked if there was an email contact that could be circulated too.

In addition to instances of flooding, the main issue is the smell and AW have advised that the dosing levels will increase.

LS asked if there was any possibility of the Councillors monitoring the situation and he was advised that previous experience has shown that this has not been effective. LS requested that it be tried again, every time there is an incidence of the ‘smell’ that it be logged and called in to AW. LM explained that residents were contacting her to call through complaints so it was suggested that a table be included within the communication from the District Council that residents can complete which would include the time, type, length of time etc which could then be communicated to AW.

Devolution Agenda – Suffolk is putting together a bid to central government for greater devolution. It is a work in progress. There are a number of areas across the country that are looking at it but it is likely that Suffolk will “be first in the queue”.

The new additional charge for Brown Bins – possibly £50 per year. Currently subsidy received from the County Council in relation to brown bins which will be discontinued and the cost of the emptying of these bins is a cost that FHDC cannot afford to take on.

County Council

LC – County Council have submitted their response in relation to the FHDC’s SIR.

LC – Reinforced the comments of CL and LS concerning the meeting with AW and had forwarded the follow up email that had been received from AW. This had been circulated to all Councillors.

LC is still endeavouring to resolve the issue of the hole in the road and will continue to do so.

Chairman and Clerk will continue to send emails to LC to aid her in her endeavours with Highways.

7 **Matters Arising:**

a. SIR Consultation

LM updated the meeting on the SIR submission. All in agreement and it will be submitted by hand and email first thing in the morning of 14th October.

b. Grass Cutting/Churchyard

A date for a meeting between the Church Committee and the Parish Council has been suggested for 12th January 2016 which will afford the Church Committee time to discuss the plan for the following season with Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

Clerk to email the Vicar to confirm that the date of 12th January is agreeable to the Parish Council. Clerk to also request confirmation as to venue and time.

Consensus of the Parish Council was that the commitment to the two year plan should be adhered to (ends July 2016). One of the most important issues was the lack of consultation.

A request has been received that the grass cutting by Mr Nunn be carried out later in October in order for the cuttings to be raked up a couple of days later by volunteers.

It was AGREED to request Mr Nunn to cut the churchyard later in the month.

8 **Planning Applications:**

The Manor application has a new planning officer. There are still questions being raised so no date as to when it will go before Planning Committee.

Piggery application submitted under permitted development rights but this was rejected due to size of garden. A new formal application has now been lodged but highways has raised concerns around access issues onto the A11

Meetings.

Town & Parish Forum attended. Police in attendance, devolution issue discussed too. Memorandum of Understanding is no further forward. LM felt that these Forums were not particularly useful and may not attend future ones unless there is something on the agenda which is distinctly relevant to Herringswell.

9 **Correspondence:** Sent by email.

Annual Audit has now been completed by BDO and the Notice of Conclusion of Audit, together with copies of the relevant pages, requires publication on the noticeboard and website. GH will post the copy onto the noticeboard.

10 **Payments to be made:**

HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's Wages	£30.00
Village Hall	Hire for October	£20.00
BDO	Annual Return Audit Fee	£36.00

Mrs S Field	Wages/Exps (July, August and September 2015)	£155.40
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11 Any other Business: None

12 Date of next meeting: 24th November 2015 at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Signed :

Herringswell Parish Council

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