

# HERRINGSWELL PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at  
Herringswell Village Hall 7.00 pm

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

In attendance: Cllr Carol Lynch  
Cllr Lance Stanbury  
CCllr Robin Millar  
Su Field (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public: 0

1 **Welcome:** LM welcomed everyone.

2 **Apologies:**

3 **Minutes of Previous Meeting (20<sup>th</sup> January 2016):** The minutes were approved and signed.

4 **Public Participation.** Allowed throughout the meeting.

5 **Police Report.**

To be removed from the agenda in future.

LS updated the meeting about a presentation that had taken place at FHDC Scrutiny Committee from the Police & Crime Commissioner (Tim Passmore) and in particular the comments that he had received about the withdrawal of PCSOs. The Police will be looking in the future to perhaps reinstate or perhaps provide reports to Parishes as the plan to remove the PCSOs has not been well received. Tim Passmore is keen to keep the connection between the Police and the Parishes. Maybe as this is election time a good time to write to the PCC Office.

It was acknowledged that this is a missed opportunity for intelligence to float up from the communities to the Police.

6 **District/County Report.**

District Council

CL updated the PC about a meeting with Samantha Bye from the County concerning the lack of clearance of hedgerows which is a danger for walkers and joggers who are unable to step

off of the carriageway out of the way of traffic. Some seem to have been cleared so some small success.

House building – FHDC in conjunction with SCC has created a new company (Barley Homes), which is wholly owned by FHDC, St Eds and SCC with the specific purpose of acquiring land (brown field sites) already in the Councils' ownership to build houses for either purchase or rent.

Transportation issues (lack of integrated transport) – FHDC's Scrutiny Committee is now going to look at this issue as a main part of work. All transport authorities have been invited in for talks to try to integrate/work together to improve the current situation.

Anglian Water (Chris Hayton) have stated that they are going to bring forward the repairs into this current financial year. There is an offer for him to come to a parish council meeting and LS agreed to contact Mr Hayton to ascertain his availability.

In respect of bus service cuts Cllr Millar requested that any particular issues should be directed to him.

RM updated the meeting about the "Devolution" bid (East Anglian Deal) which had been announced by the Chancellor in the Budget. Worth about £900m for the area to go on projects.

Specific points – Powers being devolved from central government. These will be rested in an elected mayor. Elections in 2017. Focused on economic growth, housing, jobs, skills, infrastructure.

Might mean a change in the county/district relationship but no detail as yet.

This arrangement will be used as a pattern across the country in the coming years.

Suffolk is a net contributor – Norfolk is not the case, added Cambridgeshire.

More control over investment in jobs, infrastructure. In relation to housing – almost certain to be asked to increase the housing target across the whole area.

Lots more will come forward.

### County Council

Red Lodge School – waiting for the landowner to put a planning application in to FHDC. Will not be ready for 2017 because the application has not been put in. Interim plan would be to put mobile classrooms into other schools until the new school is built.

New leadership at St Christopher's – meeting held.

Entrance into the village – alternative route being devised to eliminate the heavy goods vehicle traffic through the village (which is what is causing the problem to the edges of the carriageway ie potholes etc). Awaiting confirmation of funding.

The Parish Council expressed their concerns that no discussions have yet taken place and requested that a presentation be made to the next meeting.

Highspeed Broadband – There is running at the moment a "State Aid Consultation" which it is hoped will conclude soon. There will then be an opportunity for a provider to be appointed and for the work to be commenced.

Footpath to the Church – a resident was asking about funding. RM will try and contribute towards the cost but could not pay for it all.

### **7 Matters Arising:**

None

## 8 Planning Applications:

### DC/15/0802/FUL – Gymnasium Building, Herringswell Manor.

The Parish Council have formulated their response on the previous submission. The new amended submission does not appear to have changed.

Help for the Village Hall from the development request contained within the submission. The Village hall barely makes ends meet so have requested £5k. The beer festival organisers were not willing to make a donation from their recent event.

LM will submit the response.

Several consultations out.

Single Issue Review consultation – has not yet started. Several of the LDF Working Group meetings. The proposal is for two separate areas of growth (400 houses at Newmarket and for 800 houses at Newmarket). 57% of the growth will be within the villages and infrastructure not suitable.

## 9 Meetings.

Town and Parish Council Forum.

## 10 Correspondence: Sent by email.

Priscilla Upton – Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday – nothing planned but if she would like to organise something the Parish Council would be happy to broker some funding from the District Council ‘pot’. In respect of the litter – all users of the hall are provided with black bags to dispose of their rubbish after events. LM will have a look at the area mentioned.

Update from Church Committee concerning Churchyard Wildflower Management for 2016  
Cllr Stanbury – forthcoming RAF Mildenhall Community Engagement Sessions

## 11 Finance:

### Payments made

Village Hall	Hire for March	£30.00
Mrs S Field	Wages and Expenses (Jan/Feb/March)	£160.80

Balance at Bank as at 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016 = £3,050.71

Refund of uncontested election fee still not been made. Fiona Osman has just returned to West Suffolk after an extended period of leave and the Clerk will now continue to press for the refund.

Village Hall insurance – agreed to accept the 5 year long term undertaking.

## 12 Any other Business:

Kevin Clarke Roberts has donated some photos and postcards to go into the village archives.

## 13 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (also AGM)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Signed : .....

Herringswell Parish Council