

HERRINGSWELL PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 20th January 2016 at
Herringswell Village Hall 7.00 pm

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

In attendance: Su Field (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public: 0

1 **Welcome:** LM welcomed everyone.

2 **Apologies:** Cllr Stanbury (no apologies received from Cllr Lynch).

3 **Minutes of Previous Meeting (24 November 2015):** The minutes were approved and signed.

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

5 **Police Report.** Correspondence concerning the deletion of sixty eight PCSOs. Also request from the Police to communities to join together to fund a local PCSO (1000 properties = £2.66 per house). It was acknowledged that this, in effect, is a double tax (paying for the Police through the Council Tax bill element and additional cost to fund a PCSO).

Local concern about off-road motorcyclists using the local by-ways at weekends and the resultant noise from their machines. As they were using by-ways it was acknowledged that there was little that could be done to stop the practice.

6 **District/County Report.**

District Council

No report received.

County Council

An Election is scheduled for 18th February 2016 for the Newmarket and Red Lodge division on the County Council.

7 Matters Arising:

a. Formalisation of Precept Request (2016/17)

Following on from the previous meeting it was agreed that, to facilitate the building of a pot of reserves for contingencies, the Precept Request for 2016/17 would be submitted in the sum of £4,000 representing an 11.04% increase on the previous year.

8 Planning Applications:

The Manor application is still outstanding.

Anaerobic Digester – a visit had taken place to Euston Farm by LM and SB along with members of Worlington Parish Council to view the plant currently operating from that site. It was felt to be a very informative and useful visit to see a plant “in action”. A response has yet to be received from FHDC Planning Dept over the Parish Council’s concerns over the movement of the digestate to the farm land and LM would contact them again to endeavour to elicit a response. SG mentioned about where the fuel to feed the digester was going to come from and LM said she would provide SG with the maps that had been included within the application showing the land earmarked for fuel production.

9 Meetings.

LDF working group meeting at FHDC had been attended on 19th January. Further consultations are planned to identify housing land supply. The meeting had been informed that 6,800 homes will be required for the district across the lifetime of the plan (to 2031).

a. Meeting with the Church Committee – 12th January 2016

LM, GH and GB attended a meeting with representatives of the Church Committee to discuss various concerns/issues which had been raised. PC will continue to fund the project for the two years as agreed which ends in July 2016. Church Committee would like to see their project out to the end of the summer growing season. Further meeting will take place in July/August and the public will be invited to attend. The meeting will be used to gauge public opinion as to the success or otherwise of the project. A copy of the notes taken at that meeting are appended to these Minutes for information.

10 Correspondence: Sent by email.

Preferred site identified by SCC at Red Lodge is moving forward (business park site). Date of 2017 unlikely to be achieved. Clerk to email Joy Stodart for an update following the meeting with the landowner.

11 Payments to be made:

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Village Hall	Hire for January (Church meeting and PC meeting)	£60.00
Mrs S Field	Wages and Expenses (Oct/Nov/Dec)	£160.80
HMRC	PAYE	£30.00
FHDC	Uncontested Election Fee	£21.34
FHDC	Uncontested Election Fee (Incorrect invoice – awaiting refund)	£21.34

Balance at Bank as at 21st January 2016 = £3,342.91

12 **Any other Business:**
None

13 **Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16th March 2015**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45 pm

Signed :
Herringswell Parish Council

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NOTES FROM MEETING 12 JANUARY 2016

Herringswell Village Hall 4pm

Present: Liz Marchington , Garry Brown & Gloria Hicks – Herringswell PC
Rev Rycraft, Val Wallis, Yvonne Holman - Herringswell Village Church Committee

YH presented a prepared report on the Churchyard management.

LM: Gave an over view on the need for this meeting. Concerns have been raised through the PC about the Churchyard. Appreciate a lot of hard work that has gone into this project but several complaints had been received. People did not know who to turn to and so had approached the PC who provide the funding.

YH: Please ask people firstly to direct their concerns to Rev Rycraft and/or herself. There are 9 people on the Church Committee. GB queried who sat on it and was anyone welcome to join and if so how could anyone attend.

RR: Would seek everyone on the committee's agreement not just one or two members making decisions. The Herringswell Church Committee sits in private, usually round at a committee members house. The minutes are private but if we or others wanted a copy it would be necessary to put in a request, however, some issues, particularly surrounding vulnerability would have to remain private.

LM: We need to report back to the PC and it will help those people who came to the PC with concerns to know how the PCC operates. A copy of YH report will also be made available.

GB: Felt the response he had received about the committee structure and decisions taken was very dismissive.

On the subject in hand about the Churchyard, it was noted that several residents and also, those who no longer lived in Herringswell but have loved ones buried there, felt the state of the overgrown churchyard was very disrespectful.

YH and VW felt this remark was very unfair as there was no intention of disrespect and felt the PCC had put a lot of work with SWT into the creation of the wildlife area.

GH. From the complaints received people preferred the Churchyard with the grass cut short as in previous years.

LM: had hoped that the church committee might be able to consider a compromise with their project and reduce the scale of the area left uncut for example just under the perimeter walls

GB. Many years ago the Churchyard was only cut twice a year and even then there was no evidence of a wildflower haven and it looked untidy, hence why the Parish Council decided to pay for the grass cutting. What evidence is there that it will be different this time?

LM: The PC had agreed to give the Church committee 2 years which expires this July when the funding would be reviewed. Requested we have an open meeting so that people can come and express their views at a public meeting, preferably in August. Both PC and PCC will report back and endeavour to reach a mutually convenient date.

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