

HERRINGSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 23 October 2014 at

Herringswell Village Hall 7.00 pm

Present: Liz Marchington (Chairman), Selina Boyce (Vice Chairman)

Garry Brown, Gloria Hicks, Steve Griffiths

In attendance: Cllrs Dicker, Drummond, Members of the Public and
representatives from City & Country

1. **Welcome:** LM welcomed everyone.
2. **Apologies:** None received
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Approved and Signed
4. **Public Participation.** Allowed throughout the meeting
5. **Police Report.** No report received

6. **District/County Report.**

Cllr Dicker had asked for the Green Lane development to be put to Committee rather than decided by delegated powers as both Herringswell and Red Lodge Parish Councils had raised objections and concerns. However, Cllrs Barker and Burt decided against this. Cllr Dicker has made a complaint, but to date his concerns have not been acknowledged. Cllr Drummond, who normally sits on the panel, had not received notification and papers for the meeting so he did not attend.

7. **Matters Arising:**

- a) Grass Cutting. This item is being kept on the agenda for future discussion. Kay Evans told the meeting that there is a Rake and Cake event on Sunday 2 November at 11.00 am to clear up the Churchyard after the final cut.
- b) Clerk. We have made progress on a clerk and, as we will be discussing salary, this will be discussed under Part 2 Exempt.
- c) USAF. At the beginning of the year GH wrote to Matt Hancock requesting details of the money paid by the USAF to local government and support to Parishes who have a shortfall as military rentals do not pay Council Tax. No response has ever been received but LM has raised this on several occasions at Parish Forums. A recent response received through the chairman of the Parish Forum, Cllr Millar, states that a sum is paid into FHDC from central government but it cannot be identified how much the USAF contribution is.

8. **Planning Applications:**

- a. Green Lane. As mentioned above, this has been approved by delegated powers.
- b. TPO at Forest End. No objections.
- c. Herringswell Manor. No application has been received and this will be discussed under point 14.
- d. Details of tree licenses for Upton Suffolk farm circulated via e-mail

9. **Meetings:**

- a) LM has attended the Parish Forums. The discussions were centred around pre-application processes and the planning process. FHDC are going to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding. This will come back to the future Parish Forum meetings for agreement/discussion.
 - b) LM and GH attended the Local Plan Working Group meeting. The meeting centred around finalising the single issue review and the site allocation. Officers explained to the Local Plan Working Group members, that it was the opinion of Counsel that these 2 documents and any previous consultations need to be go back to the beginning. LM felt that it may prove difficult to the Council to get people to engage in the process again as they had already engaged once, and may not feel inclined do so again. It is anticipated that the Local Plan will be adopted November 2016. The Hyder sewerage report was presented to the meeting. The report was lacking in data which Anglian Water had not provided the consultants with. LM will prepare a summary in order to write to the LPWG and will circulate to the PC beforehand.
 - d) Suffolk County Council with the Rural Parishes Alliance. LM and Bill Rampling expressed concerns on behalf of the RPA members over lack of infrastructure across FHDC. The main purpose of the meeting was to get an understanding of SCC's position. SCC expressed concerns that they are unable to provide the necessary infrastructure because of the lack of an adopted plan by FHDC. They are unable to pre-empt where growth will occur and so cannot get ahead of developer lead housing numbers. Lisa Chambers confirmed to BR and LM that SCC had commissioned a working group who were hoping to provide a school infrastructure plan. This essentially will be accessing potential hotspots, for schools requiring expansion or the need for any new schools. A document has been prepared and will be presented to SCC cabinet members at the December Cabinet meeting.
10. **Audit.** The audit has been completed and only one query had been raised concerning the Anglian Water £50.00 compensation we had received.
11. **Roses.** It was agreed that Paul Evans, who takes care of the roses, to spend approx. £35.00 on fertiliser.
12. **Correspondence:** Circulated via email
13. **Payments:** Village Hall, Grass Cutting, Audit Fee and Poppy Wreath.
14. **Herringswell Manor Gym.** City and Country had provided the PC with a brochure and presented to the meeting their proposal for conversion to the old Gym to 15 dwellings. They propose submitting a planning application in December. City & Country left and no further discussion on this proposal took place as it would be fully discussed when the planning application is submitted.
15. **Any other business:** Manor resident, Mr Ellick, asked why correspondence mentioned in 9 September minutes was not available with the minutes. GH replied that all Parish Council documents are available to anyone who requests to view them or to have copies; if he emails her she will let him have these. LM suggested this could be made clear on future copies of minutes. He asked also what the position on Fibre Broadband

was. GH said that she believed the Kentford exchange was being enabled in December and that BT had information on their website on when it would be available locally.

16. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 2 December 2014.

There being no further the public part of the meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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