

HERRINGSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 2 December 2014 at

Herringswell Village Hall 7.00 pm

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

In attendance: Cllr Dicker, Kay Evans

1. **Welcome:** LM welcomed everyone.
2. **Apologies:** Cllr Drummond
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.**

LM advised Cllr Dicker of the planning meeting held at FHDC offices on Monday 1 December which was not advertised but she subsequently discovered it was a Hatchfield Farm pre-application meeting. GH was at the Council offices on a different matter that afternoon and saw that there were members of the public present.

LM was hoping to speak with Cllr Chambers on St Christopher's School being put on special measures. Newmarket Journal article was read out to the meeting

7. **Matters Arising:**

- a) Grass Cutting. Quote breakdown was presented to the meeting as requested. Item to be kept on the Agenda.
- b) Clerk. Unfortunately the search for a clerk as had to be resumed again as the previous arrangement fell through. LM thanked GH for stepping back in again. GH has set up a PC facebook page to advertise and will continue to search for someone to take on the roll.
- c) Anglian Water. LM presented her findings after studying the Hyder report. She had requested Marie Smith (MS) to attend our meeting to discuss but she said she was not a specialist on this subject so she would only be able to comment on policy and local planning. Copies were given to all Cllrs. MS advised in an e-mail that the consultation for the single issue review and site allocations would be discussed at the next meeting of the District Council on 9th December. It is possible consultation

on these 2 documents will not commence until after the local elections have been held in May.

8. Planning Applications:

No planning applications. TPO at Forest End approved.

9. Precept:

The precept figures were presented to the Meeting and approved. The precept has been set at £3500 for 2015/16 with the increase being the amount necessary to pay a new Clerk. We have been very fortunate not to have been burdened with clerk fees for several years as GH has carried out the work voluntarily.

10. Meetings:

LM attended a meeting with the RPA, Matt Hancock, SHNAG and Rachel Hood. The purpose of the meeting was to understand why Newmarket Horse Racing Industry appeared to be opposed to development in Newmarket. The impact this will have on the rural communities is marked and a district wide approach to development needs to be considered. Development elsewhere in the district, would still have an impact on Newmarket as the necessary infrastructure is not available outside the major market towns to support large numbers of housing. It is important that communication remains ongoing.

11. Correspondence: Community Emergency Planning. Agreed a plan was not necessary. Copies of correspondence had been requested by Philip Ellick and copies of correspondence regarding Triangle Wood had been requested by Cllr Drummond, both of which GH had dealt with.

12. Payments: Village Hall, Poppy Wreath.

13. Any other business: LM suggested we have someone allocated to carry out various maintenance work in the village such as painting the benches. GB suggested resurrecting the voluntary work days. LM discussed Parish Councillors taking on rolls with the aim to balancing the work load across the board. This was agreed and will be put on the Agenda for discussion at our next meeting.

Kay Evans told the meeting that a Traditional Christmas Carol Service will be held at the Church on 21 December at 11.00 am. GH to put this on the website.

14. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 27 January 2015.

There being no further the public part of the meeting closed at 8.50 pm

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