

HERRINGSWELL Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Herringswell Parish Council
Held at the Village Hall on Monday 11th July 2022 at 7pm

Councillors present: Cllr. L. Marchington, Cllr. G. Hicks, Cllr. G. Brown & Cllr. S. Griffiths.

Present: Clerk – Vicky Bright. Cllr. D. Dicker – WSC & Cllr. A. Drummond – SCC.

No Members of the Public were in attendance.

Meeting opened at 7pm

22/07/1

Chair's Welcome & Acceptance of Apologies for Absence (LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)):

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies: Cllr. S. Boyce.

22/07/2

i)

Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the agenda) – LGA 2000 Part III:

None.

22/07/3

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 16th May 2022 - LGA 1972, Schedule 12, para 41(2):

Resolved 22/07/3.01

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 16th May 2022 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chair (LM).

22/07/4

To Receive County, District and Community reports:

WSC – Cllr. Dawn Dicker;

- Covid Relief Fund to support small businesses (1.4 million) is now open for applications, for any businesses besides retail/hospitality that may have not received earlier grants – Deadline for applications end August 2022.
- A new fee to replace bins has been introduced at £30.
- The Council Tax Rebate of £150 for Bands A-D will now be added as a credit to Council Tax bill, for those who haven't yet applied for the rebate.
- There is a meeting at Bedford Lodge on 26th July in relation to the Sunnica application and recent changes regarding the Transformers and connection to the local grid.
- The Local Plan Consultation deadline for submission and comments is 26th July 2022.

SCC – Cllr. Andy Drummond;

- Pleased the Defibrillator is up and running!
- A Licensing Policy Consultation is currently underway.
- The Jubilee events (Which Cllr. Drummond contributed a grant to), was well attended and profit was made for the Church funds.

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Planning Applications:

West Suffolk Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation – May 2022

The Parish Councillors discussed the consultation and looked at the documents that Cllr. Drummond provided;

Resolved 22/07/5.01

It was agreed to submit the following comments in relation to Herringswell;

'Part 3 document – 3.6.6 Red Lodge constraints map on Page 137

Herringswell Parish council are concerned that this map (shown below), again shows a settlement boundary around the small hamlet of Herringswell. This error was present in the previous round of consultation and drawn to the Councils attention through our submission. We were grateful to the council for accepting this error in their review of consultation responses (see link below), but are concerned that this has not been amended and remains present in the most recent round of consultations. We would ask that this is removed and perhaps the map rescaled so that Herringswell is not shown at all. We would also like to suggest that hamlets and small villages that do not make Type B villages and are rural/countryside, are listed in a separate category explaining this, within the Local Plan documents, thus confirming that no allocated sites have been allocated to those small villages/hamlets and are not therefore suitable for development.

22/07/6

i)

Highways/Footpaths & Trees:

Church Farm Barns (Telephone Kiosk) Flooding Update

It was agreed to take the item off the agenda and to monitor the site and flooding in the Autumn when the wet weather returns.

The Clerk was asked to report the following Highways issues to SCC online reporting tool;

- Potholes in the passing places by Ridgeons
- The road edging eroding on Herringswell Road past The Manor and up to Cherry Hill
- The large pothole in the middle of Herringswell Rd, near The Manor.

ii)

SCC Highways Investment Fund – Discuss Sites for Inclusion (Skirt Back Cut Vegetation footways)

The crossroads were suggested as a good site to be considered, to improve visibility. The Clerk is to submit a proposal for the site.

22/07/7

i)

Parish Matters:

Update on Defibrillator

The Defibrillator has now been installed and is live with the East Anglian Ambulance Service. Gemma Brown has been set up as the volunteer who will check the Defibrillator and submit the checks to the Webnos system, our thanks to Gemma for volunteering.

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Thanks were offered to Cllr. Drummond for his grant for the Defibrillator. The Clerk is to arrange a Community Awareness Session in the hall, for August/September.

- ii) **Discuss Dog Waste Bin Trial**
The trial bin has not been used and the occurrence of dog fouling seems to have stopped. It was agreed to monitor the problem and revisit if necessary.

- iii) **Update on Village Hall Management and Trusteeship**
The Clerk is currently trying to sort the change-over of Trustees to the Parish Council as a Governing Body. The Clerk is due to meet with Cllr. Hicks and Cllr. Marchington (current Trustees), to discuss the admin, accounts and marketing handover to the Clerk.

22/07/8 **Correspondence:**
None.

- 22/07/9 **Finance & Policies:**
i) **Parish Council Bank Reconciliation from list of payments/receipts**
The Payments and receipts were scrutinised and approved. The account balance was confirmed as £13,615.45 as of 23rd June 2022.
Resolved 22/07/9.01.
That the Bank balances and reconciliation of payments & receipts be received and adopted and initialled as such by the Chair of the meeting (LM).

- ii) **Payment Schedule for signing and approval for payment of outstanding invoices**
None.

22/07/10 **Councillor's Reports & Items for next Agenda**

Next Meeting to be held on Monday 5th September 2022 at 7pm in the Davies Memorial Village Hall.

Meetings thereafter to be held on the 1st Monday every other month; January, March, May, July, September, November.

Meeting closed at 8pm

Signed: *Liz Marchington*

Date: 5th September 2022

Chair, Herringswell PC

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