

HERRINGSWELL Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Herringswell Parish Council
Held at the Village Hall on Monday 8 November 2021 at 7pm

Councillors present: Cllr. L. Marchington (Chair), Cllr. S Boyce, Cllr. G. Brown & Cllr. S. Griffiths.

Present: Cllr. Dawn Dicker, County Cllr Andy Drummond Members of the Public were in attendance

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

The Chair welcomed everyone.

Apologies: Cllr Gloria Hicks, Vicky Bright, Parish Clerk .

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

Cllr. L. Marchington declared an interest in the Village Hall.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 27 September 2021 - LGA 1972, Schedule 12, para 41(2):

Resolved 21/07/3.01

The minutes of the PC meeting held on 27 September 2021 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chair (LM).

To Receive County, District and Community reports:

SCC: Cllr Andy Drummond:

- Cllr Drummond updated the meeting on the change of title as portfolio holder. His new title is now Regulatory and Environment. All councils have declared a climate state of emergency and as a move to address the issues, are looking to combine their environmental footprints to look at ways to become carbon neutral by 2030.
- All the street lights in Red Lodge have now been changed to LED lighting. The new lights are fully programable and can be set to many different settings to allow them to be customised to the needs of different areas in the village

WSC – Cllr. Dawn Dicker;

The last full council meeting was cancelled and will now take place in the middle of December. West Suffolk are looking to provide more funding to address the rising rates of Covid. Additional surge testing will be undertaken in hotspot areas and funding will be in place for other necessary measures to prevent the spread and to contain the situation. Cllr Dicker contacted the person responsible for grass cutting and drain cleaning. (see below)

Planning Applications:

None

Highways/Footpaths & Trees:

- Cllr Hicks has contacted the department responsible for drain clearing via email, but at the time of the meeting, had not received an update. Cllr Dicker, will follow up again as well.
- Cllr Brown confirmed that Alan Nunn would blow any grass cuttings off the road when the verges are cut in an attempt to prevent the continual blocking of drains.

Parish Matters

Cllr Brown will aim to install the notice boards before Christmas.

Meetings.

- Cllr Boyce reported on the meeting she attended to discuss the Sunnica proposal. It was noted that there had not been a representative from Sunnica at the meeting. Cllr Drummond informed the meeting that the 4 councils affected directly by the proposal have agreed West Suffolk will be responsible for drawing responses together for all 4 councils. West Suffolk have received communication from the Planning Inspectorate, setting out the initial consultation details for this application which is expected to be made on the 12th November. The merits of the application will not be considered unless it is firstly accepted for Examination. The councils will be invited to submit representations on the Adequacy of Consultation Representation (a report about whether the Applicant has complied, in relation to the proposed application, with its duties under sections 42, 47 and 48 of PA2008 relating to consultation and publicity).
- There was a meeting at Beck Row held by the Rural Parish Alliance. Apologies were sent from our council. A set of notes will be circulated to all Parish councils. A verbal update was provided to LM from their clerk – The meeting was well received with about 12 councils in attendance. The next meeting will take place in January.

Correspondence:

Circulated

Finance & Policies

List of payments made by the Parish Council was approved and signed.

Councillor's Reports & Items for next Agenda

None.

Next Meeting to be held on Monday 10 January 2022 at 7pm, in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 7.35 pm

Signed:

Chair, Herringswell Parish Council

Date: