

Minutes of the Meeting of Hillington Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th November 2015, 7.30pm in the Dining Room, Ffolkes Arms, Hillington.

Present: Chairman Jane Hill; Cllrs: Mike Matthews; Terry Kivlin; Jonathan Worsley and Ben Wallace.
Also present: John Dobson (County Councillor), The Clerk and four members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence and approval of reasons for absence: Cllr. Mike Tilbury had sent his apologies being unable to attend due to illness. **Resolved to accept the apology.**

2. Declarations of Interest. The Chairman declared a personal interest in agenda item 13 Tapping House.

3. Public Forum. Concerns were expressed about vehicles speeding through the village. Observation of the 30mph flashing warnings showed that they were triggered by virtually all passing traffic. Discussion followed and the following were suggested: asking the Police to mount a speed campaign, installation of a speed camera, traffic calming measures, having a Community Speedwatch Scheme, having a speed camera sign and mounting the 30mph speed signs on a yellow board to highlight them. **Highways were to be consulted and asked to make a site visit.**

4. Crime Report: The Police S.N.T. Liaison Officers no longer attend Parish Council Meetings or send crime reports so The Clerk had monitored Police Connect emails and telephone calls since 23.09.15. There appeared to be no crimes to report in Hillington but it was noted that Alert Subscriptions were still not available for the Hillington area.

5. Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk. Cllr. Tilbury was absent but had informed The Council via Cllr. Kivlin that he had no matters to report. If during the meeting matters arose requiring his attention he would respond by email.

6. Norfolk County Council. Cllr. Dobson reported that NCC is waiting for the Chancellor's Autumn Statement, which will announce Public Sector spending for the next 3 years. NCC departments are undertaking an exercise where they reimagine their services in 3 years time after a 25% funding cut. A public consultation that can be accessed through the NCC website is currently in progress. Changes to affect Hillington will be the reduction in hours of the Heacham Recycling Centre and a reduction in Adult Social Services but Fire Service reductions will not directly affect Hillington because Great Massingham is now not being closed.

Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils could be merged under a new devolution package from Central Government. Borough and District Councils would cease and the new devolved authority would run all services. Business Rates would be set by and retained by it.

The Norfolk Silica Sand Review had suggested a site in Hillington near the roundabout which the BCKLWN have said that they are unlikely to develop but a consultation is taking place. If HPC respond then Cllr. Dobson asked to be copied in.

The importance of the Village Link Bus Service was stressed and Cllr. Dobson hoped HPC would support it. The proposed service would be run under community transport auspices. See item 10.

9. Anglian Water First Time Sewerage Scheme

9.1 Pasture Close Water Treatment Works outflow issue Cllr. Dobson reported that Snettisham have ongoing drainage issues and hold an annual meeting with all parties concerned. He suggested that HPC should convene a meeting with Anglian Water, The Drainage Board, BCKLWN and NCC Flood Management Team. **The Clerk had obtained the details of the Anglian Water Customer Response Manager and would contact her. Cllr. Wallace to photograph the ditch and reference it to a map as supporting information.**

9.2 First Time Sewerage Scheme update – to date no new information had been received.

Cllr. Dobson left the meeting.

7. Confirmation of the Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd September 2015 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

8. Matters arising from the Minutes

4a) Petrol station banners: The garage had been informed that their banners were restricting motorists' visibility and been asked to move them back. Nothing appeared to have happened since.

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Resolved that The Clerk will contact Highways for advice regarding the matter.

10. To consider a funding request from the Village Link Bus Project. Financial support to the value of £3.00 per inhabitant in the parish had been requested for set up costs. For Hillington this would amount to over £750.00. **Resolved to pledge support of £350.00 as previously budgeted for.**

11. To finalise plans for the Christmas Party on December 8th, 6.00-8.00pm Around 25 people had responded to the invitations. **The Clerk will send a Hillington Round Robin email reminding people to reply.** Helpers are to arrive at the Ffolkes Arms at 4.00pm.

12. Highways Issues Recently Highways had repainted the white lines in Station Road. It was noted that the lines at the junction of the B1153 Fritcham Road and the A148 were in a much worse condition and had not been painted. **Resolved to contact Highways and remind them of the issue to ensure its inclusion in the next lining order in March/April 2016.**

13. Tapping House

Lesley Geer, PA to Lyndsay Carter, Chief Executive had contacted The Clerk with the following update: a gardener had been engaged to trim the bunds on a regular basis and the lights on the driveway were to be fitted with low wattage bulbs for a trial period. The louvers that have been fitted will remain. They will endeavour to send a representative to all Parish Council Meetings. **Resolved to inform LG that attendance at all HPC meetings was welcome but not necessary. If something of particular interest to Tapping House was on an agenda they would be informed.**

14. Equality Policy

Resolved to adopt the Equality Policy as laid before The Council.

15. Planning Applications/Determinations: To date no new planning applications have been received.

16. Accounts

16.1 Resolved to approve a bank reconciliation of as of 30.09.15 as laid before The Council.

16.2 Noted 2015/16 Budget expenditure to 30.09.15 and anticipated expenditure to 31.03.16.

Noted that the current 2015/16 Budget is not sustainable.

16.3 Resolved to defer agreeing the proposed Budget for 2016/17 until the next meeting when more details will be available. A proposed budget will be circulated in advance.

16.4 Resolved to defer agreeing the Precept for 2016/17 until the next meeting since no details have yet been received from BCKLWN.

16.5 Resolved to approve the following payments:

RW Print £32.00 – printing costs for newsletters and Christmas party invites

M Duggan £22.00 – Poppy wreath

Jonathan Worsley £70.00 – Daffodil bulbs

M Duggan £66.88 – expenses (postage, paper and printer cartridges)

Hillington Parochial Church Council £873.53 – Churchyard maintenance

17. Correspondence: To consider the following correspondence (Circulated to all Councillors)

a) Email from Kate Dougan, Norfolk Coast Partnership re: Norfolk Coast AONB - Election of Community Representatives 2016, 20.10.15 **Noted. Information on the website.**

b) Email from Caroline Jeffery, NCC re: Norfolk Silica Sand Review of the Minerals Site Specific Allocations Plan - Preferred Options Consultation, 23.10.15 **Resolved to respond to the consultation that HPC is pleased to note that the current proposals are not to develop the suggested site in Hillington and Fritcham. Copy in Cllr. Dobson**

c) Email from Wendy Richardson, Citizens Advice Bureau re: appeal for financial help, 05.11.15 **Refused request due to budgetary constraints.**

18. Dates

18.1 Meeting Dates for 2016: These have been booked with The Ffolkes Arms - 19th January, 16th March, 17th May, 19th July, 20th September and 22nd November. All dates are Tuesdays with the exception of Wednesday 16th March.

18.2 Date of next meeting: Tuesday January 19th at 7.30pm in the Dining Room, Ffolkes Arms, Hillington.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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