

MINUTES OF MEETING OF HASKETON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 8th September 2022

At 6.30pm in the Victory Hall, Tymmes Place, Hasketon, Suffolk

Final Minutes

Present: Stuart Dack Chairman (SD), Parish Councillors (PCllrs), Iain Whyte (IW) (Vice Chairman), Ann Turner (AT), Bill Helm (BH), Beccy Batley (RB), Niki Field (NF) and Steve LECKIE (SL), (Hasketon Parish Clerk).

Also present was District Councillor (DCllr) Colin Hedgley(CH).

There were two members of the public (MOTP) in attendance.

1. Chairman Stuart DACK chaired the meeting, which was opened at 6.30pm, and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from County Councillor (CCllr) Elaine Bryce.

3. Declaration of Interests: none

4. Co-option of Parish Councillor: It was resolved to co-opt Niki Field to the Parish Council.

Proposed – AT

Seconded – IW

The Clerk indicated that there was still an outstanding vacancy (SL). RB has approached a potential candidate who will attend the next HPC meeting.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings: The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting on 12th May 2022 (previously circulated) were accepted and approved as a true record and initialled by the meeting Chairman. (SD)

5. Matters Arising form the Previous Minutes:

Item 6 – Action to address the issue of potentially dangerous discharge at the Turks Head Public House. The Clerk (SL) advised that the Environment agency has been advised of the HPC concerns and would address the issue. SD advised that the tank was regularly being emptied but that he would contact the Operations Director by mail to request an update. **ACTION: SD**

Item 8 – SL stated he had emailed County Councillor (CCllr) Elaine Bryce re a traffic update but had received nothing to date. To be followed up again. **ACTION: Clerk**

Item 10 (i) Banking – SL advised that statements were now in receipt by him but he still had no promised access to the account as Barclays had directed incorrect forms. Further work to be progressed by SL and SD to seek best provider in the future. **ACTION: Clerk and SD**

Item 10 (v) SL stated VAT return had been submitted and acknowledged for £388.80 but as yet no funds had been received.

Item 10 (vi) SL stated new equipment would be progressed now accounts were under control by him, as previously agreed. **ACTION: Clerk**

Item 12 IW – Village amenities see later in minutes.

Item 12 (ii) Allotments – see members of public

Item 12 (v) SL had chased NORSE regarding grass cutting which had been completed.

Item 14 Councillor vacancies – see above agenda item 4.

Item 15 Grant requests. SL stated he had consulted SALC for clarification regarding allocation of funds. Reference should be made to section 137 (New copy placed on the webpage) The HPC can make donations to issues which affect the local residents of the Parish, and the amount can be determined by the HPC and signed off by the Chairman. National organisations do not fulfil this category unless they impact locally.

Anne Robson Trust posted on the noticeboard by SL.

Item 16 CAS survey – Completed by IW.

6. Invitation for Members of the Public to Speak:

A member of the public stated that there was nothing new to report from the Allotments But they sought clarification regarding fruit tree planting on the land. IW gave details of particular small root stock trees which would be suitable. NF asked if consideration could be given to a HPC orchard on an area at the allotment site. This was considered a good idea that should be considered. It was agreed to allow the planting of small trees.

Proposed – IW

Seconded – SD

The current financial impact on the local community was raised and the Clerk SL, therefore drew attention to an initiative being prompted through the District Councillor CH. ‘Ease the squeeze’ is an initiative with proposals and funding available to help the local community through this winter. SD indicated he intended to attend one of the planned meetings on 14 September 2022. It was advocated the member of the public that these issues should be raised on the HPC website, Parish Magazine and Facebook. AT indicated that there was a scheme for Taxi vouchers available. There were discussions regarding possible use of the church or Village Hall for vulnerable persons. It was agreed that getting people to step forward was difficult and the initiative needed to be explored before plans could be established.

A member of the public present raised a planning application at Bredfield due to the possible impact on the local area. SD indicated he could object via email on behalf of HPC. It was felt that the possible development of 14 houses was a detrimental application and agreement to express concerns.

“The members of Hasketon Parish Council strongly object to this application.

We feel it is a considerable overdevelopment in this location which could have a major impact on the roads through the village of Hasketon.”

Proposed – BH

Seconded – IW

ACTION : SD

7. Report from District Councillor: (previously circulated)

CH District report covered a relevant issue for everyone in the Parish as the UK continues to face a cost-of-living crisis, and households are seeing huge increases in their outgoings.

East Suffolk have launched Ease the Squeeze – a comprehensive scheme which helps connect those needing help to those helping, working closely with key partners on a number of local schemes, while also directing people to other available support and services.

All the information, including practical support, funding and advice, has been gathered on this website, at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/squeeze.

8. Report from County Councillor:

Unfortunately, CCLlr EB was not in attendance, and the Clerk had just received her report, but had not had chance to consider its contents and would circulate it after the meeting.

ACTION - CLERK

9. Planning:

i. Application DC/22/2551/FUL Little Barn, Pinners Lane, Hasketon, Suffolk, IP13 6HW.

It was resolved to offer no objection to this application.

Proposed – NF

Seconded – AT

ACTION – CLERK

ii. Application DC/22/2253/FUL The Granary, Mill Lane, Hasketon Suffolk, IP13 6HQ.

It was resolved to offer no objection to this application.

Proposed – AT

Seconded – IW

ACTION – CLERK

III. SL gave an overview on previous application at Oak Tree Farm because of the Applicant contacting him. SL stated that the East Suffolk Council had continued to indicate this proposal would be rejected due to the restrictions on such a development.

10. Finance:

i. Annual Returns:2022-23

ii. Summary of Accounts since 14th July 2022 SL reported – the savings balance was £35052.07 and the Current account balance was £5651.22. A total of £40703.29 available.

It was resolved to approve and adopt the accounts summary as presented.

iii. Approval of Invoices and Transfer of funds.

SL raised concerns about an outstanding invoice for £22.67 but it was resolved to create a self-generated invoice. A further invoice for £360 need to be endorsed by SD as this had been missed at the last meeting.

Proposed – IW

Seconded – SD

Unpaid invoices – Clerk Salary (JULY/AUG)£208.12 and £208.32

Clerk expenses (period 14/7/2022 to 08/09/2022)£55.01

Andrew Deptford -Defibrillator£118.80

It was resolved to authorise payment of invoices as above.

Proposed – IW

Seconded – SD

ACTION - CLERK

iv. Financial Control Check Accounts up to the end of August 2022 were to be presented to AT for audit by SL.

ACTION - CLERK

v. Clerk Matters.

SL raised the issue of no Interest this month from Barclays which he would chase but questioned whether two accounts were still valid. This was emphasised by the current method of money transfer. SD expressed the need to wait in the light of current financial status but for consideration in the future.

SL and SD to progress review of possible change of financial institution.

ACTION – CLERK/SD

12. Village Amenities and Events:

i. Allotment report: See Discussion by Member of the public. (Sarah Butters reports on these issues)

ii. Play Area Report: IW reported that he had replaced 20 rails. Finance would be available at the next meeting upon invoice. It was proposed and agreed to make £500 available for all current anticipated repairs. There was discussion and agreement that a subcommittee would be useful to spend the outstanding development money, which included the CIL grants. SL indicated he continued to receive further email offers for equipment options. SD proposed to email a subgroup – [SD,SL,NF,IW] to progress plans.

There was discussion re possibilities of family adoption for items in the play area.

There was also discussion about accessibility and path repairs which were still sought.

Proposed – AT

Seconded – NF

ACTION – IW

iii. Victory Hall Report: IW reported cleaning issues needed to be addressed regarding differing groups use of the facilities. Local quotes are to be sought by IW from within the community. IW seeking development of a possible internet connection at the Victory Hall.

ACTION – IW

iv. Defibrillator:

New power pack installed and invoice submitted.

v. Tree Management: The Jubilee Tree had been helped during poor weather by local resident Charlie Ralph who would be sent a letter of thanks.

ACTION – SD

vi. Amenity/Car Park Area: IW stated a local contractor had been contacted and a quote was awaited. A path limit was set for £2500 to cover the costs.

ACTION – IW

vii. Footpaths: BH reported that there are 40 footpaths numbered in the Parish and he would produce a map. AT to speak to the Environment agency of ditches within the boundary.

ACTION – BH/AT

viii. Benches: SL gave practical options on a leaflet. It was proposed and agreed to purchase matching picnic table and circular bench for the tree.

Proposed -NF

Seconded – AT

ACTION – CLERK

ix. Bus Shelter report: Nothing to report

x. Report 2022 Village Fete: IW reported it was one of the most successful Village Fetes held to date. Some equipment will need to be reviewed and possibly repaired or replaced .

13. Highways:

i. Traffic Issues. (B1079/Manor Road). SL stated he still awaited report from County Councillor (CCllr) Elaine Bryce.

ACTION – CLERK

14. Quiet Lanes Scheme: - Signage issues/insurance

BH reported on the issues presented by Burgh who shared three lanes with HPC. Suffolk Highways had stated that certain criteria had to be fulfilled for the placement of new signage. There were contradictory issues and a possible dispute as to who owned the liability. Further research is to be carried out as to whether the 5 million liability sat with HPC if it helped with the signs.

ACTION –BH

15. To Consider Various Amendments/Consultations to Sizewell C Development: (circulated)

16. East Suffolk Neighbourhood Plan: (circulated) SL stated there was currently no HPC neighbourhood plan in place. The council were unsure about what was to gain by such a plan after consultation. SL was tasked by the council to contact the next Parish who did have a plan to obtain information and a copy to see if this was a worthwhile exercise to be completed by HPC.

ACTION – CLERK

17. Grant Requests:

It was proposed and supported to grant a donation to SARS [Suffolk Accident Rescue Service] - £50

Proposed -AT

Seconded – NF

ACTION – CLERK

16. Community Action Suffolk Network – Survey: The Clerk indicated this had been previously circulated and it required local knowledge for an individual to complete. IW stated he was prepared to undertake the task.

ACTION – IW

17. Councillor Register of Interests: (ROI)

Clerk reminded Councillors that they are required to update their details on the East Suffolk Council ROI should there be any changes in their circumstances.

18. SAAA: Option to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements. HPC agreed to continue with current arrangements.

Proposed -SD

Seconded – IW

19. Correspondence:

An addendum list attached

20. Close and Date of Next Meeting:

****NB It should be noted that at 6.39pm the meeting was halted on news of the death of the Queen. However, it was agreed to continue at after two minutes of reflection by the HPC at 6.41pm.**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm. Date of the next scheduled meeting is **Thursday 17th November 2022. [THIS IS A CHANGE OF DATE]**

Steve LECKIE, Parish Clerk.

Signed

(Chairman)

Date