

MINUTES OF MEETING OF HASKETON PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON 14th September 2023

At 6.20 pm in the Victory Hall, Tymmes Place, Hasketon, Suffolk

Final Minutes

Present: Stuart Dack Chairman (SD), Parish Councillors (PCllrs), Niki Field (NF), Iain Whyte (IW) (Vice Chairman) and Bill Helm (BH), Ann Turner (AT), Beccy Batley (RB), Chris Everson (CE), 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. **Welcome & Introduction:** SD welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies were received from County Councillor (CCllr) Elaine Bryce (EB), due to work commitments.

3. **Declaration of Interests:** None.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

Parish Mtg 13/07/2023, and EO PC Mtg 24/07/2023.

Minutes of meeting held previously circulated, were accepted, and approved as a true record and initialled by the Chairman (SD).

5. **Matters Arising from Previous:**

13th July 2023 HPC Mtg

Item 7 ESSL contacted and visited site but to date have failed to respond to further requests to cut hedgerow.

Item 10 Grass was cut for village Fete.

Item 11a Letters sent to Allotment owners awaiting response re sharing current plots. See also Item 13.

Item 11b Awaiting further report re Village Hall plans.

24th JULY 2023 EO Mtg

Item 5(i) Comments added to ESC Website

Item 5(ii) Comments added to ESC Website

6. **Invitation for Members of the Public to Speak:**

One of the MOP stated that they could not understand the placement of the new steps leading onto the car park area. They felt they were potentially dangerous and should have been into Tymmes Place. NF and Sd gave details of why they were placed at their location. To assist pedestrians to get from the road and cross the rewilded area. Sd indicated until further measures were addressed like severe hedgerow cutting there would be no change. The MOP made reference to an overgrown footpath on the bend of Boulge road. IW gave historic information about the landowner and his use of his private hedge to 'slow' the traffic.

The MOP made reference to the fact Planning notices were not being given to residents opposite potential developments. They were advised this was not the policy of East Suffolk

Council. They asked if Planning Applications could be posted on the Hasketon website. SL agreed to do so in future, although indicated they were detailed on the Parish agenda published prior to the meeting.

ACTION – Clerk

The MOP stated that it was agreed that there would be a passing place next to the Turks Head after new dwellings were built but it has never materialised. They also asked about 18 new homes that were planned.

IW indicated there had been no new homes proposed since 2021.

SD gave an explanation of a Neighbourhood plan. However, he indicated that Hasketon had not currently proposed one at this time.

BH expressed the opinion that the danger currently was from Further possible holiday homes.

MOP also queried where fruit tree planting was to take place as they felt there was not room for an orchard. NF indicated outside the Victory Hall. SL explained and showed a map of the proposals which is displayed on the noticeboard. A small amount outside the hall and further trees up the edge of the car park.

SD In summary: 1 Hedge cut near Green /Laurel Hedge speak to the owner on the bend. 2 Planning Applications to be on the website.

MOP asked about the area outside the Victory Hall and was advised by IW that this was to be brick paved with water run off allowed. This would allow disabled parking.

A second MOP spoke about the impact of the proposed development in Bredfield and wanted to know how the Council felt about the proposals. They were also aware of the request under the Freedom of information act for material thought relevant to the residents of both parishes. It was agreed to provide this information to them via email, indicating it was slightly redacted. SL queried CH as to why this information was not freely available and he stated he felt further requests may bring about a change from ESC.

CH indicated that the Bredfield parish Council should consider asking him to attend the next meeting re the disputed planning application.

ACTION – Clerk

7. Report: District Councillors: Reports received and circulated.

CH explained that as there were two councillors supporting local Parish councils, they proposed to divide the meetings and rotate after 6 months. Dan Clery would be covering Hasketon. HPC still to forward their agenda to him. However, he emphasised as he had specialist knowledge particularly in planning, he was still available for advice. He also had funding available for the local projects which was rapidly disappearing so the council need to bid for monies.

CH gave an overview of his report and took questions. He spoke about options to begin a neighbourhood plan and the benefits through CIL grants.

He also spoke about new initiatives for Warm Rooms and SD indicated the Council had tried this method but favoured the 'Breakfast club' as a substitute.

BH commented that most issues about planning arose from Enforcement. CH indicated that checking was not always carried out. SL had spoken to the planner about a recent application to this regard and BH said Hasketon will have to be the conduit to future applications with this in mind.

DC report received and circulated.

8. Report: County Councillor: Report received.

EB apologised for her absence and her submitted report was to be circulated after the meeting.

At 0730pm the District Councillor left to attend other meetings.

9. Finances:

i.

Summary of Accounts since 14/07/23 (attached)

Clerk reported an overall balance of £32296.16 being £26071.22 Savings account and £6224.94 current account.

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

Proposed IW
Seconded CE

Accounts

Clerk confirmed the accounts had been checked and approved by AT

ii - Approval of Invoices and transfers.

Ch No 100890 NORSE[REPLACEMENT CHEQUE]	198
Ch No 100887 Steve LECKIE [CLERK]-EXP 03	58.5
Ch No 100888 Steve LECKIE [CLERK PAY AUG 23]	225.58

Anticipated Expenses

Steve LECKIE [CLERK PAY SEPT 23]	225.78
DD TESCO MOBILE SEPT 23	9
ROSPA	100

Admin/Clerk Expenses (period 130723TO 14/09/23) - £58.50

ADDITIONAL HRS FOR PAYMENT TO THE CLERK - EO MTG 240723 £75

It was resolved to approve the invoices for payment.

**Proposed – NF
Seconded – CE**

v. Clerk matters –

(a) BARCLAYS BANKING – SD gave details about the proposal to include the Clerk in the banking mandate and to change to electronic banking. He explained that it was covered by the Council's regulations and would even though the initiation of payments if required before second authorisation. He asked if any councillor who currently authorised under the mandate had any issues with electronic banking. RB felt she would like to step down from her responsibility as was personally very busy. SD explained he would circulate an email with methodology which was very straight forward.

ACTION – SD

(b) VAT return 2022-23. SL reported a return had been submitted for £1283.04 on 040723 and had now been received in full. SL reminded the council a full invoice was required for rewiring work carried out previously. (Already agreed)

10. Planning:

i. To Consider Planning Application :: DC/23/2090/FUL

Proposal: Construction of 1.5 storey side extension and reconfiguring of roofs to form one hipped crown roof over all but the original dwelling. New timber clad shed to side with wooden doors and front porch canopy. The front elevation of the original dwelling to be re-rendered to match the finish of the neighbouring property (Owl's Cottage) and all windows replaced with cream cottage-style UPVC.

Site address: 2 Top Road, Hasketon, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP13 6JF

It was resolved by the Hasketon Parish Council to offer no objections.

Proposed – AT
Seconded – NF
ACTION – Clerk

ii. Update on previous applications

SL stated **DC/23/2613/FUL** Site address: Barn At, Oak Tree Farm, Chimney Pot Lane, Hasketon, Woodbridge Suffolk had been refused. There were no further updates.

11. Village Amenities and Events: Updates only

i) Allotment Matters –

SL had spoken with Sarah Butters with regards to the proposal of sharing allotments when they were not being tended. She had offered one of hers to a prospective client. NF advised that the enquirer had now gone elsewhere. SL advised letters would be going out with renewals to all owners re possible changes and the allotment agreements would be amended to deal with these matters.

ACTION – Clerk

ii) Play Area –

IW stated painting of slide being carried out. SL advised ROSPA inspection due this month although date not known.

Discussion regarding fencing around the area. IW gave an overview of the wooden fencing quotes. SL gave examples of metal fencing including gates that conformed with safety standards. This exceeded the cost of wood but would be a more permanent solution. SL stated he had received a complaint from a parishioner that the Council had

promised a gate at the far end of the area and suggested possibly a metal one at that point. SL stated that monies may be acquired through a grant. (See Point 15)

iii) Victory Hall (Village Hall)

IW stated discussions concerning Victory Hall refurbishments continued although holiday arrangements by the committee had slowed definite decisions.

ACTION – IW

iv) Tree management – Survey quotes to be obtained and check new hedgerow as several shrubs lost and some may need trimming.

ACTION – Clerk

v) Amenity/Car Park area

The Village Hall driveway area (listed at £12,179.60 inc of VAT) is the next major project. Contractor to be asked to put down several tonne bags of hardcore on car park supplemented with other material from IW.

vi) Footpaths – BH stated footpath17 had been cleared of the fallen tree. He again emphasized a proposal for a new footpath on private land that may benefit the village but stated he had not been able to see the landowner to date.

vii) Benches – benches needed to be reviewed for repair or replacement.

viii) Bus Shelter – SL stated he had spoken with Suffolk Police re the alleged Drug dealing in the shelter. They had agreed to give it passing attention and we were to report anything new.

ix) Village Fete – IW stated the Fete was a success despite the poor weather conditions and raised £1500.

x) Re wilding – Offer of grants needs to be pursued immediately and at this time without specific plans outlined by SL. NF stated new trees need to be purchased but it is not decided whether to plant in November or delay till next year. Bulbs are awaited and some more were offered by IW. Help offered to plant by SD and AT.

12. Highways:

BH spoke about the final plans for the Quiet Lanes Scheme and stated he would walk them all before the October deadline and report back his findings. Anglian Water believed to have damaged a sign on Bealings Lane.

ACTION – BH

SL showed information concerning traffic calming roadside furniture. The Council agreed in principle to support the idea on the main entrance roads to the village, but SL was asked to research fully costs and possible locations to see if was feasible.

ACTION – Clerk

AT stated Shrubbery Road potholes were a real issue and asked SL to contact CC Elaine Bryce again.

ACTION – Clerk

13. Suffolk Coastal Local Plan:

SD a document for reading and consultation.

14. Capital Grant Funding:

SL stated he had circulated a document regarding possible local funding via Community officer Andy Joliffe. He had emailed a possible Zoom meeting to discuss funding applications. SD requested SL to obtain dates for a meeting from him to progress the bid.

15. Anglian Energy Planning Alliance:

SL spoke of the document circulated regarding current energy projects. For further consideration by the Parish Councillors. Invitation to attend a presentation On 4th October 2023 and sign a petition by 21st September 2023.

16. Grants:

i CAES – Citizen Advice – It was agreed to donate £100 to the charity who had thanked the council for last year and sought further donation.

i. Woodbridge and District Lions SL advised a poster had been placed on the village notice board which asked for new volunteers and indicated the Lions had offered to help with any new events. It was decided not to donate to their cause.

17. Date of Next Meeting and close: **02/11/2023 closed 20.50 hrs

** This Is a CHANGE to the previously posted date.

Steve LECKIE Hasketon Parish Clerk.

Signed:Chairman. Date.....

Steve LECKIE Parish Clerk