

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORSTEAD WITH STANNINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE TITHE BARN, RECTORY ROAD, ON WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2022 AT 6PM.**

Present: Cllrs, Mrs C Fleming (Chair), Mr A Browne, Mr D Hales, Ms P Weightman, Mr C Jones, Ms L Symon, Ms S Corp and Mr A Kirby

In Attendance: Cllr J Copplestone (BDC), Suzanne Hall (Parish Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

Item 6 Planning was discussed prior to item 5 Finance – the members of the public departed after planning was discussed.

1. Apologies

Apologies from Cllr F Whymark (NCC) were received and ACCEPTED

2. Declarations of Interest

- 5. Ms P Weightman - Marlpit
- 4. Ms S Corp – Brinton – related to employee of applicant

3. Public Forum

- Cllr J Copplestone (BDC) and Cllr F Whymark (NCC), provided an overview of their current involvements – see summary reports at end of these minutes.

4. Minutes of the Meeting of 9 November 2022

The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting were

AGREED AND SIGNED

5. Finance

(1) Payments Received

None

(2) Payments for Approval

Garden Guardian – Playground grass cutting etc for 2022	£1368.00
Marlpit Donation	£500.00
Broadland DC – playground bin empty	£237.12

Unanimously APPROVED

(3) Payments for information only - previously agreed direct debits and standing orders etc

Veolia - Bin Lifts in October collected 28/11/2022	£118.94
Payroll November 2022	£1,013.64

(4) Budget 2023/2024 – The circulated draft budget was unanimously agreed and APPROVED

(5) Precept for 2023/2024 - After a lot of discussion it was agreed that the precept would be increased to £34,500 which represents an increase of 4.0% per household. Unanimously APPROVED

(6) The accounts for Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 2022/23 have been examined by Mr Browne and APPROVED

6. Planning

Standing Orders were suspended

Three Parishioners advised the Councillors about their concerns regarding application 20221887 – Brinton. These comments tie in with the feelings of the Councillors. Ms Weightman advised that they should individually submit their objections to Broadland District Council.

Standing Orders were re-instated

- **20221887 – Brinton, 94 Norwich Road** – New self-build 3 bed chalet bungalow and 2 bay cart lodge – The Councillors agreed to **OBJECT** for the following reasons:
 - Size is disproportionate to plot of land and the character is not fitting with neighbouring properties, this includes the fact that none of the other properties along the road have houses in their back gardens. The proposed building is very close to the neighbours boundary.
 - Light – it will block the light into the neighbouring property and affect the ability of the garden to be used for growing food

- Privacy – overlooking neighbouring properties from both from side windows and the very large upstairs balcony at the back
 - Biodiversity – there is a large bat colony in the field behind these houses. There is no mention that a bat survey has been conducted
 - Trees – there is a walnut tree along the boundary which is likely to be impacted by this proposal.
 - Access onto Norwich Road – apart from the fact that there is currently a power cable post at the end of this proposed driveway, access onto the Norwich Road will not be easy due to volume and speed of traffic.
 - The Clerk will check if the proposed building is within the settlement boundary
- **20221801 – Horstead Water Tower** - Construction of a new water booster station, surge vessel, new generator and associated pipework and cabling at Horstead Reservoir Site - While there were no objections to this application there were concerns: The Orlit B, bunker, and observation post are not mentioned anywhere in the report – why not? Also the impact of noise on nearby properties is very vague. As the generator could be running overnight and potentially 24 hrs a day, please could this be clarified. COMMENTS will be submitted.

7. Parish Clerk and Chairman/Councillors

- (1) **Meeting venue, date and time** – the Tithe Barn is increasing its prices by 25%. The councillors accepted this increase due to a lack of alternative venue. The Clerk to ask if it would be possible to change the meetings to the first Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm from May.
- (2) **Street lighting** – there have been posts on Facebook about lack of street lighting on Norwich Road. The Parish Council did a survey a couple of years ago and the general consensus was that the majority of respondents did NOT want street lights on overnight and would prefer no lights to full time lights. We were advised that part time lights were not an option and therefore advised that the lights should not be re-instated. Looking at SAM2 data it was agreed that lighting has no effect on the speed of traffic in the evenings. The councillors agreed that no further action should be taken.
- (3) **Enforcement cases** – Clerk advised the current situation
- (4) **Councillor recruitment posters** – Mrs Fleming is putting together a letter to encourage Parishioners to become Councillors. These will be printed on letter headed paper and posted through doors by the Councillors during January/February.
- (5) **Rough sleeper** – Mr Browne reported that there is a rough sleeper next to the PROW in the field next to the back of the Church. The Clerk to advise the Communities team at BDC.

8. Highways & PROW

- (1) Nothing to report

9. Pond & Trees

- Mr Kirby circulated an email from Project Pitstop. As we already have a management plan in place it wasn't felt this was necessary.

10. Horstead Mill

- (1) **Ash dieback tree** – Mr Browne to accept quote
- (2) **Fundraising** – Mr Browne is investigating QR code.
- (3) **Parking along Mill Road** – Clerk to arrange meeting with Coltishall. To be discussed at February meeting

11. Playing Field

- (1) **Inspections are being carried out fortnightly** by Mr Jones and reported on the community Facebook page.
- (2) **Grass cutting and hedge maintenance for 2023** – the quote received from Garden Gardian was **APPROVED**
- (3) **Gate Post** – Two quotes were discussed. The one from KDG was **APPROVED**

12. Speedwatch and SAM2

- **Speedwatch** – adverts on Facebook and in the Marlpit have hopefully resulted in two new volunteers. There have been 2 sessions in December so far. Mr Jones advised that there needs to be a minimum of 12 sessions a year to retain the kit and our teams are currently at about 18 sessions a year.
- **SAM2** – currently on Norwich Road. In the time it was near the bridge most vehicles were well below the 30mph limit. While this hasn't given evidence of speeding it has provided good data as to traffic volumes coming into Horstead via Coltishall.
- **Smiley SIDs** – these haven't been deployed

13. Police reports - Circulated

14. Training meetings and consultations

Events attended:

9 November – B1150 SIG – Mr Jones, Mr Kirby & Clerk

Upcoming events:

None

15. Items for next agenda

Standing items for monthly meeting. Donations.

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Parish Council meeting: Wednesday 11 January 2023 at 6pm in the main hall of the Tithe Barn.

Jo Coplestone reported – Awaiting copy of report

Fran Whymark reported – Norfolk have begun the process of progressing a 'County Deal'. Put simply this will enable local decisions to be made locally, not by central government. With devolved powers will come finance, initially £600m over the next 30 years, to providing infrastructure. There will also be further money for transport, housing and regeneration. There will be a public consultation and you can sign up for regular updates at countydeal@norfolk.gov.uk . For more information go to www.norfolk.gov.uk/norfolkcountydeal .

I also want to remind residents that the Broadland Help Hub is there if you are struggling to pay the bills, have housing problems or just need some advice. You can call: 01603 430431; email: helphub@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk or go to: www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/help-hub-1 . Our message to all our residents is, help is there for you, just call us and we will do everything we can to support you.