

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25 JANUARY 2010 IN THE HUNTINGFIELD HUT

Present: Julie Collett (Chair)
Esther Munns
David Collett
Stephen Harrison
Edward Watson
Clerk : Sue Brewer

One member of the village was also in attendance.

The meeting started at 7.30pm.

- 001.10 Julie welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Sue Tyler and Cllr. Sara Back.
- 002.10 There was no declaration of personal and/or prejudicial interests in items on the agenda from Councillors.
- 003.10 **Minutes**
a. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 09.11.09 (previously circulated) were approved and signed as an accurate record.
b. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 07.12.09 (previously circulated) were approved and signed as an accurate record.
- 004.10 **Progress reports**
a. Chair: (i) Julie told the meeting that a response had been received from John Gummer MP to Sue Lucas's letter about the sewage smell in the village but that Anglia Water's response to his letter had failed to offer a new solution. Julie had forwarded this to District Councillor Stephen Burroughes and will speak to Sue Lucas about a response to his reply.
(ii) Julie said she is still pursuing the problem of parking in Bridge Street.
(iii) Julie said she is waiting for a reply to her letter to SCDC about bins in the road in Bridge Street.
(iv) Julie said a four month trial of a new daily bus service would commence soon – further details to go on the village noticeboard when they arrive.
(v) Julie had heard nothing about the appointment of new Town Estates Charity committee member(s).

b. Clerk: (i) Sue said that she was waiting to hear further from SCC about the installation of 'Narrow road with passing places' signs.
(ii) Sue said the mobile library was now in the village every second Thursday at 3.05pm and that dates would be going in the Huntingfield Hare.
c. Website: Edward said he had received two complimentary emails about the website and that work on its content is progressing.
- 005.10 **Correspondence**
There was concern that the correspondence circulation file had not been returned to Julie and nobody was sure of its whereabouts. It was agreed that in future, each Councillor would email the others when (s)he had finished with it, saying to whom it had been passed.
17.09.09 SCDC Efficiency Consultation – in the absence of the correspondence file, Julie will collate the responses to this previously circulated document once the file has been recovered, and pass the Parish Council's response to SCDC.
14.01.10 Suffolk Constabulary re Safer Neighbourhood Team Officer presence at Parish Council meetings. It was agreed that Constable Mark Bryant will routinely be sent the PC Agenda with items for his attention highlighted and an invitation to attend when necessary.
- 006.10 **Planning matters** There were no new planning applications. Julie told the meeting that the following applications had been granted with conditions:
a. C09/1518 Outline Planning Permission for use of land for the erection of agricultural worker's dwelling at Low Farm, Cratfield Road.
b. C09/1519 Planning Permission for change of use to allow continued temporary siting of a mobile home at Low Farm, Cratfield Road.

c. C09/1563 Planning Permission for construction of 12,000 bird free-range egg production unit at Low Farm, Cratfield Road.

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Finance

a. The following payments since the last meeting were approved: £35.00 to Julie Collett for purchase of Christmas Tree for village green and £78.40 to Sue Lucas for Huntingfield Hare expenses.

b. Receipt of £100 for Hare advertising was approved.

c. The following payments were approved: up to £60 on purchase of lockable filing cabinet; £97.29 Clerk's expenses, and increase in the Chair's annual expenses allowance from £50 to £100.

d. Clerk's financial report: Sue B told the meeting that the balance in the bank of PC funds at 23.12.09 was £7707.30 and that her projection to financial year end is £1986.53 in credit

e. Use of the underspend will be considered at the next PC meeting.

f. After discussion, it was agreed that the 2010/11 Precept would increase by 8.5% from £3600 to £3906 per annum. Staff costs largely account for this level of increase, amounting to approx £3.80 per annum for a Band D property in Huntingfield. A further rise of approx 8% will be necessary in 2011/12 to meet these obligations unless costs can be offset by income from eg the bottle bank.

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Insurance Julie said she is waiting for some figures on the amalgamation of existing policies into one. It was agreed that Group Personal Accident insurance for volunteers carrying out voluntary duties on behalf of/or participating in events organised by the Parish Council would be set with a £20,000 capital sum insured.

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Training Councillors' training will be discussed at the next PC meeting.

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Grants

a. The following grants were approved: £30 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal; £30 to Halesworth Volunteer Centre; £60 to Macmillan Cancer Support, and £60 to East Anglian Air Ambulance.

b. After discussion the proposal to set up a standing order to pay an annual grant to East Anglian Air Ambulance was not favoured.

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Grit Bins It was agreed that three green 200 litre grit bins costing approx £150 each should be purchased for the village.

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Councillors' reports and items for future agenda Nothing was raised.

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Date of next meeting: Monday 8 March 2010.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm

Signed: Julie Collett
Chair, Huntingfield Parish Council

Date: 08.03.10

