



Huntingfield Parish Council

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of Huntingfield Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th January 2022 in the Hub at 7pm.

CLRs Present: Cllr Emma Ward (Chair), Cllr David Burrows, Cllr Jackie Driver, Cllr Sarah Kingsley Adams, Cllr Edward Watson.

Also attending: Clerk Julie Collett and 12 members of the public.

- 1.22 Apologies and approval of absences.** Apologies received and approved from Cllr David Blackmore.
- 2.22 To receive Declaration of Interest:** Cllr David Burrows declared a non pecuniary interest in item 8.22.
- 3.22 To consider requests for dispensations.** None.
- 4.22 To resolve that the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 10th November 2021 are a true and correct record.** The minutes were agreed and signed as an accurate record,
- 5.22 To receive Progress Reports for information**
- a. Handrail. This has now been completed and the invoice received.
- 6.22 Public participation session (15 minutes) to include County Councillor and District Councillor reports, Footpath & Tree Wardens reports.** The footpath from Laundry Lane to the B1117 has been cleared and is now passable. The third carner has a patch that has eroded, and the mud has made the ground very slippery. The path just after the Queens Oak has a cattle grid and gate, but the gate seems to be jammed. Clerk will contact Estate Manager at Heveningham Hall. No reports received from the County or District Councillor. Residents were then invited for comments. The following items were raised:
- Highly offensive sign that was attached to the railings to cover the graffiti.
 - Fencing is in the wrong place.
 - What is the justification in putting 150,000 trees along Brick Kiln Lane.
 - Concerns that developments are still being granted permission
 - Requesting the Parish Council to coordinate a practical initiative to ensure all voices are heard.
 - Resident reminded that a request for volunteers for a Neighbourhood Plan had been in the Hare twice now, with not people expressing any interest.
 - Outcome of traffic problems on the Fireworks Night.
 - Ideas for Jubilee Celebrations.
- 7.22 Update on the properties in Huntingfield owned by Heveningham Hall Estate.** The Chair invited Matt Bostock and Argus Hardy, representing Heveningham Hall, for an update. A pre-application meeting was held at The Forge in November 2021. Although planning officers appeared favourable no written response has been received yet. Once this is received the Estate are ready to apply for planning permission for the work to the Forge and surrounding area. The studio at the old Laundry and Gatehouse are being looked at in detail to understand the soundness of the building before any refurbishment is started. No plans yet for no 6 Bridge Street.
- 8.22 Graffiti on the fences.** The clerk will speak to the estate regarding the graffiti and the fence. Also, graffiti has been noticed on the BT box, unsure if this is connected to the graffiti on the fencing.



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9.22 Finance

- b. To review and approve the statement of accounts for the current financial year. The account stands at £8511.56 general funds, also a ringfenced amount of £19834.63 for the Hub and £1150 for solicitors fees.
- c. To review and approve the Bank Reconciliation. Agreed and signed as correct.
- d. To approve the Authorisation to Pay. Payments in the sum of £2939.55 plus VAT £406.39 were approved for payment.
- e. To approve the account receipts. £20 donation received for the Hare and .16p interest received. The donation has now been transferred to the Hub, who now look after Hare expenses.
- f. To consider and approve the budget for 2022/2023 The budget was approved for the coming year.
- g. To consider and agree the precept for 2022/2023. The council agreed to request the sum of £6124 for the precept, a decrease of £1.5% from the previous year.

10.22 The Hub: To discuss the following:

- h. Update on the progress with the agreement between the Parish Council & Hub Trustees. Nothing further heard as yet. Cllr Watson still to take in identification to the solicitors.
- i. To approve any future expenditure required. None

11.22 Highways and Footpaths: To receive any update on Footpath & Highways issues.

- Update on meeting with CC Stephen Burroughes and Highways. Still nothing heard.
- Pot holes on Low Road. Some have been completed, others have now appeared. Clerk to report.

12.22 Update on the Neighbourhood Plan for Huntingfield. Only a few people have volunteered so far. Another request will be put into the Hare.

13.22 To consider which verges around the village should not be cut to allow for wildflowers. Council agreed to request the verges on both sides of The Street and Linstead Road be left uncut to encourage wildflower growth. Clerk to contact Highways.

14.22 To review the Asset Register. The asset register has been updated with the 50% share of the SID. Council agreed the amendment.

15.22 To consider items for consideration for inclusion on the next agenda. Cllr Watson mentioned the rule changes due to take place next month to the Highway Code and suggested we write to local farmers to ensure they are aware of the changes in favour of pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. Also clerk to find out the latest re the Quiet Lanes Scheme to report on next meeting.

16.22 Date of Next Meeting. To confirm the date of the next meeting scheduled for 9th March 2022 7pm in the Hub.

Meeting closed 8.20pm.

Minutes agreed and signed as correct.

Chair _____ **Date** _____

Julie Collett 17th January 2022 Clerk to the Council 01986 899719