

# **HEVENINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the **Council Meeting** held on **Wednesday 2015** at 7.30 pm

in St. Margaret Church, Heveningham

Members: Cllr. S. Newby (Chairman) Cllr. Bryenton (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr. S. Fairs Cllr. D. Lankester Cllr. S Morphey

Cllr. C. Fairs Cllr. G. Lee

Also present: K. Forster - Clerk to the Council and 3 member of the public.

**19/15** Apologies: There were apologies from Cllrs C Fairs, Cllr Lankester, Cllr Lee. Cllr. Bryenton is in hospital and the council expressed sincere wishes that he recovers soon.

At this point, the Chairman proposed that the number of councillors be increased by 2, as it may be some time until a full council will be available and also with the large project concerning the Bell Green Meadow, where there will be a lot of resource required. It was unanimously RESOLVED to proceed with measures to increase the number of councillors to 9. NOTED

- **20/15** Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest
- 21/15 Dispensations: There were no dispensations requested
- 22/15 <u>Minutes from the Previous Meetings.</u> Minutes of the meetings of 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015 & the Extraordinary meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 were submitted for approval. It was unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

#### 23/15 Open Forum

V. Milner-Smith explained that she thought that there had been a misunderstanding regarding the £10 from the allotments surplus and that this should be retained to cover the cost of petrol. This was agreed.

## 24/15 County and District Councillor Reports.

Cllr. Stephen Burroughs had sent the reports which had been distributed. He was not able to be present. The Clerk summarised the reports in particular:

- a) There will **not** be any charges implemented for collection of green waste
- b) There is likely to be an increase in the Council tax due to a significant reduction in government funding
- There is action being taken to demand improvements to the rail services in Suffolk

## 25/15 Police Reports

An email had been received stating that the PCSO would no longer attend any parish meetings, due to changes in work practices. It was noted that no PCSO had ever attended.

# 26/15 Accounts

- a) It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the payments totalling £150.69 for Clerks Salary, HMRC, Stationery and SALC membership.
- b) Due to the lack of councillors present, it was agreed to defer the appointment of new trustees for the Recreation Ground and Children's Playground. Currently the trustees are M. Bryenton, A Rush and R Wilding. The contact details have now been updated for the new Clerk.

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## 27/15 Planning

- a) **DC/15/4979/FUL** Abbotts, Dunwich Lane replacement of Greenhouse The planning application had arrived over Christmas with a return date of 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. so there had been no opportunity for Council to discuss. However, Councillors agreed that there would not have been any objection.
- b) **DC/15/5062/LBC** Willow Farmhouse, Halesworth Road repairs and internal modification.

The council has **NO OBJECTION** to this planning application.

### 28/15 Bell Green Meadow

3 quotes are being sourced for the clearing of the area and erection of fencing. 1 has been received. The Clerk is to follow up on the other two. **NOTED** 

Cllr. Morphey has been in discussions with a supplier of play equipment who has also fiited playground equipment in nearby areas such as Yoxford.

It was agreed to invite playground suppliers to design an a small play area with no restrictions on budget. This would then create an application for funding in stages, depending on the funding available. The first stage would be the clearing of the land with basic equipment.

## 29/15 Communual Notice Board

A letter was received from a member of the parish, requesting a new notice board. It was agreed that the current notice board is adequate at the moment but will be reviewed periodically. The Clerk is to write to explain this. **NOTED** 

#### 30/15 Correspondence

- a) The letter regarding match funding PCSOs was discussed and it was agreed not to be involved.
- b) It was agreed to not withdraw from the NALC collective appointment of external auditor
- c) It was proposed that M. Bryenton be put forward for tickets to the Buckingham Palace Garden party, based on his service to the village. However, it will depend on his health.

## 31/15 A.O.B

- a) Cllr Fairs requested that the following be added to the agenda for the next meeting
  - 1. Opportunities to improve the Broadband service in the village. He is installing Satellite and it would be possible to do that from a high building in the village. He will provide further information at the next meeting
  - 2. The decision and requirements for a meeting room
  - 3. The loss of the local pub Huntingfield Arms which is now on the market for sale.
- b) The Clerk pointed out that the next meeting was the Parish Meeting and were there any special invitations to be sent out. It was agreed to invite the Reverend Tony Norton and also it would be good should the District/County Councillor be in attendance.

Meeting closed at 8:15 pm. Next meeting 7.30 pm 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in St. Margaret Church Heveningham

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