

Hacheston Parish Council

Draft Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 9th March 2022

Held at 7.30pm in the Main Hall of the Village Hall



Minutes

Present: Cllrs Revill (Chair), Leach (Vice Chair), Hall and Mee (via Zoom). Cllr Burroughes (via Zoom).

Clerk: Elizabeth Reynolds

Public: There were no members of the public present

1. Apologies: None.

2. Declarations of Interest and dispensations: No declarations were made for matters on the agenda.

3. To consider confirming the Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 12th January 2022 were confirmed and signed.

4. Public Forum: No matters were raised.

5. Matters for debate:

5.1 Celebrations of the Queen's 70-year Reign: The gifted oak tree was planted 5th March on Fairfield Green. Thanks to Garnett's Gardens for the gifted materials. The tree guard was bought by the council. A bring and share lunch is planned for Sunday 5th June.

5.3 Co-opting a New Councillor: No residents have come forward as yet.

6. To hear reports from:

6.1 Suffolk County Council, Cllr Burroughes: Full report is available on the website. There will be a council tax increase and Cllr Burroughes assured that the money will be well spent including children and adult social services. With regards to the ongoing situation in Ukraine, the council have cut a gas prom contract with Russian links. Cllr Burroughes has received many calls from the public on how they can help the situation and has suggested donations to the Red Cross for the Disasters Emergency Committee. A digital audit was conducted and was found that overall the region is well connected. There is funding in the locality budget to assist parish councils in improving their communications equipment.

6.2 East Suffolk Council, Cllr Poulter: Full report is available on the website.

6.3 Councillor Markham – Management of Verges: Cllr Markham suggested a two cut management system on the verges to allow for any existing wildflowers to thrive. The alternative would be to plant wildflowers. Cllr Markham will put a plan together and check with highways on the safety and visibility regulations with regards to the height of the vegetation grown on the verge. Residents to be consulted. Potentially use signs 'excuse the weeds, we're feeding the bees'.

6.4 HPC Chairman, Adrian Revill – Quiet Lanes Scheme: Cllr Revill explained that the Quiet Lanes scheme was created to help support vulnerable road users including cyclists and walkers. It is not a legally binding scheme but encourages considerate use of the lane. Marlesford Lane was nominated and has been accepted. Signs to be collected and fitted in May. Parish councils to make a small financial contribution, amount to be confirmed.

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6.5 HPC Chairman, Adrian Reville – Joint Parish Traffic Initiative – HPC Involvement: The purpose of the Joint Parishes Traffic Initiative (JPTI) is to represent the concerns of a number of Parish Councils in East Suffolk including Melton, Eyke, Bromeswell, Tunstall, Campsea Ashe, Hacheston and Snape. Residents of these parishes have been concerned for some years by the increase in the volume of traffic and the number of heavy goods vehicles on their roads.

The meeting on March 3rd heard that the situation is set to worsen because the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan, adopted in September 2020, does not include measures to mitigate the impact of increasing traffic which will result from the housing development and industrial growth planned for the district.

In 2021 Suffolk County Council produced a report for the JPTI group with up-to-date data on traffic on the B1172 and B1078. However, this is difficult to interpret and it was agreed to meet WCC officers and County and District councillors to study the data.

The group intends to press for a realistic strategic plan for our roads to handle the growth of traffic without destroying the quality of life of local residents.

7. Sizewell C Development

7.1 Progress of the Examination: Inspectorate referred decision to minister. Final decision to be made 25th May.

8. Planning applications and Notifications: *To consider any planning applications received by the date of the meeting where reasonable and practical to do so*

8.1 DC/22/0571/FUL | Installation of photovoltaic panels to the roof slopes of existing steel framed storage barn. | Deben Mill, Part Mill and Premises At High Street Wickham Market Suffolk IP13 0RG:
No comments given.

9. Financial matters and payments due: Financial statement attached.

9.1 Payroll payment to SALC

9.2 Membership payment to CPRE

9.3 Payment for tree guard

9.4 Village hall hire

10. Donations to local charities: Small grants to be made to EACH, Air Ambulance and Citizen's Advice Bureau.

11. Water Quality – River Deben: An email was received by the council with regards to water quality of the river Deben. It is the river Ore that runs through HPC parish. Cllr Mee suggested requesting testing of the river Ore due to farms and septic tanks in the village.

12. Items to go forward to next meeting agenda:

12.1 Condition of footpath/bridlepath BR13

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Next meeting: 11th May 2022

Signed:

Dated: