



HENSTEAD WITH HULVER STREET  
PARISH COUNCIL



**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council**

held at THE VILLAGE HALL HULVER

on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Commencing at 7.30pm

**66/15 Present**

Cllrs. N Snudden (Chairman), D Glanfield, D Hadingham , Ms A Belcher,  
J.C.Armstrong, B Horwood. Cllr M Parsons WDC  
J.A. Armstrong Clerk,  
2 members of the public

**67/15 Apologies for absence**

Cllr. Ms P Block, Cllr M Ladd SCC

**68/15 Declaration of interest**

None

**69/15 Minutes of the Meetings of 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015**

**It was proposed Cllr Hadingham seconded Cllr. Armstrong that the minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> November be accepted as a true record. This was agreed.** The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

**70/15 Matters arising**

There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda.

**71/15 Meeting Adjourned for questions from members of the public**

A member of the public raised issues about the state of the road surface on Benacre Road close to the junction with Toad Row, the increased use of Benacre Road by large agricultural vehicles travelling between Benacre and the Gas plant at Ellough and from local farms to the Benacre Estate. A third issue was concerned with the speed sign now in use. The Chairman said the Council would discuss each of the points raised later in the meeting.

**72/15 Reports**

**72/15/1** There was no report from SCC

**72/15/2** Cllr Parsons reported that he had spoken to the Chief Fire Officer about the proposed changes to the fire service in Waveney. It is proposed to close the Wrentham Fire Station and reduce the number of fire engines at Pakefield from 3 to 2. The closure of Wrentham Station is an option because the crews from Pakefield

can reach Wrentham quicker than the retained crew at Wrentham can be called. Cllr Parsons said that Wrentham Parish Council would be holding a meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> Jan and there were also meeting arranged by the Fire Service during Jan and early Feb, The Chairman thanked Cllr Parsons for his report.

**72/15/3** There was no report from the police

### The Chairman reconvened the meeting

#### 73/15 Correspondence

The clerk reported that letters/emails had been received from: Shaping the future of Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service, giving details and dates of public meetings that are being arranged to discuss the proposed changes to the fire service provision in Waveney. The Chairman asked for anyone wishing to attend to notify the clerk.

Wrentham PC have arranged a meeting on Mon 11th Jan to consider its response to the proposals. The clerk indicated that he would be attending. Suffolk Constabulary about matched funding for PCSO's and inviting Parish and Town Councils to make a financial contribution towards the cost of employing a PCSO. A letter was also received from Clare Town Council about the above complaining about the lack of time for Councils to consider their position and to consult with other Parish Councils. During discussion it was agreed that small parish councils such as Henstead are not in a position to make a contribution without a significant increase in the precept which would require consultation with parish. The clerk was asked to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Acting Chief Constable expressing these concerns.

SALC with details and dates of future courses. The clerk said that he would forward the details to members

Simon Amstutz AONB manager with an invitation to a meeting about the planning issues in an AONB to be held in March at Ipswich. Members were asked to inform the clerk if they wish to attend.

#### 74/15 Finance

**74/15/1** There were no outstanding payments

**74/15/2** The account balances as at 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016 were Current account £3273.80  
Savings account £814.67

**74/15/3 Precept for 2016/17.** The Clerk in the role of responsible financial officer recommended that the precept should be the same as for 2015/16 £3500. Following discussion **it was agreed that the precept for 2016/17 would be £3500**

**74/15/3** The Clerk in the role of responsible financial officer explained the new Audit requirements beginning in 2017. Small Councils will be required to publish their end of year accounts on their website and appoint their own auditors to deal with any queries on the accounts should they arise. NALC have organised a programme of appointing auditors for small councils at no cost. **The clerk recommended that Council opts into this scheme. This was agreed by Council**

#### 75/15 Planning

##### 75/15/1 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications.

##### 75/15/2 Outcome of planning applications

DC/15/2832/FUL - 46 diesel generators for Lark Energy at Ellough WDC Approved.

Following discussion Council expressed their concerns about this decision and asked

the clerk to write to members of the WDC Planning Committee to make them aware of these concerns.

**75/15/3 Planning Appeal Firs Farm Hulver**

The clerk reported that the appeal is likely to be considered towards the end of January.

**76/15 Any other Business**

**76/15/1 Neighbourhood Plan.** Council discussed briefly the question of the parish developing a neighbourhood plan. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged late January/early February to consider the processes that would be required. It was further agreed an invitation to someone who has been through the development of a plan be invited to speak to the council about their experiences. **The clerk was asked to organise.**

**76/15/2 Vehicle movements through the village**

Concerns about damage to the road surface on Benacre Road near the junction with toad Row was raised by a resident. Damage to the edge of the road and to the verge is being caused by large tractors and trailers moving between Benacre and the Gas Plant at Ellough and between farms and an area storing material destined for the gas plant at Benacre. The number of such movements is increasing. There is also concern at the speed of these vehicles. **The clerk was asked to contact the Highways Engineer to discuss these issues and ascertain what action can be taken to reduce the problem.** These discussions should also include the use of Wood Lane currently being used by HGVs and large tractor units.

**76/15/3 Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations**

Following discussion it was agreed to ask the Village Hall Committee to organise an event with the Parish Council considering a donation towards the cost in due course.

**65/15 Date and time of next meeting.**

**The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at The Old School Henstead 7.30pm**

**The meeting closed at 8.45pm**