



HENSTEAD WITH HULVER STREET
PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

held at Hulver Village Hall
on Wednesday 3rd April 2024
Commencing at 7.00pm

164/23 Present

Cllr J Facer (Acting Chair), Cllr J Doran, Cllr D Hadingham
In attendance Angela Colbridge (Clerk), SCC Cllr Michael Ladd

165/23 Apologies for absence

HHPC Cllrs J Armstrong, P Block, ESC Cllr Paul Ashton

166/23 Welcome and introductions

Cllr Facer welcomed everyone to the meeting

167/23 Declaration of interest personal or prejudicial to this agenda

None

168/23 Minutes of the Meeting of 6th March 2024

It was Proposed by Cllr Doran, seconded by Cllr Facer that the minutes of 6th March 2024 be accepted as a true record. This was agreed. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

169/23 Matters arising

None

170/23 Reports

170/23/1 Suffolk County Council. Report from SCC Cllr Ladd:

There is currently a public consultation running for 10 weeks on the proposed Suffolk Devolution Deal. This is in two parts including an open survey that any resident can complete and a sample survey of 1000 residents. The proposed deal would mean the possibility of a directly elected leader.

The final piece of the Gull Wing Bridge is now in place. The bridge is expected to be open in the next couple of months.

The County Council has benefited from a 7.3million pound investment to the local electric vehicle infrastructure fund.

The Lowestoft branch of Suffolk Archives is set to close and be relocated to The Hold in Ipswich.

170/23/2 East Suffolk Council. Report from ESC Cllr Ashton - No report

170/23/3 Police. No report

171/23 Chair's Item - None

172/23 Correspondence

172/23/1 Suffolk County Council - Broken footpath sign

SCC has confirmed that the reported broken footpath sign in Henstead will be fixed.

172/23/2 SALC - Section 137 expenditure limit for 2024/25

The sum has increased from £9.93 - £10.81 per elector.

Signed Chair _____ Clerk _____ Date _____

172/23/3 Therese Coffey MP - Broadband

The Clerk reported that Dr Coffey has made enquires with the executive teams at both BT and Openreach to investigate how they are addressing the ongoing issues with broadband speeds and lack of fibre in the area. Dr Coffey has also written to the Minister for Data and Digital Infrastructure on this and will be in touch as soon as a response is received.

173/23 Finance

173/23/1 Approval of outstanding invoices

Clerks wages February/March 2024 £500

Cllr Facer Expenses Land Registry £18

SALC Provision of payroll services for the period of 6 months to 31st March 2024 £27

Suffolk.Cloud Website hosting fees to March 2025 £110

Proposed by Cllr Hadingham, Seconded by Cllr Doran

173/23/2 Account Balances. The Clerk noted a rolling estimate of:

Current Account £14,533.92

Savings Account £827.91

174/23 Planning

174/23/1 To consider any planning applications

None

174/23/2 To receive outcomes of Planning Applications from ESC

i) **DC/23/1983/FUL** Full planning permission for 1 No. Dwelling, to include access, parking and amenity land. Land south of Toad Row, Henstead, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 7LG.

Awaiting a decision

ii) **DC/22/2323/DRC** | Discharge of Condition Nos. 5, 6, 10, 14 & 16 of DC/18/3443/FUL -

(Conversion of redundant agricultural buildings into 3 dwellings) - Contaminated land details, archaeological details, annotated frame survey and schedule of repairs to be

carried out to the historic structures and details of both hard and soft landscaping | Grange Farm Tinkers Lane Henstead Beccles Suffolk NR34 7LB **Awaiting Decision.** The Clerk has requested an update from ESC

174/23/3 APPEALS

AP/23/0058/ENF - Part Land East Of Mariawood, Hulver Street, Henstead, Suffolk NR34 7UE. Enforcement case reference ENF/22/0247/USE - **Appeal in progress**

174/23/4 Other planning matters

SCC/0124/22W - Proposed AD Plant, Land at Copeland Way, Ellough, Suffolk, NR34 7TL. Reconsultation notification of planning application, consultation expiry date 5th April 2024. The Council discussed this reconsultation and agreed to uphold it's previous objections.

175/23 Parish Community Plan

175/23/1 Highways A discussion was held on the proposed traffic survey to be carried out on Toad Row. It was decided that, as a Speed Indicator Device can obtain the same data, the council would use it's current SID resources to survey the quantity and the speed of traffic using this road. Possible locations for the temporary positioning of the SID will be forwarded to the Clerk so that they can be approved by the relevant persons.

175/23/2 Church Surround - It was agreed that this would be discussed further at the May meeting with full council with a view to making a decision on how to take this forward.

175/23/3 Communication including website - The Clerk noted that work is continuing on the website to ensure that all pages are up to date and all links are working. The Clerk informed councillors that there may be a need for further consideration of moving to a gov.uk domain. This will be added as an item to a future agenda.

175/23/4 Amenities - No update

175/23/5 Social Activities - DDay 80 Council discussed the prices of the DD80 flags. It was agreed that the Clerk would look to purchase 2 of the 5ft x 3ft flags at a cost each of £24 plus VAT. **Proposed by Cllr Hadingham, Seconded by Cllr Doran.** Councillors would look at possible locations to position the flags.

176/23 Additional Speed Indicator Device - Update

The Clerk confirmed that the Enabling Community budget form has been received from ESC and has been completed and returned. SCC Cllr Ladd will complete the form for the funding from county council following the PCC elections on Thursday 2nd May 2024.

177/23 Defibrillator - Update

Cllr Doran noted that he has now taken over the guardianship of the defibrillator located on the external wall of the village hall in Hulver. The pads will need to be replaced in August of this year. The expected price to replace these pads is £54.

178/23 Fly-Tipping at Latymere Dam - Update

It was noted that some of the rubbish may have been removed but there is still a large amount remaining. The Clerk will email East Suffolk Council regarding the options of managing this area going forward.

179/23 Traffic Survey - Update

This item was discussed in full under item 11a on the agenda.

180/23 Parish Community Plan

The Clerk noted that the current Parish Community Plan covers the period of 2019 - 2024. This will be added as an item for a future agenda.

181/23 Any other business

- i) The Clerk read out information provided from the Henstead PCC minutes of 19th February 2015 regarding contributions from the Parish Council for grass cutting. The Clerk will check through historic budget and precept information.
- ii) Cllr Doran noted that he has been looking into the option of sheep grazing on the area of the Church Surround at appropriate times of the year to keep the grass low.
- iii) It was noted that there are some notes on the History of Henstead in two parts available.

Questions from the Public

None present

182/23 Items for the agenda of the next meeting

Village Emergency Plan

183/23 Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Council will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and will immediately follow the Annual Parish Meeting of the same evening which will begin at 7pm. Date to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 9:48pm

