



HENSTEAD WITH HULVER STREET
PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

held at Hulver Village Hall
on Wednesday 6th December 2023
Commencing at 7.00pm

110/23 Present

HHPC Cllr Facer (Acting-Chair), Cllr J Doran, Cllr D Hadingham
In attendance Angela Colbridge (Clerk), ESC Cllr Ashton,

111/23 Apologies for absence

SCC Cllr Ladd, HHPC Cllr Armstrong, HHPC Cllr Block

112/23 Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

113/23 Declaration of interest personal or prejudicial to this agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

114/23 Minutes of the Meeting of 1st November 2023

It was Proposed by Cllr Doran, seconded by Cllr Facer that the minutes of 1st November 2023 be accepted as a true record. This was agreed. The minutes were signed by the Acting Chair.

115/23 Matters arising - Publication of draft minutes

The draft minutes for the meeting of 1st November were not publicised as not all councillors had had the opportunity to approve them. Council will endeavour to do this going forward.

116/23 Reports

116/23/1 Suffolk County Council. Email from SCC Cllr Ladd

Suffolk Highways has been carefully planning for the arrival of the colder weather, including training and hiring drivers, checking the routes and preparing the gritting lorries for action. The service is responsible for gritting 36 Priority 1 routes, including all A and B roads (except trunk roads), roads to fire stations, hospitals, main bus routes and rail stations. They also have 34 Priority 2 routes, this includes other bus routes, roads leading to rural villages and access to schools.

SCC has committed almost £1 million of funds to bring in additional flood investigation specialists as the response to Storm Babet continues.

Following a period of intense inspection by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), Suffolk County Council has been awarded an indicative overall rating of "Good" for the quality of its Adult Social Care services, one of the first councils nationwide to achieve this standard. Essex, Suffolk, and Norfolk County Council leaders are urging National Grid to reconsider their preferred onshore option following findings of a recent review. The councils jointly commissioned and have now published an independent report into the Norwich to Tilbury project, which proposes the construction of a new high voltage electricity transmission line between Norwich in Norfolk, Bramford in Suffolk and Tilbury in Essex.

Signed Chair _____ Clerk _____ Date _____

4.7 million litres of water has been pumped away and 8,412 highways drains cleared of post-storm debris since Storm Babet hit Suffolk one month ago, Suffolk County Council has revealed.

116/23/2 East Suffolk Council. Report from ESC Cllr Ashton:

East Suffolk Council is offering free parking in council-owned car parks from 3pm on the following dates: Framlingham - Friday 8 December; Leiston - Saturday 9 December; Oulton Broad - Sunday 10 December. Free parking will also be available from noon to 6pm on Saturday 16 December across the district.

Grants for winter support are now live - Information is available on the ESC website.

The Full Council approved the Council's new strategic direction at the full council meeting on 22nd November. You can view the strategic direction document and presentation at: East Suffolk Strategic Plan » East Suffolk Council.

116/23/3 Police. The Clerk reported the following from the Police.UK website:

September 1 x reported crime on or near Sotterley Road (vehicle crime); 1 x reported crime on or near Toad Row (vehicle crime)

October 1 x reported crime on or near Benacre Road (criminal damage and arson); 1 x reported crime on or near Toad Row (anti social behaviour); 1 x reported crime on or near Toad Row (shoplifting)

117/23 Chair's Item

The idea of starting a Whatsapp communication group for councillors was put forward. This was thought to be worth considering, as long as an audit trail is available for any decisions made.

The Remembrance Service at the Church of St Mary, Henstead on Sunday 12 November was attended by the Chair James Armstrong and Vice Chair Jacqueline Facer. Cllr Armstrong laid a wreath on behalf of Henstead with Hulver Street Parish Council and all residents.

Bulb Planting - A group of residents cleared the area around Henstead village sign and notice board during the week from Saturday 18 to Saturday 25 November in order to plant 300 daffodil bulbs obtained by the Parish Council from East Suffolk Council to mark the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. It was a great team effort co-ordinated by Cllr. Jacqueline Facer, with help from Sheryl Ball, Sue Bryett, Andrew Brogan, John Facer, Darron Smith and Cllr. Jon Doran. Cllr Facer thanked everyone for their help and support with the project.

Cllr Armstrong is co-ordinating the planting of another 300 daffodil bulbs around the Hulver Street Village sign during the first weekend in December.

HHPC sincerely hopes all the residents of Henstead with Hulver Street will all enjoy seeing the daffodils flowering in the spring of 2024!

118/23 Correspondence

118/23/1 East Suffolk Council - Litter/Fido waste bins

The Clerk informed council of ESC's review on waste bins. There are currently no bins in the villages and no obvious need for them.

118/23/2 East Suffolk Council - Update on Mariawood

An Enforcement Officer from ESC has informed the clerk that an enforcement notice has been issued but is currently being appealed.

118/23/3 East Suffolk Council - Draft Healthy Environment and Draft Rural Development Supplementary Planning Documents

These 2 SPD's have been circulated to councillors and the Clerk will advertise them in the village noticeboards for the public consultation which runs until 5pm on Wednesday 10th January 2024.

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118/23/4 National Landscape Media - Renaming of AONB's

The Clerk informed council that, as of 22nd November 2023, all designated Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in England and Wales became National Landscapes, reflecting their national importance.

118/23/5 Suffolk County Council Passenger Transport - Bus Service Improvement Plan

The Clerk informed council that the Suffolk County Council Passenger Transport department had been in touch following the completion of a show of interest in possible future funding for a bus route through the village. There is currently the option for residents to access other local towns via the Connecting Communities service. The Clerk will look into this further with a view to gaining information for residents who might be interested in this service. It was also suggested that the parish joins up with other neighbouring parishes to increase the evidence base and known demand for a service.

118/23/6 AEPA - Follow up letter to Minister Bowie

The Clerk read out a follow up letter sent to Minister Bowie, regarding concerns about the cumulative impacts of the large and increasing number of Nationally Significant Energy Projects which are proposed for this part of Suffolk.

119/23 Finance

119/23/1 Approval of outstanding invoices

Hayward United Farmers Ltd - Speed sign battery £86.40

Clerks wages October/November 2023 - £500

Proposed by Cllr Doran, Seconded by Cllr Facer

119/23/2 Account Balances. The Clerk noted a rolling estimate of:

Current Account £15,646.62

Savings Account £825.05

The Clerk noted receipt of VAT return on 28th September 2023 of £572.15

119/23/3 Approval of Draft Budget for the financial year April 2024/March 2025

The Clerk put forward a proposed budget for the next financial year. As there were only 3 of the 5 councillors present, it was agreed that this would be put to the 2 absent councillors before approval.

119/23/4 Agreement of Precept Request for the financial year 2024/25 The Precept request for the next financial year will be agreed by all councillors once the draft budget is approved.

120/23 Planning

120/23/1 To consider any planning applications

DC/23/4304/FUL Build a detached hobby room, Grange Farm Bungalow, The Street, Henstead, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 7JY - Consultation letter expiry date 6th December 2023. A discussion was held and the parish council agreed that they had no objections to this PA. **Proposed by Cllr Hadingham, Seconded by Cllr Facer.** The Clerk will submit the response following the meeting.

120/23/2 To receive outcomes of Planning Applications from ESC

i) 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**

ii) 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 decision**

Signed Chair _____ Clerk _____ Date _____

120/23/3 APPEALS

None

120/23/4 Other planning matters

SCC/0124/22W - Proposed AD Plant, Land at Copeland Way, Ellough, Suffolk, NR34 7TL.

Re-consultation notification of planning application, deadline for comments 5th January 2024

The Clerk informed council of the re-consultation of this planning application. Comments to be submitted by 5th January 2024. It was agreed that councillors would discuss this online with a view to arranging an extra-ordinary meeting if required.

The Clerk was in receipt of a letter from Copland Biogas and read out some of the points from the letter. The Clerk handed the letter to Cllr Facer to circulate to councillors.

V.C. Cooke - Application for environmental permit - ESC Cllr Ashton reported that a decision is likely to be made by the end of the year

121/23 Parish Community Plan

121/23/1 Highways - It was reported that there is a safety road sign missing near the village bank in Henstead. Information will be forwarded to the Clerk for reporting on the Suffolk Highways online reporting site.

121/23/2 Church Surround - Nothing to update

121/23/3 Communication including website - It was noted that the photo gallery on the parish council website doesn't appear to be accessible. The Clerk will look into this.

121/23/4 Amenities - Nothing to update

121/23/5 Social Activities - Nothing to update

122/23 Additional Speed Indicator Device

ESC Cllr Ashton suggested contacting Westcotech to obtain information on current prices. Cllr Ashton also noted that he may be able to contribute towards the cost of an additional speed indicator device for the village through the enabling communities budget.

123/23 Grass cutting at the cemetery

The Clerk and Cllr Facer have been looking through historic minutes to find information on agreements made by the Parish Council to fund churchyard maintenance. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

124/23 Any other business

A resident has expressed their thoughts on how lovely it was to see the works recently carried out by residents and councillors around the Henstead Village sign.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write a letter to Mr R Tovell, on behalf of HHPC, to thank him for doing an excellent job refurbishing the Henstead Village Notice Board.

Thanks were also offered to Cllr Doran for organising the works required.

Questions from the Public

None present

125/23 Items for the agenda of the next meeting

Grass cutting at the churchyard; Speed Indicator Device; WhatsApp communication group

126/23 Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Signed Chair _____ Clerk _____ Date _____