



HENSTEAD WITH HULVER STREET
PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

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

56/23 Present

Cllr J Facer (Vice-Chair), Cllr P Block, Cllr J Doran
In attendance Angela Colbridge (Clerk), SCC Cllr Ladd

57/23 Apologies for absence

HHPC Cllr D Hadingham, Cllr J Armstrong

58/23 Welcome and introductions

The Vice-Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

59/23 Declaration of Acceptance of Office - Cllr Doran completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form in the presence of the Clerk

60/23 Declaration of interest personal or prejudicial to this agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

61/23 Minutes of the Meeting of 5th July 2023

It was Proposed by Cllr Block, seconded by Cllr Facer that the minutes of 5th July 2023 be accepted as a true record. This was agreed. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

62/23 Matters arising

None

63/23 Reports

63/23/1 Suffolk County Council. SCC Cllr Ladd reported that half way through the financial year, SCC has a £23 million deficit, which equates to less than 4% of its overall budget. A 'no cold-calling' zone has been set up in Kessingland to help protect vulnerable people. The Gull Wing Bridge project has requested an extension to the closure of Denmark Road. The bridge is now due to open in 2024. SCC Cllr Ladd has recently visited the new Suffolk Fire and Rescue training centre in Wattisham.

63/23/2 East Suffolk Council. No report

63/23/3 Police report. The Clerk reported the following updates from the Police.Uk website:

May 2023 - 2 x reports of shoplifting, 1 x report of vehicle crime on or near Toad Row
June 2023 - 1 x report of violence/sexual offence on or near Sandy Lane

Signed Chair _____ Clerk _____ Date _____

64/23 Chair's Item

Cllr Facer noted that the current Local Plan for Henstead with Hulver Street is due to be reviewed in 2024.

65/23 Correspondence

65/23/1 Email from Zurich Insurance

The Clerk informed Council that the insurance renewal premium had been received from Zurich Insurance, remaining the same cost as last year at £257.60. It was agreed that the renewal premium be accepted. **This was proposed by Cllr Doran, Seconded by Cllr Block.**

65/23/2 Email from resident - 30mph extension to A12/Toad Row Junction

The Clerk informed council that a resident had forwarded a copy of a letter sent to SCC suggesting that extending the speed limit right to the A12 would be in the interests of all local residents. SCC Traffic Regulation Officer had replied to suggest this was raised with the Parish Council. After a short discussion, it was agreed that SCC Cllr Ladd would look to arrange a meeting with the Community Liaison Engineer and members of HHPC to discuss this and any other highways issues.

65/23/3 Barclays Bank - Review

The Clerk informed council that correspondence has been received regarding a review of contacts. The Clerk will arrange an appointment with the bank to change the contact details. A discussion was held regarding the current signatories on the account. It was agreed that former Clerk John Armstrong would be removed as a signatory and that Cllr's Facer, Block and Doran would be added as signatories. **This was proposed by Cllr Facer, Seconded by Cllr Block**

65/23/4 SCC Customer Services - Signs for temporary traffic lights on Hulver Road

The Clerk informed Council that, due to badger activity at this location, SCC are unable to start the repairs but have requested for the equipment and placement of signs on site to be reviewed.

65/23/5 Beccles Town Council - Invitation to Beccles Town Mayor, Cllr Christine Wheeler's Civic Service

The Clerk informed councillors of the date and time of the event.

65/23/6 Phone call from member of the public -

The Clerk informed Council that a member of the public had reported that, following communication with Natural England concerning the badger sett on the B1127, they had suggested they are treating the issue as very urgent and could issue a licence for the works to be carried out in the next couple of weeks. The Clerk noted that nothing official had been received to this effect. SCC Ladd will look into this to obtain more up to date information.

66/23 Finance

66/23/1 Approval of outstanding invoices

Clerks wages June/July 2023 £500

ESC Uncontested Election Fees 4th May 2023 £44.88

Zurich Insurance renewal premium £257.60

Proposed by Cllr Block, Seconded by Cllr Facer

It was agreed that current signatory John Armstrong could sign cheques pending the new signatory mandate completion. **This was proposed by Cllr Doran, Seconded by Cllr Facer**

63/23/2 Account Balances. The Clerk noted a rolling estimate of:

Current Account £16,403.95

Savings Account £822.83

Signed Chair _____ Clerk _____ Date _____

67/23 Planning

67/23/1 To consider any planning applications

DC/23/2994/LBC Listed Building Consent - Internal and external alterations to the North and West Ranges - The Grange, Tinkers Lane, Henstead, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 7LB - Council studied the information provided and, after a discussion which included noting that the applicants had gone through the correct pre-application procedure, agreed that Henstead with Hulver Street Parish Council had no objections to this application. **This was proposed by Cllr Facer, Seconded by Cllr Block**

67/23/2 To receive outcomes of Planning Applications from ESC

i) DC/22/3700/FUL - Construction of a new dwelling, The Old School, Toad Row, Henstead, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 7LG **Application permitted**

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**

iii) DC/23/1779/FUL Temporary static caravan for employee, The Old Rectory, Hulver, Road, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 7LA **Application refused**

iv) DC/23/1033/FUL Construction of a double garage including removal of an existing asbestos garage, Kandina Cottage, Toad Row, Henstead, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 7LG **Awaiting decision**

v) 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**

67/23/3 APPEALS

AP/22/0022/REFUSE Outline Application (All Matters Reserved) relating to the proposed erection of three dwellings on land between Kings Field and Laburnham Cottage, Hulver Street, Henstead, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 7UE | Kings Field Hulver Street Henstead NR34 7UE **Appeal dismissed**

67/23/4 Other planning matters

SCC/0124/22W - Proposed AD Plant, Land at Copeland Way, Ellough, Suffolk, NR34 7TL. **Application pending a decision.** It was noted by council that East Suffolk Council do not support this application.

Councillors briefly discussed a meeting that was recently held by V.C.Cooke which the council was not aware of in advance of the meeting.

68/23 Parish Community Plan

68/23/1 Highways - Nothing further to update

68/23/2 Church Surround - Cllr Facer is continuing to try and determine who the land, referred to as the Church Surround, is registered to.

68/23/3 Communication including website - The Clerk will add new councillor to the website. The Clerk will check that all links on the website work. It was noted that some contact information needs adding/updating. The Clerk will check and update this.

68/23/4 Amenities - Nothing to update

68/23/5 Social Activities - Nothing to update

69/23 Review of Policies - Safeguarding Policy

It was agreed that, following changes to the reference of checks from CRB to DBS, the proposed policy would be adopted by the Council. **Proposed by Cllr Block, Seconded by Cllr Facer.**

70/23 Grit bins

A discussion was held on the possibility of obtaining grit bins for the village. It was agreed that the Clerk would look into this and that council would discuss again at a future meeting when all councillors are present.

71/23 Any other business

The Clerk informed Council that an email has been received from the Village Hall noting that they plan to hold an AGM possibly in September.

The Clerk informed Council that County Broadband had been in contact with regard to bringing their services to the village. The Clerk will look into this further.

A discussion was held on the possibility of installing a bottle bank in the village, where it might be able to be located and whether it would bring in any revenue. The Clerk will look into this.

Questions from the Public

None

72/23 Items for the agenda of the next meeting

None raised

73/23 Date and time of next meeting.

It was requested if the next meeting of the Council could be changed to Wednesday 11th October 2023 at 7pm. The Clerk will confirm with all councillors.

The meeting closed at 9.22 pm

Signed Chair_____ Clerk _____ Date _____