



Minutes of the ordinary Meeting of the Council
held at Hulver Village Hall on Wednesday 4th December 2024
commencing at 7pm

118/24 Present

Cllr J Armstrong (Chair), Cllr J Facer, Cllr P Block

In attendance Angela Colbridge (Clerk), SCC Cllr Ladd, ESC Cllr Ashton

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

119/24 Apologies for absence. HHPC Cllr J Doran

120/24 Declaration of interest personal or prejudicial to this agenda. None

121/24 To Consider requests for dispensations. None

122/24 Minutes of the Meeting of 6th November 2024

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

123/24 Matters arising.

It was queried which development the recent CIL receipt from East Suffolk Council relates to. The Clerk will look into this.

124/24 Reports

124/24/1 Suffolk County Council. SCC Cllr Ladd reported the following:

Devolution is being discussed again, further information is expected from the government soon; SCC has launched an online consultation to explain its current financial position and to give Suffolk residents an opportunity to share their views on proposed Council Tax changes and spending priorities; Interest -free loans are being offered to help make residents' homes warmer, safer and cheaper to run; SCC continues its work to bring down carbon emissions with projects such as the LED Streetlighting Upgrade Project; 36 Gritters are ready to deploy where needed as we enter the winter season; The Gull Wing Bridge was officially opened by HRH The Princess Royal on 19th November. Now that the bridge is up and running, the original business plan will be cross-referenced; Progress is being made following an inspection into Special Educational Needs and Disabilities services last year which identified significant concerns with SEND services; Following discussions at the Cabinet meeting on 3rd December, the Economic Strategy has been launched.

124/24/2 East Suffolk Council. ESC Cllr Ashton reported the following:

The devolution white paper has been delayed but is expected to be published on 16th December; Visits have been made to East Anglia One at Bramford and the Sizewell C site. There is a community grant scheme available to those impacted by the Sizewell C project; Additional Council Tax premiums on second homes come into effect from 1st April 2025; A meeting with Jenny Riddell-Carpenter MP, who is trying to get some movement on the continuing flooding issues at Potters Bridge on the B1127 near Southwold, has been held; A new approach to recycling collection will include Twin Stream recycling, reducing the contamination of paper and card.

124/24/3 Police. There were no reported crimes on the police.uk website for the month of October 2024.

125/24 Chair's Item. None

126/24 Correspondence.

a) Jenny Riddell - Carpenter MP. The office of the local MP have updated the Clerk with information received from OpenReach. The area of the village which currently does not have connection to Fibre Broadband is in the future delivery plan but there is no confirmation or detail on what premises will be upgraded or any firm delivery date.

Residents are advised to keep an eye on the website www.openreach.com for any further updates and can also register interest to be kept informed of any changes. The issues around rural broadband are being advocated for in Parliament by Jenny Riddell-Carpenter MP.

b) SALC Subscription Update 2025/2026. The Clerk read out information provided by SALC on the minimal increase in relation to the SALC proportion of the membership subscription fee for 2024/26 of 0.2%. NALC's affiliation fee for council membership for 2025/26 will increase from 7.94 pence to 8.34 pence per elector.

127/24 Finance

127/24/1 Approval of outstanding invoices

A Colbridge Clerks Expenses Stationery £13.11

A Colbridge Clerks Wages October/November 2024 £429.44

HMRC PAYE £107.20

Heveningham Parish Council Ink costs March - July 2024 £12.49

Proposed by Cllr Armstrong, Seconded by Cllr Block

127/24/2 Account Balances. The Clerk noted the following balances as at 1st November 2024:

Current Account £20,016.75

Savings Account £ 837.24

127/24/3 To review and approve the bank reconciliation for December. Approved.

127/24/4 Budget to actual. Within budget.

127/24/5 To note any receipts. None.

127/24/6 To approve the budget for the financial year 2025/26. The Clerk put forward a proposed budget for the next financial year. This was approved by the councillors.

Proposed by Cllr Facer, seconded by Cllr Block.

127/24/7 Agreement of Precept request for the financial year 2025/26. After a discussion, it was agreed that the precept request for the financial year 2025/25 be set at £5274.70 which will show as a 0% change on the 2025/26 Council Tax bills against the Parish element. Proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Block.

128/24 Planning

128/24/1 To consider any planning applications.

None.

128/24/2 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 decision

ii) DC/24/1779/CLE Certificate of Lawful Existing Use in respect of the occupation of Pheasant Cottage, Sotterley Road, Hulver, Beccles, NR34 7UJ for a continuous period in excess of 10 years and in breach of the Agricultural Occupancy Condition applied as condition (2) of Planning Permission (Ref: DC/08/1151/FUL).

Site address: Pheasant Cottage, Sotterley Road, Henstead, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 7UJ.

Application Refused.

iii) DC/24/2106/ROC Removal of condition No 2 of DC/08/1151/FUL - Construction of 1 no. house, double garage and cartshed - Agricultural dwellings. Pheasant Cottage, Sotterley Road, Henstead, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 7UJ. **Application Refused.**

128/24/3 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**

128/24/4 Other Planning Matters

Appeal: APP/V3500/W/24/3354097 Application No: SCC/0124/22W Construction and operation of anaerobic digestion plant and associated infrastructure. Land at Copeland Way, Ellough, Beccles, NR34 7TL. Appeal Start Date: 18 November 2024. Representations to be received by 23 December 2024. After a discussion, it was

agreed that the Clerk would respond stating that Henstead with Hulver Street Parish Council's previous objections still stand for the reasons previously provided.

It was noted that the removed hedge, contrary to the information provided in planning application DC/24/1381/FUL, is still being looked into.

129/24 Parish Community Plan

129/24/1 Highways - Photographs of faded signage and faded roundels in the village have been forwarded to SCC Cllr Ladd for investigation. It was noted that the white lines on the road at the Church Crossroads in Henstead are also faded. The Clerk will report this on the Suffolk Highways reporting tool.

129/24/2 Church Surround - It was noted that councillors had agreed to the flail mow cutting of the Church Surround. It was noted that a letter has been sent from the Parish Council to Mr C Hadingham, last remaining trustee of the CS, as proposed at the November meeting.

129/24/3 Communication including website - No update

129/24/4 Amenities - No update

129/24/5 Social Activities - No update.

130/24 Village Emergency Plan. No update.

131/24 Speed Indicator Device. Possible locations for the positioning of the new SID have been forwarded to Suffolk Highways Safety and Speed Management team for consideration and approval. The Clerk has informed Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council that the funding received has not yet been spent. The Clerk will send photographs of the current SID posts to Westcotech to check that they are suitable for the SID that has been proposed to be purchased.

132/24 Sexual Harassment Policy and Procedure. The Clerk has attended a recent information session on this topic and will draft a revised policy and circulate to councillors. This will be added to the agenda for the February meeting for consideration and approval.

133/24 Online Banking. After a short discussion it was agreed that the council would look to set up online banking on the account. Proposed by Cllr Facer, seconded by Cllr Block. The Clerk will contact the bank for guidance.

134/24 Community Litter Pick. A provisional date has been agreed for Saturday 1st March 2025. The Clerk will check for availability of equipment with East Suffolk Services Limited.

135/24 Any other business

- i) The council have been asked if they would like to send a representative to the next meeting of the Shadingfield, Sotterley, Willingham and Ellough Parish Council meeting where the possible move of FolkEast to Sotterley Park is to be discussed. It was agreed that Cllr Facer would attend this meeting.
- ii) An email has been received from the Community Development Officer of the East Suffolk Rural Youth Project at Community Action Suffolk asking if a survey can be advertised in the village notice boards. This was agreed.

Questions from the Public

None present

136/24 Items for the agenda of the next meeting

None

137/24 Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 5th February 2025 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9:03 pm

