

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Haddiscoe Parish Council

Held at Haddiscoe Village Hall on Monday 7th November at 7:00pm

1. **Councillors Present:** District Cllr J Knight, Cllr R Long, Cllr I Fulcher, Cllr C Robinson, Cllr R Beevor arrived at 7:30pm

In Attendance: L Fulcher (Clerk), 5 parishioners.

2. **To consider accepting apologies of absence:**

Apologies were received and approved from County Cllr B Stone, Cllr M Jackson, Cllr V Sheppard

3. **To elect a new Chairperson**

Cllr R Long, offered to be interim Chairperson until the Elections next May when he will be stepping down as a Councillor. There were no objections.

3. **To record declarations of interest and approve any requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests or other interests:**

Cllr I Fulcher, wife is Clerk to Council.

4. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th September 2022**

These were approved by Cllr Long and seconded by Cllr Fulcher

5. **To discuss the matters arising from these minutes**

Playground - Safety Inspection received, no high risk areas however there were a few medium risks highlighted on the report. The Clerk will write to Eastern Play Services for a quote to bring these areas up to standard. More money will be required to maintain the playground in the future and this will need to be included in future years budgets.

There has been no more correspondence regarding the EV charging points. The Clerk has expressed an interest with Norfolk Council to have them installed at the Village Hall.

Despite the Parish Council's concerns, the planning application for all year round occupancy of caravans at Haddiscoe Tavern has been approved by the Broads Authority.

Church Signage. Robert Beevor will speak to someone who he contracts for signage to see if we can come up with a cheaper alternative to direct traffic to the Church Car Park.

6. **To receive reports from County & District Councillors**

The Clerk read a report from County Cllr Stone in his absence. Cllr Knights reported that the

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District Offices will be moving to Broadland Business Park. Cllr Knights also updated the Parish Council on registration of the Pit. After correspondence with NP Law, South Norfolk Council recommendations were that the Parish Council register the land and they would support this application. South Norfolk Council have put the Clerk in contact with another Parish who have recently registered some land, they have given the Clerk an insight of the procedure to follow, however this was very long and drawn out and in hindsight they recommended that we should employ a solicitor. The Clerk will make some preliminary enquiries.

District Cllr Knight also gave an overview on Local Neighbourhood Plans, which enable communities to have a say about the development and growth of their local area by introducing local planning policies which form part of the statutory Development Plan. In smaller Parishes, adjacent councils would join together to develop a Neighbourhood plan.

6. To receive reports from Chairman

No report

7. To discuss Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan

The period for representations to be made on the soundness and legal compliance of the Pre-Submission version of the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan (NM&WLP) has been extended until 5pm on 19 December 2022.

As this plan will also relate to the proposed planning application by Breedons this was included in the discussion.

David Abbott, Parishioner, spoke to the Council. 70 Parishioners attended a meeting to oppose the proposed development at Crab Apple Lane and an unincorporated association to oppose the development (and any other extraction/landfill in Haddiscoe) was formed, names Stoppit 2 with David Abbott elected as Chair. Their first meeting as an association will be on Thursday 10th November.

District Cllr Knight gave advice to the Councillors and Parishioners in attendance on what should be included in correspondence, when the planning application by Breedons is received. This included setting out the reasons for opposition, with evidence, on how it will affect you and the area. The reasons for concern, ie noise, traffic increase, pollution. Any application received would have to comply with the NM&WLP and any objections would need to include areas, if any, which do not apply to this plan.

The Councillors did not approve the NM&WLP as expressed in the previous consultation stage, but felt they were not qualified to comment on the legality of the document. They would however support the Parishioners of Haddiscoe and the Chair and Clerk would meet with the Stoppit 2 committee to formulate a response before 19th December.

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8. To receive an update on planning applications.

Applications Number: 2022/1970 | Replace conservatory with garden room | Witzend Rectory Road Haddiscoe Norfolk NR14 6PG - No objections from Councillors received via email prior to meeting.

9. To receive the Responsible Finance Officer's Report:

The Council received an updated report of income and expenditure up to 7th November 2022.

Community Account Balance - £5939.87

Business Premium Account Balance £52.46

No Clerks expenses were presented, the Clerk will bring these to the next meeting.

The Clerk reported that the National Salary Pay Agreement had now been agreed and backdated to April 2022. The Council agreed to implement this award. Any backdated pay will be included on the Clerks next salary payment in March.

10. To receive other questions from Parishioners:

A Parishioner questioned the amount of HGV's driving along Thorpe road between Crab Apple Lane and the A143 Junction. He expressed his concern as there are tight bends on a small lane which results in frequent near misses and cars having to drive high onto the verges to avoid accidents. The Clerk will write to Gary Overland at Highways to see if there can be a 3.5 ton weight limit on this section of Thorpe Road.

Speeding on Rectory Road. As discussed at previous meetings, the speed sign is no longer in operation. Cllr Fulcher reported that he had contacted Norfolk Police with the speed sign information but as no accidents/fatalities had occurred then there was nothing that could be done which was the main justification for not replacing the speed sign.

11. To Co Opt a new Councillor:

Parishioners were asked to leave the meeting. There were two nominations received and each nominee spoke to the Council with their reasons for wanting to apply. Councillors voted and Chris Chidgey was voted in as a new Councillor. The Clerk will send the relevant paperwork to the District Council.

12. To agree the time and date of next meeting:

Monday 9th November, 7pm at Haddiscoe Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9:0pm

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