

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Haddiscoe Parish Council

Held at Haddiscoe Village Hall on Monday 11th September 2023 at 7:00pm

1. ATTENDANCE

Cllr Chidgey, Cllr Fulcher, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Kelsey, Cllr Beavor (arrived at 7.20pm)

Mrs L Fulcher (Clerk). 4 Parishioners

Apologies received from Cllr Riley, Dist Cllr Evans, County Cllr Stone. Apologies were accepted.

2. RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS.

Cllr Fulcher, wife is Clerk.

3. APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Ordinary Meeting 3.7.23 – approved Cllr Chidgey, Seconded Cllr Fulcher

4. DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Parking under Haddiscoe Bridge. The Clerk had contacted SNDC and a new footpath sign will be put in place and highways will look at the obstruction. Metal gate is the actual footpath entrance and not the wooden rails as per photos sent in. Clerk has informed concerned Parishioner and Fritton Parish Council.

5. RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Nothing received.

6. THE HADDISCOE CHARITY

Presentation by Marcus Aldren on behalf of The Haddiscoe Charity. Mr Aldren explained the Charities constitution to the Council. The Charity was formed in 1999 as a result of donated marshland in legacies to the Parish of Haddiscoe. It is a Registered Charity. The aims are to benefit the parish of Haddiscoe and has 3 purposes, religious help (25%) relief in need, and the general benefit to those in area. Grants are given to parishioners in need. These parishioners have to have sought all other means of relief before coming to the charity. Marshland is owned by the parish and administered by the charity. Along with the marshland there are small pockets of land that the Charity manage and three areas of land that are currently unregistered that the Charity look after. The Charity will look into registering these pieces of land on behalf of the Parish.

The Charity has a body of 5 trustees. 3 nominated, 1 by church 2 by the Parish Council and one co-opted trustee. The term of office is for four years.

Current annual income from land rental is £3800. Land rental prices had not been increased for many years but as a new Treasurer, Mr Aldren will review this when the rental term is up for renewal. The charity will continue to work with the Parish Council and present their accounts at the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Charity Constitution will be sent to all Councillors.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Update on FUL/2022/0056 Land off Crab Apple Lane. Clerk has written to the planning authority but has heard nothing back. The Clerk will write again and to Richard Bacon, MP, to express the Council's concerns that Breedons have been given an extensive amount of time to respond to the Regulation 25 and request that the application is refused.

BA/2023/0343/COND Allow residential occupation of caravans, removal of condition 4 of permission BA/2022/0251/COND at Pampas Lodge Caravan Park, The Street, Haddiscoe Norfolk NR14 6AA. The Council voted 4:1 to oppose this application and the Clerk will respond to the Broads Authority with the Council's concerns. There has been an extension for public comments to 2nd October and the Clerk has advertised this on the website and facebook page. We have had two emails from parishioners expressing their concerns over the application.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

NCC have contacted the Parish Council regarding installing wifi connectivity at village hall, The Clerk has given the information to the Chair of the Village Hall who will liase directly with NCC.

Email re playground discussed on point 11.

Email re Church signage discussed on point 12.

9. FINANCE

The Clerk/RFO circulated a current BCR to the Council. Balance at bank: £5294.24

Invoices agreed by the Council this month were:

Playground repairs – Action Play & Leisure £1082,

Playground Inspection – David Bracey £120

SNDC Dog waste bins £594.58 (x4) and £136.29 (new bin pro rata for year)

Biannual salary payment to Clerk and Employers PAYE scale 8 as per contract.

The unions are currently voting on salary increase across scale points, to be backdated to April. The Clerk has allowed for this increase in the BCR including backdated payment in the March 24 salary payment.

All payments were agreed by the council and signed off by Chair and Vice Chair.

10. POLICIES

The following policies and procedures were circulated prior to the meeting.

Annual Review of the effectiveness of Internal Control; FOI; Code of Conduct; Financial Risk Assessment; Retention Policy; Social Media Policy.

All policies were agreed by the Council, proposed by Cllr Chidgey and seconded by Cllr Robinson.

11. PLAYGROUND

A Parishioner has written to the Clerk expressing concern of the state of the playground and the removal of zip wire (which has been removed on safety grounds.) Cllr Chidgey visited the playarea on 28 July & 20 Aug to inspect the equipment. The yearly playground inspection has also been completed with the report arriving to Clerk that afternoon, All low risk with the grass wearing away except for medium risk under the cradle seat with a recommendation to remove stones. New signage advised which the Clerk will organize. It is difficult due to the type of soil and rabbits in the area to have a smooth surface under equipment and the Clerk has looked into other options, the best being wetpour however this would be at least £2000 per piece of equipment.

The equipment does need pressure washing a couple of times a year. The Clerk will speak to the village hall regarding water and electricity access for this. A new contractor would also need to be sought for grass and hedging maintenance. The Clerk will approach contractors recommended at the meeting for quotes.

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12. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Kelsey updated the Council after her meeting with the Crime Commissioner. The Clerk had also written to him. His recommendations were to liaise with the Safer Neighbourhood team and attend SNAP meetings. The Clerk has contacted PC King of the Safer Neighbourhood Team and requested notice of any upcoming meetings. Cllr Kelsey has contacted Parishioners to set up a Community Speedwatch Team and will continue with recruitment around the village. The Clerk will give Cllr Kelsey the contact details to set this up.

30mph road decals have been ordered and County Cllr Stone has agreed to pay for this out of his budget.

Following on from the Clerks letter to the Crime Commissioner a speed monitoring camera has been placed by the village hall to monitor speeds in the village. If 20% or more traffic is travelling over the speed limit, then we would be eligible for traffic cameras to visit the area.

A Parishioner attending the meeting raised concerns about the confusion of Church Lane as it spans both sides of the A143, causing confusion especially for delivery vehicles. The Clerk will contact Highways about the possibility of changing the name of the road and how to go about this.

The Clerk has received an email from a parishioner who has offered to pay for the Church car park signage. The Council unanimously agreed for the Clerk to investigate this with Highways and get a new quote which the Parishioner would then pay for before ordering.

13. Any Other Business

A Parishioner questioned the Council on the potential loss of income from not hosting a Bank Holiday Carnival that had recently taken place at the village hall. He felt that this was a missed opportunity. It was explained that fundraising is something the Council would like to do in the future. A bank holiday event had been discussed previously but Councillors had been on holiday and were unavailable to organise.

A question was asked about the possibility of a footpath/cycleway across the marsh to Haddiscoe Station. This has been looked at previously however the landowner at Long Acre Farm has refused access.

Cllr Kelsey will be attending Councillor training in October run by NALC at Thurlton.

14. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th November 2023, 7pm at Haddiscoe Village Hall. Please email the Clerk if you would like anything on the Agenda.

The meeting closed at 9pm

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