

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Haddiscoe Parish Council

Held at Haddiscoe Village Hall on Monday 3rd July 2023 at 7:00pm

1. IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Chidgey, Cllr Fulcher, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Kelsey, Cllr Ridley, District Cllr Evans, Cllr Beevor (arrived at 7:15pm)

Mrs L Fulcher (Clerk) 3 Parishioners.

TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE:

None received.

2. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS.

Cllr Fulcher, wife is Clerk.

3. TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Ordinary Meeting 27.2.23 – approved Cllr Chidgey, Seconded Cllr Fulcher

Extraordinary Meeting 27.3.23 – approved Cllr Chidgey, Seconded Cllr Fulcher

Extraordinary Meeting 26.6.23 – Approved Cllr Kelsey, Seconded Cllr Robinson

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

Meeting 27.2.23 – The Clerk reported that the dog waste bin has now arrived for Station Road and will be installed by Cllr Fulcher in the forthcoming week.

Meeting 26.6.23 – The completed AGAR has been sent to PKF Littlejohn and the confirmation of the dates of the period for the exercise of public rights has been published on our website.

5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

No report received from County Cllr Stone. District Cllr Evans introduced himself to the Council after the May Election.

Cllr Chidgey expressed his concerns to Cllr Evans regarding the speeding in Haddiscoe and recent RTA's when sadly someone lost their life. The council asked if there was any funding available from the district to assist with speed control through the Parish. However, Cllr Evans reported that there was very little funding available, and this had already been earmarked. The Clerk had received confirmation from Highways that the Council could go ahead with 30mph decals on the road at a cost of approximately £600.

Cllr Chidgey reported to the council about the lack of Police presence at the recent RTA's where parishioners had to stand in the road to direct the traffic. The Clerk had been in

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contact with PC King from (our BEAT Manager from the Safer Neighbourhood Team) after he was unable to attend our Parish Meeting at the last minute, the Clerk also invited him again to this meeting but he was not available. She has emailed and spoken to him in person. She spoke about the speeding and that when we had previously been monitoring the SAMS2 camera consistent speeding had been reported including speeds over 90mph. The Clerk asked for mobile camera units to come to Haddiscoe on a frequent basis, PC King's response was that there are not any sufficient places for traffic to be pulled over in the area. He said the best option would be for Haddiscoe to set up a community speedwatch. He currently has 5 of these in his area. The Council agreed to investigate this, and the Clerk will contact PC King for more information. She will also write to the Police & Crime Commissioner expressing our concerns. Cllr Beevor will also contact a local Farmer regarding the installation of Village Gates. The Council agreed to discuss it again at their next meeting.

6. TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATIONS

FUL/2021/0069 Former Quarry, Wiggs Road, Haddiscoe

This application has been withdrawn.

FUL/2022/0056 Land off Crab Apple Lane, Haddiscoe

Norfolk County Council are still waiting for Breedon's submission to Regulation 25. They had asked for a further extension until August. Andrew Sierakowski, Planning Officer at NCC, hoped it would be received by the end of July when they would start the consultation process off again. Cllr Chidgey confirmed that an extraordinary meeting would be called to discuss the application if the dates did not correspond with the Council's ordinary meetings.

7. TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Safer Neighbourhood Team and Highways - Discussed in point 5.

Email from Fritton PC regarding footpath access on New Cut Road. The homeowner living adjacent to the footpath had blocked the road and footpath entrance. The footpath sign had also been taken down. A parishioner attending the meeting also expressed his concerns and showed the Parish Council some photos that he had taken. The Council asked the Clerk to report the matter to Norfolk County Council.

8. AGREE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND APPROVAL OF INVOICES.

The Clerk handed out the latest financial statement and budget monitoring report for the council. The net balance as at 3rd July was £5850.58.

Three invoices were presented and approved by the Council:

Lawn in Order £50 (Removal of fallen tree and Zip wire on playground)

S Hunt £145 (Internal Auditor fee)

Glasdon £309.12 (Dog waste bin).

The asset register was reviewed and will be updated to include this latest dog waste bin.

9. POLICIES

The Council approved amendments in the Standing Orders, Procurement, and Financial Standing Orders. Policies were updated to comply with the public procurement regulations amount of £30,000, which had been increased from £25000.

A General Reserves Policy was discussed it was felt that the precept would need to be raised too much to increase the general reserve (previously known as the contingency) pot. The council could maybe look at fundraising for this and review at the next Budget review and precept setting.

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10. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

All Councillors present agreed for the Clerk to advertise again for the vacant Councillor position. The Clerk will check procedures with SNDC.

11. PLAYGROUND

The Clerk advised the council of the need to record playground inspections. Cllr Chidgey and Cllr Kelsey agreed to inspect the playground on a regular basis, to ensure the equipment was safe. The Clerk confirmed the annual inspection will take place again in September by David Bracey. The zip wire has now been removed for safety reasons and the cost of replacement is too high. The trapeze handles are being replaced shortly with horizontal ropes as the surface underneath is not suitable for a high drop. The clerk has enquired about having new safety surfacing underneath the equipment, but this cost would be more than £2000 for each piece of equipment so it conformed with current guidelines. The council are unable to get grants for maintenance and repair, this is only available for new playgrounds. Fundraising and raising the precept were discussed as options going forward to maintain the playground.

12. THE HADDISCOE CHARITY

There has previously been a Council representative for the Haddiscoe Charity. As the previous Councillor had resigned, the Clerk has had email confirmation to confirm the Parish Council could appoint a new representative. Cllr Robinson agreed to stand and was voted in by the rest of the council. The Clerk will send his details to the Charity.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Riley volunteered to put together an 'about me' page on all the Cllrs for publication on the website. The clerk confirmed a few people had now subscribed to the website and they are sent meeting agendas.

Next Meeting: Monday 11th September 2023, 7pm, Haddiscoe Village Hall

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Chairperson

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