

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Haddiscoe Parish Council
Held at Haddiscoe Village Hall on Monday 1st July at 7:00pm

1. IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Chidgey, Cllr Fulcher, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Kelsey, Cllr Riley. Cllr Beevor arrived at 7:30pm
Also in attendance County Cllr Stone, Dist Cllr Evans, Mrs L Fulcher (Clerk/RFO) 2 parishioners.
To note those present and consider apologies for absence.
Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Robinson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS. Cllr Fulcher's wife is the Clerk.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting 13.5.24 Proposed by Cllr Chidgey, seconded by Cllr Riley, unanimously agreed by the Council.

ExtraOrdinary Meeting 20.5.24 Proposed by Cllr Chidgey, seconded by Cllr Riley, unanimously agreed by the Council.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Planning Committee Meeting for Application FUL/2022/0056. Cllr Chidgey contacted Stopit to confirm attendees for the Planning Committee Meeting but he did not get a response. Fortunately, Cllr Kelsey was given permission to represent both Stopit and The Parish Council and Cllr Chidgey conveyed his thanks to her for representing the Council so well in the meeting and beforehand. Thanks was also given to County Cllr Stone for his contribution in the Planning Committee Meeting.

The Council felt that the decision notice did not reflect what was said by the Planning Committee, the reason for this was that planning law is very specific. Careful wording is required in case the application goes to appeal. The main factor was that the whole committee did vote against the application.

Noticeboard – Cllr Johnson was thanked for repainting the notice board. He reported that the paint had been donated by Brewers, Great Yarmouth. The Clerk will email them to thank them for this.

5. REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

A parishioner has contacted Cllr Stone to discuss a re-submission of a planning application on Wiggs Road. He is proposing to resubmit the application to fill the land which was originally opposed by the Parish Council and the application was withdrawn. The parishioner has reported that the land would be filled with top soil only not inert builders rubble. It would be a 7-year project with many vehicle movements Monday-Saturday. The Council could not comment until an application has been submitted but they appreciated Cllr Stone informing them of the current situation.

Cllr Stone also reported that due to the Election it had been fairly quiet at the County Council. Plans were ready to be submitted for the Norwich western link road.

County Councillors have voted to accept a county deal devolution agreement with the Government, to transfer significant funding and powers to Norfolk. Government funding will start transferring to Norfolk this summer.

Cllr Stone has a safety fund totalling £10,000. Certain criteria needs to be met to apply for this money. The Council will think of what could be beneficial to the community. Previous spending has been for the 30mph road decals.

District Councillor Evans reported on his Members Discretionary Fund 24/25 There is £200 grant but the Council needs to apply for this and decide on what we would like to use it for. The Council agreed that a new fence is necessary at the bottom of the playground and the Clerk will apply to Cllr Evans for the grant.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Norfolk Minerals & Waste Examination – Matter 4 Hearing. Cllr Kelsey confirmed she would act as the Council's representative.

Cllr Chidgey gave an overview of the hearing tomorrow. A Ministry Inspector will decide whether the plan is right, just and lawful. The Council has put their main concerns in writing, and these will be discussed further at the hearing.

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7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Haddiscoe Train Station/Station Road – Complaint from Fritton PC that there are potholes on road and from a parishioner than the trains travelling fast late at night. The Clerk has reported both to the Rail company.

Churchyard - Complaint about the long grass in the graveyard. The Clerk has passed this onto the Church Warden.

Playground Inspection. The Council agreed for David Bracey to conduct the inspection in September. Complaint regarding the fence by the Crown PH and caravan on site. The Clerk will write to the planning authority.

8. **AGREE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND APPROVAL OF INVOICES**

The Clerk gave an overview of the current budgetary position and reported there is a current balance of £5390.26. There were no invoices to approve since the last meeting. We have received a VAT refund of £404.26 and £200 recycling money from SNDC.

The Clerk requested that the Council consider a finance package to assist her as the council do not provide a laptop or subscribe to Microsoft, it is the Clerk's personal subscription and laptop which she uses for her council work. The Easy PC Accounts software has been implemented by an experienced Parish Councillor and Internal Auditor, and contains features specifically designed to make the Clerk and RFO's work easier. Prices start from £5 per month for the subscription. This was agreed by the Council. The Clerk will use the free 3 month trial and report back to the next meeting.

9. **POLICIES**

Councillors had not looked at the Financial Regulations and Co-option policy prior to the meeting so it was agreed to add this to the next meeting's agenda to give them more time.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

A parishioner asked what was being done regarding the speeding through Haddiscoe. The Council reported back that it was one of their main concerns and the Clerk had emailed the Police Commissioner and two Councillors had also spoken to him. This has resulted in regular visits from the Speedwatch Team with their camera and decals have been put on the road entering the village from Beccles to try to slow cars down. It is still a priority for the Council and will be continuously reviewed.

11. **ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA**

Next meeting: Monday 9th September 2024, 7pm, Haddiscoe Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9pm

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