



Minutes of the Meeting of Haddiscoe Parish Council
Held on Monday 4th November 2024
At Haddiscoe Village Hall

1. ATTENDANCE

To note those present and consider apologies for absence.
Present: Cllr Chidgey, Cllr Fulcher, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Kelsey, Cllr Riley, Cllr Beevor
Dist Cllr Evans, County Cllr Stone Mrs Fulcher Parish Clerk. 1 Parishioner.
No apologies received

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Fulcher wife is Clerk/RFO. Cllr Kelsey is a member of the Stopit Committee

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the following Parish Council Meetings: Ordinary Meeting 9th September 2024. it was resolved to approve the minutes as previously circulated. Proposed by Cllr Chidgey, seconded by Cllr Fulcher, all in agreement.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Councillors will be meeting with Ben Goldsborough, MP, on the 16th November at 10am. A member of the Stopit committee requested to attend but it was felt with the limited time with the MP the Parish Council would prefer to use the time to get their own points across. Cllr Chidgey proposed the three Councillors to attend and they will draw up a list of prioritised points beforehand. All in agreement.

5. REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Dist Cllr Evan reported that not much has been going on in the district since the last meeting. He confirmed that there would be some funding available for the park fence and would confirm the amount with the Clerk.

County Cllr Stone reported that MIN25 was again out for consultation important all make comments on that.

Biggest issue for Norfolk County Council at the moment is the budget and the £44 million saving that is needed to balance budget for next year there is a consultations process in place at the moment.

There would be a Council Tax increase of 3.5% for next year.

Social care is over 70% of NCC budget.

Housing relate sduport services are under review details can be found on the on NCC website haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk

Upgraded FS vehicles and gritting lorries, these are very high tech vehicles using a AI driver to operate with sensors on the roads. Gritting routes can be found online norfolk.gov.uk/gritting

Drainage issue both Farmers and private individuals need to be by law.

£1M has been put aside for keeping people warm this winter with facilities open to the public to provide a warm space.

Cllr Kelsey asked County Cllr Stone who is responsible for upkeep of drainage on unadopted roads. County Cllr Stone said landowners are responsible for drains by the side of their land, if it is part of their property. The Clerk has contacted Highways previously regarding Gravel Pit Lane and has not had any luck with finding out who is responsible for drainage here. Cllr Kelsey questioned ownership of the lane that runs at the end of Low Road and the lane towards Devils Loke. County Cllr Stone said he would assist in trying to find out. The Clerk will write to Highways and copy Cllr Stone into these emails.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

There are no current applications in the area for discussion.

MIN25 - Secretary of State Representative reviewed the NCC Mineral and Waste policy at a meeting held at County Hall in Norwich. Cllr Kelsey represented the Parish Council at this meeting, together with all of the mining companies. Cllr Kelsey was concerned that the meeting was not minuted and because of this lack of transparency anything coming out of the meeting is flawed.

The Council discussed the changes that had been put forward and as Cllr Kelsey has more knowledge in this area she agreed to write a response on behalf of the Council which the Clerk will submit by the 19th December. District Cllr Evans asked for a copy of this before 4th December and he will also write in support of the Parish.

7. **PLAY AREA ANNUAL INSPECTION** – There were no major items that needed immediate attention. However a new fence to block the end of the play area where there is a dip was and a repair was required on some chain link fencing.
Replace approx 6m of 1.5m green plastic coated chain link with new line wires. Total £270.00 plus vat. Supply and install approx 8m of 1.8m high green v mesh fencing to rear of play park. Total £769.94 plus vat
These quotes were agreed and the Clerk will arrange for this to be done. The Clerk also obtained a quote for some new picket fencing along the front of the play area but will look for a cheaper alternative as this was out of budget.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**
Verges and road condition on Mill Lane. There has been a complaint about the state of the road and speeding in Mill Lane, lorries are destroying the verges and car/lorries travelling fast along that road. The Clerk met with him and confirmed that the passing place was full of holes and the verges are being destroyed by lorries and other vehicles. Cllr Beevor offered to fill these holes and was thanked by the Council for this. The Clerk will contact highways to see if the speed limit could be lowered along this road.

Cllr Kelsey had requested that the Parish Council register an Ancient Woodland in Haddiscoe. The Clerk has found out more details and it would require a lot of work prior to applying and the agreement of the landowner which we did not have. A Parishioner spoke at the meeting to say the groundwork had already been done for this by himself and the landowner. The Parish Council agreed to support the application but felt that this would need to be done by the landowner.

A Parishioner has complained about the state of Haddiscoe, especially passing the old Haddiscoe Tavern when driving in. Unfortunately, the Parish is unable to request householders improve the frontage of their properties. The Council agreed with limited funds which are earmarked there isn't anything the Parish Council could do at the present time.

9. **AGREE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND APPROVAL OF INVOICES**
A copy of the current bank statement and BCR had been circulated prior to the meeting. There was currently £7025.66 in the Community Account.
There is one invoice for £20 to pay for the Armistice Day wreath which was agreed.

10. **POLICIES**
The following policies were circulated prior to the meeting.
Annual review of the effectiveness of internal control
Annual review of Freedom of Information Publication Scheme
Annual review of the Standing Orders
It was proposed by Cllr Chidgey that all policies were approved. The motion was seconded by Cllr Fulcher and agreed unanimously.

11. **VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL**
Cllr Riley handed in her resignation to the Council. Cllr Chidgey thanked her for her input. There are now two vacancies on the Parish Council. The Clerk will contact the District Council to issue a Notice of Vacancy. If no Parishioner requests an election then the Parish Council can co-opt. The Clerk will arrange the paperwork for this if no election is requested

12. **ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA**
The Council agreed the following meeting dates for next year: 13th January 2025, 3rd March, 12th May, 30th June, 8th September, 3rd November then the 12th Jan 2026.

13. **STAFFING MATTERS**
Following NJC settlement there is a £1290 (pro rata) increase for all pay points 2 to 43, backdated to 1st April 2024. It had been noted by the Internal Auditor that the Clerk was not being paid the correct scale. The Council unanimously agreed to increase the Clerks wage to the recommended scale point.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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Date