

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Haddiscoe Parish Council**

**Held at Haddiscoe Village Hall on Monday, 6th January 2025 at 7:00 PM**

**1. Attendance**

**Present:** Cllr Chidgey, Cllr Fulcher, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Beevor, District Cllr Evans, Mrs. L. Fulcher (Clerk)  
8 members of the public.

Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Kelsey and County Cllr Barry Stone

**2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Cllr Ian Fulcher: Declared an interest as his wife is the Clerk.

**3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 2nd December 2024 were confirmed as an accurate record. **Proposed:** Cllr Chidgey, **Seconded:** Cllr Fulcher. Unanimously agreed.

**4. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings Not on the Agenda**

Following the meeting between three Parish Councillors and Ben Goldsborough, MP for South Norfolk, a petition has been circulated around the village for signature. It urges the Government to ensure that planning and mineral strategies consider issues such as air pollution and local opinion and will be submitted by Mr Goldsborough to the House of Commons. It also declares that the potential for a future gravel pit near Crab Apple Lane in Haddiscoe is a serious concern to residents, that an application for a gravel pit in the same location has previously been rejected due to concerns about harm to Grade 1 listed buildings and the impact of increased noise, dust and traffic, and that these concerns remain.

The petition will be collected from Cllr Chidgey on 11th January and he urged all Parishioners to sign it if they have not already done so.

**5. Public Participation and Reports**

**County Councillor's Report:**

Apologies received from County Cllr Barry Stone. He has expressed support for the Parish Council's objections to developments on Wiggs Road and Crab Apple Lane.

**District Councillor's Report:**

District Cllr Andrew Evans will support the council with their objections to planning applications at Wiggs Road and appeal by Breedons for Crab Apple Lane. He will contact Lord Fuller, a Conservative Peer on the Parish Council's behalf to see if there is anything else that he could recommend that we do.

**Public Participation and Comments:**

Members of the public raised their continuing concerns on both Wiggs Road and Crab Apple Lane. Members of Stopit will be meeting the Case Officer on Monday 12th at 1:30pm to discuss Wiggs Road. They have also contacted Ben Goldsborough.

The Council also confirmed that planning application information and updates for both sites are placed on the Parish Council website, notice board and social media for parishioners to see.

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The Stopit Committee asked for a donation from the Parish Council towards the campaign, unfortunately the Parish Council is unable to donate as it has a responsibility for public money and there are limitations to what it can spend the precept on. Dist Cllr Evans confirmed this.

## **6. Planning**

**Planning Application FUL/2024/0016** Former Quarry, Wiggs Road, Haddiscoe, Norfolk, NR14 6PH

Following the Extraordinary meeting in December, the Parish Council is in the process of drafting a response. which they will submit before 20th January.

**Planning Application Appeal Notification – FUL/2022/0056** Land off Crab Apple Lane, Haddiscoe, Norfolk, NR14 6SJ

Concerns were raised regarding the appeal submission by Breedons, submitted on the last day of the 6 months time limit and received by the Parish Council the Friday before the Christmas break giving limited time for a response and causing stress to parishioners.

The site is continually referred to as a satellite site, however this application should be looked at as a stand alone application.

With regard to the Norfolk Mineral and Waste Local Plan examination hearing led by an independent Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State that took place in July 2024, the Parish Council felt that there is bias in emerging plan evidence and planning officer interpretations. Also a lack of democratic transparency in unminuted meetings. Councillors have expressed their views to Ben Goldborough MP about this.

Cllr Chidgey and Cllr Fulcher will meet with the Clerk to draft the appeal response and the Clerk will forward to Councillors for approval before submission.

The Parish Council voted unanimously to join Stopit in applying for Rule 6 status to actively participate in the appeal process. Marcus Aldren from the Stopit Committee has drafted the Rule 6 application. He will copy the Clerk into the submission and all further correspondence.

## **7. Correspondence**

None received.

## **8. Council Vacancies**

Two vacancies are currently advertised, the Council will look to appoint at the next Ordinary Meeting.

## **9. Finance**

### **Budget and Financial Updates:**

#### **Payments Made Since Last Meeting:**

£25 – Mijan Ltd (Simple PC Accounting Software)

£20 – Wreath for Remembrance Day

#### **Account Balances:**

Community Account: £6,980.66

Premium Business Account: £53.78

A current budget report was circulated prior to the meeting and agreed by all Councillors present.

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**2025/26 Budget Review:**

The Clerk had circulated the proposed budget prior to the meeting. She was still waiting on confirmation of the District Councillor donation and this was not included in the proposed budget. The proposed budget was agreed by all Councillors present.

**Precept for 2025/26:**

The Clerk recommended to the Council that they should request a Precept value of £7,626.24 for 24/25. This would mean that the tax base would remain the same as 23/24. The amount of £7626.24 was proposed by Cllr Chidgey and unanimously agreed.

**Payments Approved:**

**The following payments were all approved by the Council:**

- £60 – Haddiscoe Charity Grass Cutting
- £967.29 plus insurance premium tax – Public Liability Insurance (Year 2 of 3)
- £17.99 – LCN Website Domain Name (paid via Cllr Fulcher)

**Other Actions:**

The Clerk will contact Sarah Hunt regarding availability for auditing.

The Parish Council extended their thanks to the Clerk for her work.

**10. Next Meeting**

The next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be held on **Monday, 3rd March 2025, at 7:00 PM** at Haddiscoe Village Hall.

**Meeting Closed: 8:35 PM**

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