

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORNINGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT St. EDMUND'S
CHURCH ON TUESDAY 10th MARCH 2020 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present: Councillor A Hill (Chair)
Councillor I Baker
Councillor P Chapman
Councillor G Drew

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris
District Councillor T Carter

Clerk: Bryan Leigh

Two parishioners.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Hawke who was on holiday and these were accepted.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

There were no DPs.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Drew proposed and Councillor Hill seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting on 14 January 2020 having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Participation.

4.1 County and District Councillor Reports.

The County Councillor reported that the Council's budget was set at a meeting of Council on 17 February. This included a 2% rise in the dedicated adult social care precept and a 1.99% increase in the general council tax. This has been widely advertised as a 3.99% increase however, the 2% rise in the adult social care precept will apply to £96.05 for a band D dwelling while the 1.99% will apply to £1266.19 for the same property. The budget is awaited to see what relief will be given to local government budgets particularly in respect of adult and children's social care. Coronavirus may well affect work in the future especially with highways. Highways England is, at last, starting consultation on the proposed route of the dualling of the A47 between Tuddenham and Easton. The consultation runs until 8th April. The best place to view the proposed route plans is at Dereham Library. The projected timetables are: start of construction 2022, open for traffic 2024. Work on the review of the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan is ongoing. The next stage will be consultation on the final draft of the plan prior to submission for examination in public. This will take place in May/June this year. I, and I am sure, other Councillors have received complaints regarding the repair of potholes and the way in which some potholes are repaired and some ignored on the same stretch of road. The Infrastructure and Development Committee meeting on 11 March will, at Members insistence, address this issue through a member led debate.

The District Councillor reported that Breckland Council is spending £1 million to support vulnerable people especially as there is still problems with County Lines drug dealing and child exploitation which is being set up in villages. Breckland Council has also given the police £60,000 for ANPR as drug dealers are using less well known roads. Child trafficking and paedophilia is a problem in rural areas. £1470,000 has been allocated to towns and villages to assist alongside community projects especially the Daisy project on domestic abuse. The budget has been set and the increase will bring in an extra £1 million as all Government

funding has now ceased. Breckland Council is very proactive on flytipping with prosecutions and fines being issued for throwing out of car windows, and onto public areas. One prosecution occurred as a police car was following a car on A47 and rubbish was thrown out of the window. The car was stopped and the car was then crushed because of another offence. There is a problem in rural areas as the flytipping is sometimes onto private land and this cannot be collected. The consultation on dualling A47 is under way. The District Councillor was informed of littering on the road into Horningtoft and he replied that it was not always possible to do a litter pick for safety reasons. The Chairman stated that it was good that Breckland are being pro-active on flytipping and rubbish. Councillor Chapman thanked the District Councillor for his support to obtain a grant for the VE Day celebration weekend. The Heritage Society thanked the Parish Council for its donation to the weekend.

4.2 Public Participation.

There were no matters raised.

5. Matters to Report.

5.1 Defibrillator.

Councillor Baker reported that the cabinet had been fitted but there was no defibrillator and the Clerk requested the paperwork and Councillor Baker stated that there was none. It was agreed to visit after the meeting to check the contents of the cabinet.

5.2 Gate for the Churchyard.

The gate had been purchased and was now awaiting erection.

6. Highways.

6.1 Report.

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Norfolk County Council regarding the culvert on B1446 and had been informed that this was private. The County Councillor had arranged for the highways Engineer to meet the landowner on site in due course. At the same time the culvert under Brisley Road will be visited. The County Councillor had checked the ditch on Church Road but had not found a problem but will see if it is possible to have it cleared. Concerns were raised with the County Councillor over the use of tarmac in unauthorised passing places whilst potholes adjacent had not been filled. The County Councillor agreed to investigate. The potholes on Oxwick Road had been reported and Norfolk County Council had agreed to resolve the issue. There is flooding on Oxwick Road about 100 m past Dodmans Lane and this will be reported. Norfolk County Council had been contacted regarding the possible addition of a footpath along Thumb Lane and it had confirmed that those who had given evidence would not be contacted by Norfolk County Council. However, if an individual learns of the application and subsequently wish for their evidence to be used then this will be taken into consideration.

7. Planning.

7.1 Applications.

There were no applications to consider.

7.2 Decisions.

There were no decisions to report.

8. Correspondence.

The following correspondence will be circulated.

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| 8.1 | Clerks and Councils Direct March 2020. |
| 8.2 | Priscilla Bacon Hospice. |

9. Finance.

9.1 Budget.

Councillor Chapman proposed and Councillor Hill seconded the resolution that the budget sheets which had been circulated be approved. All were in favour.

9.2 Balances and cheques for authorisation.

Councillor Drew proposed and Councillor Baker seconded the resolution that the balances and cheques for authorisation which had been circulated be approved. All were in favour.

Balances :-

Business Saver Account.

Balance at 30 09 19	2413.12
Interest	1.20
Balance at 31 12 19	2414.32

Community Account

Balance at 31 12 19	1529.63
Less Unpresented cheques authorised 14 01 20	101.85
	1427.78
Plus	00.00
Balance at 14 01 20	1427.78

Amount available for Section 137 : 128 x £7.57 =£968.96

Spend to Date : £00.00

Cheques for authorisation:

440	Horningtoft Heritage Society	Donation	100.00
441	Beetley Parish Council	Photocopying- Stationery	30.85
442	B J Leigh	Salary 01 10 19-31 03 20-35 hours @£12.39 per hour=£433.65 less PAYE-86.60	347.05
443	B J Leigh	Postage March 2019-January 2020-7.93 Mileage March 2019-February 2020-27 miles @.45 per mile-12.15 Use of Home as office-100.00 Telephone April 2019-March 2020-48.00	168.08
444	HMRC	PAYE	86.60

10. Matters for the next meeting.

There were no matters raised for the next meeting.

11. Date of next meeting.

This was confirmed as Tuesday 19 May 2020 to follow the Annual Parish Meeting in St. Edmund's Church.

The meeting closed at 2017