

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORNINGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ST EDMUNDS CHURCH ON TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM

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

## 1 Parishioners

A New Clerk has been appointed due to Bryan Leigh Retiring. All Councillors welcomed the New Clerk Donna Secker. The Chairman thanked Bryan for his years of dedicated service, his knowledge of local government, efficient manner and his good humour which has always been much appreciated.

## 1 Apologies for Absence.

County Councillor Kiddle Morris sent his apologies as he was attending another meeting, this was accepted.

## 2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest.

There were no DPI's

## 3 Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Councillor Hawke proposed and Councillor Drew seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 having been circulated be approved.

## 4 Public Participation.

### 4.1 County and District Councillor Reports.

#### Planning:

“Planning for the Future”: - The government is currently consulting on radical proposals to reform the planning system. The consultation, under the title Planning for the Future started on the 6<sup>th</sup> August and will run until the 29<sup>th</sup> October. The paper outlines 5 fundamental proposals: Streamline the planning process with more democracy taking place more effectively at the plan making stage; a radical digital first approach to modernise the planning process; bringing a new focus on design and sustainability; improve infrastructure delivery, ensuring developers play their part through reform of developer contributions; ensure more land is available for the homes and development people and communities need. Implementation of any of the above reforms will require

primary legislation and it is anticipated that this will be pushed through in the next 12 months.

There is another planning consultation “Changes to the Current Planning System” also running from the 6<sup>th</sup> August but finishes on the 1<sup>st</sup> October. This details interim changes to the current planning guidance until the reforms detailed above take effect. Briefly the changes are: amendment to the standard method for assessing housing need; securing of First Homes which are sold at a discount (this separates (30%) to first time buyers through developer contributions; raising the small site threshold below which developers are not required to contribute affordable housing from the current 10 dwellings to 40 or 50 to support SME builders; extending the current “Permission in Principle” (this separates the consideration of matters of principle for proposed development from the technical detail) to major development.

A further consultation ending on 30<sup>th</sup> October is underway called “Transparency and Competition” which is proposing changes to improve the transparency of contractual mechanisms used to exercise control over land such as land options, rights of pre-emption and estate contracts.

All the details on the documents mentioned above and how to re

**District Councillor Carter reported,** Breckland Community Funding Scheme will be re-opening for applications from 1<sup>st</sup> September and will include guidance for completion forms. Banham Poultry Outbreak-total of 127 employees have tested positive for Covid-19 across the local community, with five household members also were identified as positive cases. The evidence still shows no wider spread in the community, but the situation is being monitored on a daily basis. It has been agreed that 108 have been cleared to return and staff who are self-isolating will be able to return to work next week. Breckland Chief Executive-Anna Graves is standing down this Autumn. The Council’s new waste contract appears to be working well and meeting its targets. Breckland is targeting high-risk Fly-tip areas with increased resources.

#### **4.2 Public Comments.**

Further to item 7.1 in the last minutes dated 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020, regarding a letter written by Mrs Chapman as a Parishoner and not as a Councillor. All Parish Councillors have now all seen and read the letter and are happy that no other action needs to be taken.

#### **5. Matters to report**

No matters to report.

#### **6. Highways**

##### **6.1 To receive reports on highways matters raised at the previous meeting.**

Councillor Drew reported that tarmac has been disposed off in an inappropriate place on the Whissonsett Road/Brisley Road, the clerk will report this. Councillor Hawke reported

that the drains in Fakenham road/Harper lane and School road are blocked, the clerk will report this.

**7. Planning.** No outstanding planning application

**8. Finance**

**8.1 Balances and cheques for authorisation as circulated.** Councillor Drew proposed and Councillor Second Hawke seconded the resolution on the authorisation of the cheques and balances.

**8.2 Budgets to be circulated.** Councillor Hawke Proposed and Councillor Baker Seconded the resolution on the budgets that were circulated.

**9. Matters for the next meeting (not for discussion)** Defibrillator requires checking and updating. To arrange training and organise training.

**10. To confirm that the next meeting of Horningtoft Parish Council  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020. All agreed.**

**Meeting Closed 8.06 pm**

## FINANCE: 3rd July-

Balances:

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### Business Premium Account.

Balance at 03.07.20 £2,415.82

Balance at 31.05.2020 **£2,415.82**

### Community Account.

Balance at 03.07.20 £926.89

Presented Cheques (See Below) £693.31

Balance 03.07.20 **£926.89**

Cheque number	Cheque payable to	Reason for Payment	Cheque amount
458	CGM Group	Invoice 231807-July	£23.76
460	HMRC	PAYE	£86.60
461	B.J.Leigh	April-September 2020	£347.05
462	CGM Group	Invoice 227200-August	£23.76