

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF HOCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL ON
MONDAY 20TH MAY 2024 IN HOCKHAM VILLAGE HALL**

Attended by Cllrs, Bennett, Lambert, Leech, Lloyd, Guppy, Thomas and Loft, the clerk C Garrod and 6 members of the public.

- 1) Election of chair for 24/25.** Cllr Bennett was proposed and seconded and with no further nominations was unanimously elected.
- 2) Election of vice chair for 24/25.** Cllr Lambert was proposed and seconded and with no further nominations was unanimously elected.
- 3) Appointing Representatives to Elected Bodies.**

The following were appointed.

 - Cheque signatories: Cllr Lambert, Cllr Leech & the clerk
 - Footpaths & Forestry: Cllr Loft
 - Highways & Road Safety: Cllr Thomas
 - SAM Speed awareness: Cllr Guppy
 - Tree Officer: Cllr Guppy
 - Battle Area Liaison: Cllr Leech
 - Wayland Partnership: Cllr Bennett
 - Police Liaison: Cllr Lloyd
 - Playing Field Committee: Cllr's Lloyd, Leech & Loft
 - Finance Committee: Cllr's Bennett, Thomas & Leech
 - Planning Committee: Cllr's Lambert, Leech & Lloyd
 - Allotments: Cllr Bennett
- 4) Apologies for Absence:** District Cllr Cowen
- 5) Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Lambert, owner of the Eagle pub, Cllr Bennett and Cllr Loft as allotment holders and Cllr Leech as a farmer at Little Hockham.
- 6) Requests for dispensation:** None
- 7) Approval of the minutes of 22nd April 24.** These were approved and signed
- 8) Progress Report.**
 - a) **Wheelchair ramp.** On order, may be here for Hornfair.
 - b) **Info Board.** No progress
 - c) **Website.** Payment made to Norfolk ALC awaiting work to be done.
 - d) **Drainage.** No report back from NCC Cllr Eagle. Collation of date continues.
- 9) Public Participation.** The meeting was adjourned to allow public questions. Thanks were given to the PC from the parishioners.
- 10) Highways & Road Safety.** (Cllr Thomas). Finger posts on the B1111 were being replaced, Damaged Road surface on the Harling Rd and near Home Farm Park entrance would be repaired, severely damaged Signs on the A1075 would be repaired.
- 11) Planning Applications.** 3PL/2024/0402/HOU Sunny Nook was discussed. Concern's regards the property size, potential overlooking of other properties, issues with offloading delivery vehicles, parking of contractor's vehicles, the fact the outbuilding was on a specific footprint and a shortage of parking spaces for a property of that size, were discussed. Cllr Lambert would draft a set of comments.

There had been no response to the Chief Exec's letter regards the FOI. Cllr Suggitt would be chased. Cllr Lambert would attend, if possible, any meetings regard the local plan and new consultation.

Concerns regard some land use on a piece of land adjoining the A1075 would be reported to enforcement.

- 12) Finance.** The bank balance was £16034.08. Outgoings to approve were the streetlight maintenance and clerk's salary for June, the ICIO registration also in June (£40) and any community car scheme reimbursement due.
- 13) Allotments.** All plots were in use. Maintenance would continue when required. The borehole made would be pumped out to check inflow.
- 14) Footpaths & Rights of way.** The trod had been cut. The trod condition would be checked in one month.
- 15) POL 008 New Financial Regulations from NALC** had been circulated and were approved.
- 16) Road Signage for village hall.** The hall would be put on google maps. Temporary signs would be considered to locate both hall and playing field.
- 17) Playing Field.** There was £15292.87 in the bank plus cash of £287.55 which was being used at Hornfair. Hornfair organisation was progressing well. New seats had been purchased and delivered for the playing field.
- 18) Councillor Updates.** Cllr Guppy had done some excellent work on and around the planters, which in turn had all been replanted. The Wayland sign on Wretham Road had also been given some TLC.
- 19) Correspondence.** New Councillor Guides were being produced and the clerk would obtain copies when available.
- 20) Next meeting and agreed dates for meetings for 24/25 are;** 17th June: 15th July; Sept; 7th ; October; 4th November; 9th December; 6th January; 9th February; March 10th, April 14th; May 12th