

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT HOCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM
ON MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2024 IN HOCKHAM VILLAGE HALL.**

Present Cllr Bennett (Chair), Lambert, Lloyd, Thomas, Leech and Loft, the clerk C Garrod, District Councillor P Cowen and 9 parishioners.

- 1) **Apologies for absence;** None
- 2) **Declarations of Interest;** Cllrs Bennett and Loft as allotment holders, Cllr Lambert as Landlord and owner of the Eagle and Cllr Leech as a tenant farmer from Little Hockham.
- 3) **To Consider Requests for Dispensation;** None
- 4) **Approval of the minutes from 15TH July 24;** Approved unanimously.
- 5) **Progress Report;**
 - a) **Wheelchair Ramp.** Cllr Lambert would liaise with the clerk for getting the temporary ramp previously agreed.
 - b) **Info Board;** The clerk promised some progress for the next meeting.
 - c) **Website;** The clerk was progressing this.
 - d) **Drainage;** The highways engineer had visited and promised some suctioning of the drains and then to monitor things. The clerk would chase progress.
 - e) **Road Signage for village hall.** This was being progressed outside the parish council.
- 6) **District Councillor Report.**

Cllr Cowen outlined the **District Council Boundary Review**. It was possible we could be in a new ward in the future.

The **National Planning Policy framework** was discussed. This was in the process of change and could affect the local plan progress.

The **Local Plan** was on hold because of the above.

Budget setting. The budget needed setting, but changes to the frameworks above could make this very difficult.

Town and Parish Council Engagement Events. Events were being planned. Hockham Parish Council would attend at Shropham on 9th September 24.

Car Park Charges. A lively discussion took place over potential car park charges in the market towns. There would be an active consultation soon.
- 7) **Public Participation.** The meeting was adjourned for public discussion.
- 8) **PC Vacancy.** Cllr Guppy had sadly resigned. The clerk was instructed to advise the Monitoring Officer and once approval was given, to action the co-option policy. Thanks were given for Cllr Guppy's service and offer to still assist when he could.
- 9) **Highways & Road Safety (Cllr Thomas)**

There were issues with the online reporting system at NCC, but these should be resolved soon. Progress would be chased regards verges on Little Hockham Lane. The SAM 2 unit was ordered. The Highways engineer visit was reported by the clerk.
- 10) **Planning Applications.** [3PL/2024/0402/HOU](#) Sunnynook, this application had been amended, no feedback so far.
[3PL/2024/0677/HOU](#) 4 Kingshill. Cart shed. No objections.

- 11) **Finance.** Approval was given for September payments for Streetlight maintenance £45.60 and the clerks salary of £179.40. The current account had a balance of £14611.44. The playing field accounts had a balance of £10917.06 with outstanding cash to be paid in of £3462 from outstanding events.
- 12) **Footpaths and Rights of way.** Nothing to report.
- 13) **Playing Field.** The summer show had raised £1200. A working group meeting would be had soon. An annual summer party may be considered after Saturdays celebration. There was a family quiz soon and fireworks in November.
- 14) **Puddledock Defibrillator.** It was agreed another village organisation would find the outstanding balance for the resident's associations defibrillator of £378.
- 15) **Maintenance & Improvements in public areas of the village.**
The chair suggested that some areas of the village could be improved by some simple maintenance and that Townlands were to pay for the phone box repaint, the Reading Room Garden rail repaint and the Notice board refurbishment. He called for ideas on how things might be improved. Precept and costs would be on the next agenda.
- 16) **Councillor Updates.** Councillor Lloyd gave details of the last SNAP meeting The police would investigate some speed control measures.
- 17) **Correspondence.** Applications were being invited for the parish Partnerships awards.

Next meeting October 7th.