

**MINUTES OF A HOCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 17TH JUNE 2024 AT 7.30PM
IN HOCKHAM VILLAGE HALL.**

Attending: Councillors Bennett, Thomas, Guppy Lambert. Lloyd & Loft. Clerk C Garrod, County Councillor Eagle & 2 members of the public

- 1) Apologies for absence.** Cllr Leech & District Cllr Cowen
- 2) Declarations of Interest.** Cllr Lambert as owner of the Hockham Eagle & Cllrs Loft & Bennett as allotment holders.
- 3) Requests for dispensation.** The clerk had received two written requests, from Cllr Lambert & Lloyd and both had been granted.
- 4) Approval of minutes of 20th May 2024.** These were approved and signed.
- 5) Progress Report.**
 - a) Wheelchair ramp for the green. As the temporary ramp had not arrived, it was decided to defer purchase whilst a more permanent system was investigated.
 - b) No progress on the info board.
 - c) Website. Content was being migrated over by Norfolk ALC.
 - d) Drainage. Cllr Eagle, asked to be copied into any correspondence with highways and to make comments in the local plan consultation.
 - e) Road signage for village hall. Temporary signs were being made.
- 6) Public participation.** It was noted that thanks were given to the councillors for their work and that there would be an open garden for charity at Vicarage House on Sept 7th & 8th.
- 7) Highways & Road Safety.** Cllr Thomas reported that works on the Vicarage Rd, road surface were being actioned, some potholes in Shropham Road had been repaired and a sign hit on the Watton Road had been repaired.
- 8) Planning.** Additional comments for 3PL/2024/0402/HOU Sunny Nook, would be sent in on the 18th June in response to amended plans.

A lengthy discussion took place regards the illegal A1075 access to and from Vicarage Rd and the need to clarify the signage. The clerk would write to the highways engineer and include Cllr Eagle in the correspondence. Cllr Eagle said he had potential finances to help sort this.

3PL/2024/0382/0 Springside. Comments by highways had been noted. Cllrs were concerned this was just outline planning rather than full and that there were objections from neighbours. Comments would be put online.

3PL/2024/0488/HOU 10 Harling Road. There were no objections to this application.

The chair would try and meet Breckland officers over the ongoing FOI request. Local Plan. The most recent consultation now had Hockham sites on it, which were previously discounted. This was because there had been a second call for sites due to a need for the 5-year housing supply. Included were two sites. One by the S bends on the western side field, known locally as Butts Close for 20 properties and a second off Vicarage Road for 5 properties.

It was suggested councillors should consult with the district councillor.

- 9) Finances.** There was £15,768.93 in the Parish Council current account and £14722.80 in the Playing Field account. A DD payment to EON was due of £123.38. Payments approved were Pearce & Kemp £45.60 for July & the clerk's salary for June of £179.40.
- 10) Allotments.** All were let now. Harling Rd allotments were looking good, Chestnut Square were very well cared for.
- 11) Footpaths.** Nothing to report. It was noted that no weedkiller had been applied to the trod. The clerk would investigate.
- 12) Playing Field.** The Hornfair, despite the reduced event had been successful. A debrief had been done by the working party. A car boot sale would take place on 30th June. A music event was being considered for 2025.
- 13) Councillor Updates.**
Enforcement was investigating activities with soil deliveries on land by the A1075.
Parliament Lane access due to overgrown vegetation would be reported to the Rights of Way team.
Comments were made regards a mast in the conservation area.
The tree removal work on Little Hockham Lane and subsequent fencing had been completed. The road now needed attention regards widening. Highways would be contacted.
Some plants were being stolen from specific flower boxes. These were now being monitored.
Dog fouling had appeared to worsen in the village.
- 14) Correspondence.** None that had not been circulated already.
- 15) Date of next meeting.** Monday July 15th at 7.30 pm.

“Note Vicarage House gardens in Vicarage Road, will be open on the weekend of 7th/8th September for charity. More info via In Touch. Anyone who would like to donate a cake or similar, please contact the owners.”

Note There is a consultation running regards the updated new Breckland Council local plan. This can be located at;

<https://www.breckland.gov.uk/article/19942/Local-Plan-Full-Update>