

Hagworthingham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14 October 2024 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: With Cllr Jan Hewitt in the Chair there were present Cllrs – Mark Clayton, Paul Colam-French, Paul Masters and Edmund Done (all except item 15).

Absent: Cllr Ruth Wisby

In attendance: Clerk Mrs Susan Archibald

Also present: Cllrs Hugo Marfleet LCC (part)
and Will Grover ELDC,
1 member of the public

Cllr Marfleet updated the Council on highways improvements and undertook to look again at the footpath issues in the village. Cllr Grover wished to highlight his Community Grant available for application by February/March 2025. He also wished to publicise the AGE UK Petition, and the new ELDC £10m Local Investment Fund, with more details to follow.

The Chairman declared the meeting opened at 7.50 p.m.

53. Chairman's Announcements

There was none.

54. Apologies for absence and reasons given

An apology with valid reason for absence was accepted from Cllr Wisby.

55. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 not previously notified and/or consideration of any written request for Dispensation

There were none.

56. Notes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 2 September 2024 to be approved as Minutes and signed by the Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Clayton, seconded by Cllr Colam-French and:-

RESOLVED – That the notes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 2 September 2024 be approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

57. Co-Option to Vacant Seat

There was no progress to report.

58. Update on electrical provision for defibrillator

The Clerk updated the meeting that the device had been connected to the electrical supply and a supplier found, however, standing charges were no longer the operating system, rather bills calculated on estimated usage for the non-metered supply; further update awaited. Members noted the foregoing.

59. Benches and Grass Cutting

Cllr Hewitt updated the meeting that the necessary repairs and renovations to the benches to bring them all back into good order had been carried out in accordance with the previously approved quote for the works, together with the necessary strimming and mowing on a one-off basis.

60. Remembrance Sunday

Cllr Hewitt updated the meeting on her discussions with Rev. Fran and the service proposed for Sunday 10th November, with refreshments provided. The wreath would be laid by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council, and the service conducted with community participation to be determined.

Members noted the foregoing.

Note: Cllr Done wished it to be known that he was unhappy with the arrangements presented and wished to resign from the Parish Council with immediate effect.

61. Financial Matters

(a) Monies at bank

Current account - £6,192.57

Bus account - £6,145.65

(b) To approve payment of outstanding invoices

It was proposed by Cllr Hewitt, seconded by Cllr Colam-French and:-

RESOLVED – (a) that items (a) and (b)(above) be noted and approved, including the S.137 donation to the RBLA for the poppy wreath.

It was further proposed, seconded and:-

RESOLVED – (b) that updates to the bank signatories in place be noted for the additions of Cllrs Colam-French and Wisby.

62. Planning Matters

(i) To note comments submitted outside of a meeting relation to the following application:

S/070/01346/24 | Planning Permission - Erection of a stable block. | PARTRIDGE HURN, DEEP LANE, HAGWORTHINGHAM, SPILSBY, PE23 4LZ

Hagworthingham Parish Council supported this application. Members noted the foregoing.

(ii) Members were asked to consider and make comments to the Local Planning Authority with regard to the following planning application:

S/070/01336/24 | Planning Permission - Erection of a manege for private use. | PARTRIDGE HURN, DEEP LANE, HAGWORTHINGHAM, SPILSBY, PE23 4LZ

It was:-

RESOLVED – That this application be supported.

63. To receive reports from Councillors relating to outstanding projects

A Councillor wished to voice concerns that Parish Council Member representation at village events was poor.

64. To receive reports from the Clerk in relation to Council matters

There was none.

65. To receive general correspondence

There was none.

66. To confirm the date of the next meeting of the Council It was proposed, seconded and:-

RESOLVED – That the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council be agreed as Monday 25 November 2024 JJ's Café at 7.00 p.m. Please note the earlier Winter start time.

67. To resolve to go into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to discuss the following matter:-

Clerk's annual appraisal and matters relating to the terms and conditions of the Clerk's contract of employment.

This part of the meeting closed at 8.29 p.m.

Minute arising from confidential item:-

68. Clerk's annual appraisal and matters relating to the terms and conditions of the Clerk's contract of employment.

It was:-

RESOLVED – That the Clerk be thanked for her good work for the Council and her salary be increased by 2 spinal column points in recognition of this.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.