

Hockering Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Hockering Parish Council held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 12th April 2022 in the village hall.

Present:

Cllr J Blackwell (Chair)
Cllr R Neave
Cllr M Mason
Cllr T Bassett
Cllr B Higgins

District Cllr Gordon Bambridge
Steve James and Alison Webb from Breckland District Council
Two members of the public
Sue Marsh (Clerk)
Sheryl Irving (RFO)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies received from Cllr Matt Darge.

2. To consider co-option of a new councillor

Cllr Higgins proposed that Lyn Parker be co-opted as a new councillor, this was seconded by Cllr Mason and agreed by council. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Parker to the Council, and she duly signed the declaration of acceptance of office form.

3. To receive declarations of interest.

None received

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th March 2022

Cllr Neave proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2022 be accepted as a true record of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Mason and agreed by Council. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

5. To receive County/District Councillor reports.

District Cllr Bambridge confirmed he had nothing to report this month, but introduced his colleagues from Breckland District Council, Steve James, and Alison Webb.

6. To consider the Breckland District Council Food Bus Project

There was a full and frank discussion regarding Breckland District Council's new Food Bus project. After much intense debate council voted on whether to participate in

the Food Bus project. The vote was proposed by Cllr Mason, seconded by Cllr Neave, both Cllr Bassett and Cllr Blackwell abstained. 3/0 against, motion carried

7. Open Forum for Public Participation

- a) Comments made and acknowledged regarding the agenda.

8. To consider training for full council.

The clerk informed the council of the training opportunities available from Norfolk PTS, there was general agreement that this should proceed, clerk to organise.

9. To consider the establishment of a planning committee

After a brief discussion it was decided not to take this option forward.

10. To consider engaging local community through social media

The clerk had received an email from a parishioner with several interesting suggestions including, adult outdoor exercise equipment, allotments, working party to tidy style footpath and a few more. It was agreed that some of these would be investigated further.

11. Planning Matters:

- a) Applications for consideration – none.
- b) Take note of any planning decisions:

Council noted the following decisions by Breckland District Council:

- **3PL/2021/1006/f** -Land North of 3 Bramble Drive, NR20 3JE – Single storey new dwelling – Appeal – Council are against this planning application and the clerk will comment on the Breckland District Council portal.

12. To consider MPH Concrete Plant - planning

A query was brought to council regarding some of the activities at the plant and whether these were permitted under planning permission – clerk to investigate further and report back to the council.

13. Finance & Governance Matters

- a) Financial report for year ending March 2022 was received and agreed.
- b) Financial report for year ending March 2023 was received and agreed.
- c) The bank payments were authorised:
 - Clerk (April salary and allowance) £229.33
 - Responsible Finance Officer (April salary and allowance) £138.09
 - HMRC – PAYE £ 67.40

• SLCC-CiLCA Fee	£410.00
• Hockering Quarterly News	£347.95
• Notice Board key cutting	£ 21.00
• Website	£220.00
• Materials to repair swing in playground	£206.62
Total	£1,640.39

14. Correspondence for Circulation

None received.

15. To receive any new items for the next agenda

To confirm the next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Annual Meeting. These will be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 10th May a in the village hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8:45 pm

Signed Date