

Hockering Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Hockering Parish Council held at 7:30 pm on Monday 7th March 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
Six members of the public
Sue Marsh (Clerk)
Sheryl Irving (RFO)

1. Election of Chairman and signing of declaration of office

Cllr McMahon had resigned from the council, thereby leaving a vacancy for Chair. Cllr J Blackwell was proposed by Cllr Mason and seconded by Cllr Neave. Cllr Blackwell duly signed the declaration of office and took the Chair.

2. Welcome and apologies for absence

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

3. To receive declarations of interest.

None received

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

Cllr Neave proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 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 reported on the change of bin collection times, the success with catching people who fly tip and the increase in council tax from April 2022. District Cllr Bambridge also advised that the clearance of litter on the A47 was a District Council responsibility and required suitable health and safety training.

District Cllr Bambridge reported that there was an intention by Breckland District Council for a food bus (not a food bank) to visit Hockering plus two other villages on a regular basis. It was brought to District Cllr Bambridge attention that no one had been consulted and that the Parish Council were concerned the effect this may have

on the local village shop. Clerk to email a complaint to Breckland District Council via District Cllr Bambridge.

6. Open Forum for Public Participation

- a) No comments

7. Planning Matters:

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

Council noted the following decisions by Breckland District Council:

No decisions

8. To consider the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The clerk would find information regarding the planting of trees in the autumn. It was confirmed that Hockering had several different events planned by different organisers.

9. To consider the HQN funding

Cllr Neave proposed that the funding remain in place for the HQN, seconded by Cllr Mason, approved.

10. To receive a report regarding the stile footpath and associated stream

Carried forward to next meeting.

11. Finance & Governance Matters

- a) Financial report for March was received and agreed.
- b) The Equity and Diversity policy was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Bassett, seconded by Cllr Mason – Motion carried.
- c) To consider amendments to bank signatories, Cllr Blackwell to be added, proposed by Cllr Mason, seconded by Cllr Bassett – Motion carried.
- d) The bank payments were authorised:
 - Clerk (February salary and allowance) £226.00
 - Responsible Finance Officer (February salary and allowance) £119.62
 - HMRC – PAYE £ 82.60
 - Sue Marsh – Expenses 2021/22 £ 96.75
 - Sheryl Irving – Expenses 2021/22 £ 14.46
 - Norfolk PTS – Training £ 40.00
 - Website TBC
 - Play Area Repairs TBC

Total £579.43

12. Correspondence for Circulation

None received.

13. To receive any new items for the next agenda

Food Bus

To confirm the next meeting of Hockering Parish Council would be at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 12th April at the village hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8:11 pm

Signed Date