

# HILGAY PARISH COUNCIL

## **Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016 7.00pm in Hilgay Village hall**

**Present:** Cllr G Carter, Cllr R Houghton, Cllr J Evans, Cllr E Hall, Cllr G Harris, Cllr V Martin, Cllr A Charlesworth, Cllr P Bates, Cllr P Carter, Cllr M Storey, Clerk, C Wills.

**Apologies:** Cllr C Dawe, Cllr A Hall, Cllr R Martin, Cllr D Appleby

**Members of the public:** 1

### **Minutes of Last meeting**

Minutes from the last Parish Council meetings held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were discussed and agreed to be a true record of proceedings.

Proposer: Cllr R Houghton

2<sup>nd</sup>: Cllr P Bates

### **Declarations of interest**

Members are invited to declare personal or prejudicial interests in items on the agenda. It is a requirement that declarations from a member include the nature of the interest and whether it is personal or prejudicial.

None declared.

### **Public comments/questions**

No decisions will be made by the Council; matters will be put forward to the next meeting of the Parish Council for discussion.

None

### **Chairman's reports/updates**

One streetlight near the school was changed to an LED bulb; Councils will discuss changing all lights to LED at a later date.

The football hut is still in need of attention; Mr. Dent now has access to the hut and will investigate ASAP.

As discussed at the last Parish Council meeting, Cllr A Hall acting as clerk to FEOFFEE's held a meeting on 08.12.15 with Mr. Collins to discuss and agree the boundaries for land registration. A plan has now been submitted to the Land Registry by the Solicitor.

## **Maintenance reports/updates**

C Wills has requested a leaf blower for use in the cemetery; quotes will be reviewed next meeting.

Two new dog bins have arrived and will be erected on Church Road and near the junction of Hubbard's Drove and Wood Hall Road.

The rotating hand glider requires some repairs; Cllr G Carter and C Wills did inspect the equipment and a quote has been received from Wickstead to carry out the repairs. The total cost will be £776.72 plus VAT.

Proposer: Cllr V Martin

2<sup>nd</sup>: Cllr R Houghton

Hedge around the playing field (church side) is becoming too high; C Wills suggested this be cut to a more reasonable height. Cllr Bates requested that quotes be obtained to trim the entire hedge along the Church Avenue both sides.

## **Correspondence**

### **Planning applications**

15/01830/o: outline application: site for construction of two dwellings at land South of East End Hilgay

Council discussed this application and agreed to request that the planning committee review this application due to the access issues to the site which Highways have highlighted.

### **Payments for approval**

Clerk wages Nov	£346.80
Clerks expenses	£ 50.35
C Wills Nov	£247.00
C Wills Expenses	£15.00
J D Sign	£19.20
CGM Oct	£498.00
Hilgay Village Hall	£16.00
K & M Lighting Nov-Dec	£119.33
E.ON streetlighting	£192.58
D Nichols	£68.00
C Wills Dec	£133.00
Clerk Wages Dec	£300.56
Clerk expenses Dec	£ 41.26
K & M Lighting Dec-Jan	£119.33
Glasdon dog bins	£295.20
Anglian water	£74.01
E.on	£199.00
Village hall	£16.00
Fraser Dawbarns	£1450.00
(FEOFFEE have paid 50%)	

All payments were approved for payment  
Proposer: Cllr V Martin  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Cllr J Evans

### **Matters requiring attention**

Clerk will investigate grants/funding for proposed plant troughs and tree planting in the village.

There is a piece of Common Land on Sandy Lane which was not registered in the past by the Parish Council; it has since been included in the registration of the Woodhall estate. Cllr V Martin has undertaken to investigate the ownership and registration of the piece of land in question and will report next meeting.

The Parish Council reviewed 2014/15 expenditure and agreed to apply a 3% increase onto the precept for 2016/17.

There was a proposal not to increase, to which 4 Councilors agreed.

Proposal to increase by 3% to which 4 Councilors agreed.

Therefore the Chair held the casting vote and a 3% increase will be applied.

Proposer: Cllr R Houghton

2<sup>nd</sup>: Cllr P Carter.

FEOFFEE has decided to remove the willow trees on the River filed as they are becoming dangerous, they have requested a contribution from the Parish Council of 50% of the costs. The maximum cost should be no more than £1000 in total.

Proposer: Cllr J Evans

2<sup>nd</sup>: Cllr G Harris.

It was agreed to pay 50% and it was strongly suggested that the trees be replaced with another suitable tree.

There are a number of hedges alongside the highways which require trimming in Ten Mile Bank and Hilgay, Clerk will report to Highways department.

Cllrs have raised concerns with road safety along the A10; the improvements to the road at the junction of the farm shop have not yet been completed. Clerk will contact highways to discuss this and the renewal of the bridle path signs and possibility of a speed reduction in that area.

The drains near the school in Hilgay are blocked, there is a large puddle of water in this area, and it has been reported to highways a number of times.

Cllrs have reported youngsters are using motorbikes on the public rights of way, they have also been reported as being abusive to people and intimidating, this will be reported to the police.

Reports of speeding on Tower Road and Ely Road. Volunteers are still required for the Community Speed Watch scheme, please contact Clerk for details.

**Matters requiring attention to be brought forward to the next meeting of the Parish Council.**

These issues have been raised by the Council to be addressed at the next meeting of the Parish Council; no decisions will be made by the Council at this meeting.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

Next meeting of the Council will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 at 7.00pm in Ten Mile Bank Village Hall.

Signed Chairman.....

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