

HILGAY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 8th June 2016 7.00pm in Hilgay Village hall

Present: Cllr R Houghton, Cllr J Evans, Cllr E Hall, Cllr A Charlesworth, Cllr P Bates, Cllr P Carter, Cllr C Dawe, Cllr A Hall, Cllr R Martin, Cllr V Martin, Cllr G Carter, Clerk.

Apologies: Cllr G Harris,

Members of the public: 2

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.

Planning applications

The Parish Council discussed planning application 16/00718/OM: Outline application: Residential development of up to 17 dwellings at Land South of Foresters Avenue, Hilgay.

Questions were raised as to who will develop the land and if the school has capacity to hold new applicants.

Generally all Councilors agreed that the layout of the proposed site plan appears acceptable.

Concerns were raised regarding the roads within the site. It was generally felt that planning should ensure adequate roads to allow for easy access of emergency vehicles and adequate footpaths for pedestrians and also adequate turning areas within the site for dustbin and delivery Lorries etc.

The Council was also keen to ensure the site appearance will blend in with the general village character and would like to request that trees are planted.

Some Councilors felt that a higher percentage of the houses should become social housing although freebridge informed the council that the need for social housing in rural villages is very low.

The Council voted on the application and 9 Councilors were in support of the application and 1 against.

Therefore the Council will submit a response to the Borough Council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk to state that the Parish Council supports the application providing measures are taken to ensure adequate roads and paths are installed with sufficient turning areas, and that the character/appearance of the development is in keeping with Hilgay village style and sympathetic tree planting would be a benefit.

Application 16/00799/f: Swap flat lounge window for a bay window to the front of the property to match the joining property at Marian Cottage, Ely Road was also supported by the Parish Council.

Matters requiring attention

A quote has been received for removal of the concrete slab and re-seed area with grass in Hilgay play area; this was accepted by the Council.

Proposer: Cllr A Hall

2nd: Cllr J Evans

A quote has been received to supply and install flower planters on the bridge at Hilgay. This was discussed by the Council and further information and prices are required before further discussion can take place.

Mr. Howard has made a start on the website for Hilgay, Cllr V Martin has requested feedback from all Councilors on the progress so far and suggestions as to what should be on the website. Marham Parish Council has a strong website which could be used for guidance. The temporary address for Hilgay is greyhawk.org.uk/Hilgay.

Cllr A Hall suggested that the Parish Council have a page at the village hall website instead of its own so as to avoid repeating information, also concerns were raised as to who and how it will be maintained. It was suggested that Hilgay should have its own domain name. The website is still very much in its early stages and comments and suggestions are welcomed.

The Parish Council has a vacancy and Mr. Alan Holmes would like to apply to join the Council. Mr. Holmes gave the Council some information about himself and it was agreed providing that an election is not requested to fill the position that Mr. Holmes will be co-opted on to the Council.

Proposer: Cllr R Houghton

2nd: Cllr V Martin.

A lorry is parking very close to the junction of West End thus reducing visibility when turning out onto Ely Road. Cllr G Carter will talk to the owner.

The quality of the grass cutting on the playing field is very poor and River Filed is yet to be cut.

Parking outside of the school is becoming an increasing problem as farm traffic has difficulty passing.

Cllr G Carter will be meeting with Mr. Wallace from Norfolk Highways next week, issues to be raised with him are:

Flooding outside of school and blocked drains

30 mph white markings and other white markings in Ten Mile Bank

Engine Road damage caused by badgers

Side of carriage way damage along Station Road

Railings on Bridge in Hilgay need painting, request permission for planters

Some street signs and play area signs need replacing as they are fading.

Signs need cleaning.
Lorries reversing in West End- Health and safety issue
Drainage at the bottom of Steels Drove.
Bridle path and PROW cutting

Meeting closed 8.00pm

Signed Chairman.....

Date.....