

HILGAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 1st December 2016 7.00pm in Hilgay Village hall

Present: Cllr G Carter, Cllr R Houghton, Cllr G Harris, Cllr V Martin, Cllr A Charlesworth, Cllr P Bates, Cllr A Holmes, Cllr C Dawe, Cllr J Evans, Cllr M Storey, Clerk.

Apologies: Cllr A Hall, Cllr E Hall

Members of the public: 1

Minutes of Last meeting

Minutes from the last Parish Council meetings held on 10th and 24th November 2016 were discussed and agreed to be a true record of proceedings.

Proposer: Cllr V Martin

2nd: Cllr A Holmes

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.

Request to see minutes from 24th November 2016.

Chairman's reports/updates

Diocese of Ely Multi Academy Trust are currently running a consultation regarding the proposed closure of Ten Mile Bank School, however, Ten Mile Bank action group have been informed that DEMATT have decided not to propose closure of the school at this time.

The action group will now continue to work to help protect the school from future threat of closure. Work must be done to try and safe guard the future of the school and investigate funding options for the school.

Cllr Carter and Cllr M Storey will meet with Jan Munn Senior Partnership Advisor for Norfolk County Council to discuss this issue.

A meeting will also be held with Elizabeth Truss Mp and DEMATT on 9th December 2016 at Ten Mile Bank.

The traffic data results from Ten Mile Bank Speed Awareness Monitor are available to view.

Safer Neighborhood action Panel meeting will be held on 7th December at 7.00pm in Downham Market Town Hall.

Maintenance reports/updates

C Wills is happy to carry out repairs to the play equipment as recommended by inspection; Clerk has confirmed this with the insurance company.

The new dog waste bins have arrived; it was proposed to locate them at the following locations:

1. Beginning of footpath at Church Road/East End.
2. Woodhall Road at bridle path
3. Ten Mile bank near River

C Wills will site the bins discreetly.

Cllr G Harris reported that some of the footpaths have been ploughed over.

The Lych gate at the Church requires some major renovation works. Cllr PBates reported that this will cost in the region of £7500.00 and requested some financial assistance from the Parish Council.

It was suggested that other avenues of financial assistance is investigated from Norfolk Churches Trust, Cathedral funding, English Heritage and Natural England.

Cllr V Martin has arranged for a new notice board for the parish news, the budget has been set at no more than £250.00.

Prosper: Cllr A Holmes

2nd : Cllr V Martin

Correspondence

The following has been issued from Norfolk County Council:

At the Children's Services Committee on 15 November it was agreed that Norfolk County Council would publicly consult on a proposal to only continue to fund Road Crossing Patrol sites that continue to meet the threshold recommended in the National Guidance from Road Safety GB, (previously Local Authority Road Safety Officers Association). The crossing patrol that supports a primary school in your Parish does not meet the national threshold.

If your Parish Council would like to respond, the public consultation is now live on Norfolk County Council's website and can be found at

<https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/consultation/roadcrossingpatrols/>.

Final decisions will be made at the January committee following an analysis and consideration of the consultation responses; if the proposal goes ahead this would mean removal of the crossing patrol at the end of this financial year.

It was advised that individual letters are written in response to this consultation.

A letter has been received from a parishioner relating to the Ten Mile Bank school closure.

Planning applications

None

Payments for approval

Clerk wages	£443.08
Expenses	£38.85
C Dawe Fuel	£265.00
C Wills Wages	£235.20

HMRC	£16.80
C Wills Trailer	£400.00
FEOFFEE hires	£130.00
K & M Lighting	£113.36
Glasdon dog bins	£311.47
B Stubbins Internal audit	£100.00

All payments were approved for payment.

Proposer: Cllr V Martin

2nd: Cllr G Harris

Matters requiring attention

Cllr V Martin, Cllr A Holmes and Cllr C Dawe held interviews for the clerk’s position. It was agreed to appoint Judith Taylor as Clerk to begin in post as soon as possible.

Proposer: Cllr V Martin

2nd: Cllr A Holmes

Council decided to set the precept requirement at January meeting.

Parish partnership scheme: Council discuss at the last meeting 20mph flashing signs outside of the school. These would cost approx £2620.00 each + £500.00 for 10yr maintenance. This is the cost for solar panel; it may be reduced if mains power can be used. These are advisory units only and would be visible during am and pm school times and at lunch time.

A SAM unit (portable speed unit) is £2800.00, data collection recorder £250.00 + £150 for post and bracket.

The Council will apply for two sets of 20mph flashing signs for outside of the schools and one SAM unit for Ten Mile Bank.

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.

Confirm precept requirement

Donation towards lych gate at Church

Sign for River field slipway and gate

Next meeting of the Council will be held on 12th January 2016 at 7.00pm in Ten Mile Bank Village Hall.

Signed Chairman.....

Date.....