

HOCKWOLD-CUM-WILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Main Street, Hockwold
on Tuesday 11th April 2023 at 7.30pm

Councillors of Hockwold cum Wilton Parish Council

Present: Cllr Randall, Cllr Johns, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Sullivan, Cllr Sismey, Cllr Williams

Parish Clerk Ms Hilary Cox

Four members of the public

15 minute open forum

Charles Smith reported that the noise disturbance from Murfitt's Industries is still present. The pitch has changed, but it's still loud enough to be heard indoors.

Members of Press and Public are invited to voice their comments and concerns in the Open Forum. However, the law does not permit members of the public and press to take part in the debates. Hilary R Cox, Parish Clerk & RFO

164. **To receive and approve apologies for absence.** Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Oliver-White.

165. **To receive any declarations of interest from Members & consider requests for dispensation.**

NONE

Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Hockwold cum Wilton Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.

166. **To approve minutes of the Council meeting held 14th February 2023** Proposed to approve by Cllr Williams. Seconded by Cllr Sismey. RESOLVED.

a. **To approve minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held 28th February 2023** Proposed to approve by Cllr Williams. Seconded by Cllr Randall. RESOLVED.

167. Reports from:

- a. **RAF Lakenheath** – Squadron Leader Geary updated the council on the local base's activities. March was a low fly month due to increment weather. RAF Lakenheath hosted the UK search and rescue team. There was an active shooter table top exercise. The car lot that sits just outside gate two of RAF Lakenheath has formally been handed over on a long lease to the base. The 48th Fighter Wing has received the Commander and Chief Installation Excellence Award.
- b. **Norfolk County Council & Borough WNKL Council, Cllr Martin Storey** - Cllr Storey reported that the deputy chair will be taking over the NCC Council due to the ill health of the chair at this time. NCC budget meeting held 21st February was approved. For more information look on the NCC website or contact NCC Storey directly. <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/> OR martin.storey@norfolk.gov.uk
- c. **Chairman** - Cllr Randall informed the council that Hockwold cum Wilton Parish is a non-contested parish for this year's elections.
- d. Clerk (APL)- The Action Point Log was distributed and discussed. All questions answered.

168. Matters arising (for information only) NONE

- a. To report progress on matters arising from previous minutes (not elsewhere on agenda)

169. **To confirm receipt of NALC, CAN, POLICE and other correspondence.** . - All Councillors present received their updates and correspondence. No queries.

170. Planning Matters

a. To receive results & updates of outstanding applications

i. NONE

b. To receive new planning applications relevant to the village and make comment.

i. NONE

171. To hear an update on the noise issues with Murfitt's Ind. – NO updates or reports from EA. Clerk to work with Cllr Morgan to write a formal complaint to EA on the lack of progress on this matter.

172. To discuss the forthcoming virtual meeting with NCC Highways Dept. – A zoom meeting set for 2nd May. Clerk to create and share the list of outstanding Highways issues.

173. To discuss items with the Lode Common.

a. **To receive an update for the Tree Planting Initiative on Lode Common.** – Cllr Johns updated the council on the issues with planting a memorial tree on the Lode Common near the river. Issues include anti-social behaviour, upkeep on newly planted tree, theft and vandalism. Different ideas were discussed, such as a bench in the grave yard and community orchard. Cllr Morgan volunteered to meet with Northwold to tour their community orchard and discuss the process with them.

b. **To discuss the caravan and horse on Lode Common.** - It was reported by Cllr Williams that fly grazing was occurring on the Lode Common. Camping was reported to the council previously. This was discussed and will be monitored.

174. To evaluate the success of the recent Annual Parish Assembly. – Cllr Randall reported that the APA went well this year. Increased attendance. A special thank you to Cllr Oliver-White for arranging our guest speaker Lt. Col. Spivak, 48th Civil Engineer Squadron commander.

175. To receive update on area design surrounding TOMMY memorial and its plaque. – Cllr Johns and Charles Smith are to arrange a time to meet and discuss the final plans. Thank you to Charles Smith for all of the work he has done on this project.

176. To hear update on the Community Resources Leaflet. – Cllr Johns to add any information she has gathered and bring it to the May meeting of the parish council.

177. To discuss the request for help with the cost of St James' Church Clock and War Memorial repairs. – The request and estimate was discussed in detail. The clerk is to write to Ms Annear explaining that the PC will consider a possible donation towards the repair at May's meeting, as well as, explain the law pertaining to community clocks. The War memorial was appraised a few years prior. In that appraisal it was assessed that the gold leaf in the lettering was not in need of repair at that time. Cllr Johns to request the company to re-assess and she will bring it back to the PC.

178. To discuss the Community Speed Watch initiative. – Cllr Randall reported that they now had nine volunteers for the initiative. Cllr Randall to send the clerk an advert to be placed on the website and parish Facebook. Clerk to obtain the forms for the volunteers to submit and send to Cllr Randall.

179. To receive an update on the celebrations for the King's Coronation. – An event is planned for 7th May 2023. It was proposed to set a £250.00 budget for the event. Proposed by Cllr Randall. Seconded by Cllr Johns. Agreed by all present. All invoices and receipts must be submitted to the clerk for payment and reimbursement.

180. To discuss a letter of concern over the increase in farm traffic on Nursery Lane. – The letter of concern from a parishioner was shared previously. This matter was discussed. Unfortunately, the Parish Council doesn't have much influence on the regulations of agricultural equipment. The clerk was tasked to enquire as to width restrictions and regulations on public roads and report back to the full PC.

181. To consider the suggestion of a Parish Notice Board. – The suggestion was discussed.

182. Finance

- a. To agree payment of March's invoices – to be approved at May's meeting.
- b. To agree payment of April's invoices - to be approved at May's meeting.
- c. To confirm the agent of internal audit. Proposed to approve internal auditor with a review before next year's AGAR by Cllr Sismey. Seconded by Cllr Sullivan. Agreed by all present.

183. Items for the next agenda – "Village Publication"

184. To confirm date and times of the Parish Council AGM and of the Parish Council Meeting on 9th May 2023 starting at 7.00 and 7:30 respectively. Meetings takes place in Hockwold Village Hall, Main Street IP264LW.

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