

HOCKWOLD-CUM-WILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Main Street, Hockwold
on Tuesday 14th February 2023 at 7.30pm

Councillors of Hockwold cum Wilton Parish Council

Present: Cllr Randall, Cllr Johns, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Sullivan, Cllr Sismey, Cllr Williams, Cllr Oliver-White

Parish Clerk Ms Hilary Cox

One member of the public

15 minute open forum

Sue Annear spoke to the PC about the possibility of repairing the church clock, and the needed repair to the War Memorial. The clerk was tasked with investigating the PC's responsibilities and powers to repair the clock. The War Memorial had been marked for repair previously.

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

137. To receive and approve apologies for absence. NONE

138. 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.

139. To approve minutes of the Council meeting held 10th January 2023 Proposed to approve by Cllr Morgan. Seconded by Cllr Sullivan. **RESOLVED.**

140. Reports from:

a. RAF Lakenheath- As Sq. Ldr Geary was unable to attend, he had sent a written report: *In addition to the routine training sorties conducted throughout January 2023,*

the 48th Fighter Wing had aircraft deployed to Poland for deterrence operations on NATO's Eastern Flank and they hosted Norwegian and Netherlands F35 aircraft for Exercise Point Blank during the period 17-20 January. 48th Fighter Wing has been shortlisted for the Commander in Chief Installation

Excellence Award for 2021/22. Consequently, the Station hosted a visit by the Commander in Chief Installation Excellence Award Review Team on 9 and 10 Jan 23. During their visit, the Review Team engaged with UK Military personnel, Honorary Commanders and members of the local community about 48th Fighter Wing's collaboration and engagement with, and their contribution to, the Host Nation. I will let you know the outcome of the competition in due course. The MOD Surgeon General (UK 2) visited the 48th Medical Group Hospital on 12 Jan 23, and RAF Lakenheath hosted a VIP visit by the US Ambassador to the Court of St James on 27 January. I delivered a presentation on the USVF and my role as the RAF Commander at the Norfolk RBL Annual Conference on 4 Feb 23. The agreement for 48th Fighter Wing to use a small parcel of land outside of Gate 2 (Lords Walk) for parcel/shopping goods deliveries and collections has been signed, sealed, and delivered by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation and Elveden Estates. It is hoped that the land will be formally handed over to 48th Fighter Wing later this month. Finally, please note that 48th Fighter Wing lost a lot of training sorties*

throughout November and December 2022 due to poor weather in the early mornings. Consequently, to try and avoid the bad weather, they are trialling starting their flying programme later in the day and flying later into the evening throughout January 2023.

- b. **Norfolk County Council & Borough WNKL Council, Cllr Martin Storey** - Apologies given previously
- c. **Chairman** – Reported that the village hall committee had been very quick off the mark, to make safe and arrange temporary support for the crumbling wall on the edge of the pavement and the house next to the hall to avert any danger. The committee is now seeking specialist advice from surveyors and building control as to what needs to be done, how and by whom. The Committee has been funding this work so far, but a surveyor's report should indicate who is responsible.

She also recommended training being provided by Norfolk Parish Training & Support (not to be confused with NALC).

- d. **Clerk (APL)**- The Action Point Log was distributed and discussed. All questions answered.

141. Matters arising (for information only)

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

NONE

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

143. Planning Matters

- a. **To receive results & updates of outstanding applications** Updates read out.

- i. 22/01497/F Hockwold cum Wilton-117 Main Street Hockwold cum Wilton Norfolk IP26 4LW, - Rear and side extensions. Application Permitted 18 January 2023 Delegated Decision
- ii. 22/02106/F Hockwold cum Wilton-Pathways 38 South Street Hockwold cum Wilton Norfolk IP26 4JG - Demolition of existing garage and erection of Annex-Application Permitted-3 February 2023-Delegated Decision
- iii. 22/01847/F Hockwold cum Wilton, The New Inn 50 Station Road Hockwold cum Wilton Norfolk IP26 4JA - Retrospective: Demolition and rebuild of single storey rear extension to New Inn. Creation of new gateway in existing wall. Application Permitted-20 January 2023-Delegated Decision

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

- i. NONE

144. To hear an update on the noise issues with Murfitt's Ind. – Cllr Randall reported that a reply had been received from the Environment Agency stating that they were still reviewing the noise review and would provide an update as soon as they were able.

145. To discuss outstanding NCC Highways issues. – NCC Highways representative was unable to be reached to attend. The clerk to contact MR Moore and see if a daytime zoom meeting would be possible.

146. To receive an update for the Tree Planting Initiative on the Lode Common. Cllr Williams informed the PC that the hedge plants have been purchased, and they are waiting for ground conditions to be right to purchase trees and start planting.

147. To receive update on area design surrounding TOMMY memorial and discuss plaque wording. – Cllr Johns showed the PC examples of the plaques for the TOMMY memorial. Wording approved as “Dedicated to all who served or fell in battle”. Cllr Johns to liaise with Mr Smith on the size and need for plaque housing.

148. To hear update on the Community Resources Leaflet. It was proposed to have the leaflet professionally printed with a maximum budget of £75.00, as soon as it had been completed Proposed by Cllr Randall. Seconded by Cllr Williams. Agreed by all.

149. To discuss possible celebrations for the King's Coronation. Information on the King's Coronation Grant was distributed previously. Ideas for the day event were discussed with a tree planting in honour of the coronation a possibility. Cllr Johns volunteered to apply for the grant and to liaise with Cllr Randall.

150. To discuss the APA 2023. – APA to take place on Tuesday 14th March in place of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council. Several local organizations have confirmed attendance. It was proposed to have the agenda and invitation professionally printed and distributed to every household. Maximum budget of £75.00. Proposed by Cllr Oliver-White. Seconded by Cllr Sismey. Agreed by all.

151. To receive elections information. Information sheet distributed previously. Clerk went over the information and answered questions.

152. To review the protocol in the event of the Death of a Senior National Figure. Proposed to adopt by Cllr Randall. Seconded by Cllr Johns. Agreed by all.

153. Finance

a. **To agree payment of February's invoices** -Proposed to approve BOA by Cllr Williams. Seconded by Cllr Randall. Agreed by all.

b. **Discuss VAT returns and Reserves** -Proposed to use all VAT returns to build up appropriate general reserve funds. Proposed by Cllr Morgan. Seconded by Cllr Williams. Agreed by all.

c. **Discuss Scribe software for Parish Council Finances** – Scribe information was previously distributed. The clerk went over the information and answered questions. Proposed to subscribe to SCRIBE by Cllr Sullivan. Seconded by Cllr Sismey. Agreed by all.

d. **Discuss NaLC payroll services** – Information on NaLC payroll services was distributed previously. The costs savings explained. Proposed to subscribe to the NaLC payroll services and end the contract with Wheelers was proposed by Cllr Williams. Seconded by Cllr Morgan. Agreed by all.

154. Items for the next agenda. (April 2023)

- Murfitts & possible lawsuit
- Community Speed Watch
- Community Resource Leaflet
- Church Clock and War Memorial repairs

155. To confirm date and time of the Annual Parish Assembly 14th March 2023 starting at 7:30 and the Parish Council Meeting 11th April 2023 starting at 7:30. Both meetings take place in Hockwold Village Hall, Main Street IP264LW.

Distribution:

One copy to each Councillor. Copies to Mr M Storey Norfolk County Councillor, & Cllr Ryves District Councillors, Squadron Leader Geary RAF Lakenheath and one copy for the web-site.