

HOCKWOLD-CUM-WILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Main Street, Hockwold
on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7.30pm

Councillors of Hockwold cum Wilton Parish Council

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

Borough and Norfolk County Councillor Martin Storey

Parish Clerk Ms Hilary Cox

Two members of the public

15 minute open forum

Mr Smith informed the PC of the possibility of getting free loads of top soil from a local building location. The clerk raised the question of legality and insurable practices. The council instructed the clerk to find out about local regulations.

Chairman Randall welcomed Mrs Laura Fothergill who was attending the meeting to speak on the process for producing a village magazine.

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

116. To receive and approve apologies for absence. Cllr Johns

117. 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.

118. To approve minutes of the Council meeting held 8th November 2022 Proposed to approve by Cllr Morgan. Seconded by Cllr Williams. RESOLVED.

a. **To approve minutes of the EXORD Council meeting held 30th November 2022** Proposed to approve by Cllr Sullivan. Seconded by Cllr Sismey. RESOLVED.

119. Reports from:

a. **RAF Lakenheath** Squadron Leader Geary gave his apologies and sent the following update.

In addition to the routine training sorties conducted throughout December 2022, 48th Fighter Wing deployed aircraft to Poland for deterrence operations on NATO's Eastern Flank. 48 Fighter Wing hosted a VIP visit by the Chief of Staff of the US Air Force at the end of last month.

Councillors from Lakenheath and Feltwell attended the Tree Lighting ceremony and Winter Reception at RAF Lakenheath on 2 December. During the event, the Councillors enjoyed some entertainment and refreshments and also had the opportunity to engage directly with the 48 Fighter Wing Commander, the Vice Commander, the Chief Master Sergeant, the Operations Group Commander and the RAF Commander.

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 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.

48th Fighter Wing has been shortlisted for the Commander in Chief Installation Excellence

Award for 2021/22. The Award Evaluation Team are visiting RAF Lakenheath this week to conduct their review/inspection.

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 planning to start flying later in the day and continue flying later into the evening throughout January 2023.

b. Norfolk County Council & Borough WNKL Council, Cllr Martin Storey

Cllr Storey discussed his meeting with NCC Highways Department and an update was emailed to the clerk. NCC budget is still not finalized as of the date of the meeting. Cllr Storey informed the PC that he did an informal survey of local opinion on a face-to-face surgery regarding available help during the current "cost of living crisis". The overall opinion was that those that needed it wouldn't attend. 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** - No report this month as it is all covered elsewhere in the agenda.
- d. **Clerk (APL)** -The Action Point Log was distributed and discussed. All questions answered.

120. Matters arising (for information only)

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

Cllr Oliver-White highlighted that fliers, signs and decorations from the Village Christmas events still needed to be taken down.

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

122. 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

123. To hear an update on the noise issues with Murfitt's Ind. – There was no new information to report.

Chairman Randall will request an update and report back at a future meeting.

124. To discuss community calendar. – The clerk and Cllr Sismey gave an update. Calendar trail run has gone well. Clerk and Cllr Sismey to update the PC at future meeting.

125. To receive an update on the Village Christmas Events. – Cllr Randall reported this year's Village Christmas had been a success and that it could become an annual event. All proceeds from the fee for renting a table at the Christmas Fair will be added to the ringfenced funds for future community events.

126. To discuss outstanding NCC Highways issues. – NCC Highways representative was unable to attend due to illness. The clerk to contact MR Moose and see if a daytime zoom or another eventing meeting would be possible.

127. To receive an update for the Tree Planting Initiative on the Lode Common. – Cllr Williams informed the PC that the trees are on order and she will update on the progress at February's meeting.

128. To receive update on area design surrounding TOMMY memorial. – Mr Smith informed the PC that everything is ready, and that the volunteers are just sorting out the date to start. The plaque can be added later. The council to agree revised wording at February's meeting as the 'Lest we forget' is already on the TOMMY.

129. To learn about the process of running a Village Magazine.

Mrs Laura Fothergill spoke on her time as editor of the Hockwold Village Magazine. She covered her experience on the topics of editing, producing, running and distributing the magazine in Hockwold Parish for over 16 years. Mrs Fothergill was kind enough to answer questions from the councillors in attendance. Councillor Morgan pointed out that digital exclusion was a major issue, especially in rural areas. It is a worry that people who need access to help aren't engaging in digital information. Cllr Williams suggested that we look in different areas to see what the options are. Both Cllr Williams and Cllr Morgan suggested a possible quarterly leaflet with essential information in it. Cllr Sismey suggested that canvassing the community in some way might give us an idea of who would want and use it. Cllr Williams added that it might be prudent to look into what we want to communicate and the channels to do it. It was proposed by Cllr Randall that we create a TFG (Task and Finish Group) to gather ideas and how to move forward. Seconded by Cllr Morgan. Agreed by all present. Members of Village Magazine TFG are Cllr Morgan, Cllr Oliver-White and Cllr Williams.

130. To discuss possible celebrations for the King's Coronation. – Information on the Kings Coronation distributed previously. Cllr Randall proposed that any events happen 7th May. Seconded by Cllr Sismey. Agreed by all present. To be added to February's agenda.

131. To confirm date for APA 2023 and discuss agenda. – Cllr Randall explained the timeframe and busy schedule of the Spring and she proposed the APA be held in place of March's ordinary meeting. Seconded by Cllr Morgan. Agreed by all present. The chairman is to send out invitations to local groups and encouraged the council to spread the word. Although few residents have attended, attendance has grown each year. The suggestion of providing leaflets and more local information was discussed. Cllr Oliver-White suggested inviting someone from RAF base Lakenheath. Both councillors were tasked with making the appropriate enquiries. The APA to be added to February's agenda.

132. To discuss the Invitation from Liz Truss – Information on the MP's invitation was distributed previously. It was proposed to have the clerk invite Ms Truss to attend a future meeting and include the relevant dates.

133. To discuss possible training from Open Spaces Society. – Information on the dates and prices for both singular attendance and group training was distributed previously. The cost of £800 for group training was thought to be too high. Cllr Morgan volunteered to attend. The clerk to email Open Spaces to see if any dates that don't include a Wednesday are available.

134. Finance

- a. **To agree payment of December's invoices** - Proposed to approve BOA by Cllr Sullivan. Seconded by
- b. **To agree payment of January's invoices** - Proposed to approve BOA by Cllr Oliver-White. Seconded by Cllr Williams. Agreed by all present.

135. Items for the next agenda.

136. To confirm date and time of the Parish Council Meeting 14th February 2023 starting at 7:30 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.