

HOCKWOLD-CUM-WILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Main Street, Hockwold
on Tuesday 13th June 2023 at 7.30pm

Councillors of Hockwold cum Wilton Parish Council

Present: Cllr Randall, Cllr Royal, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Johns, Cllr Sismey, Cllr Williams, Cllr Green

Parish Clerk Ms. Hilary Cox

Two members of the public

15 minute open forum

NONE

Members of the 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

198. **To receive and approve apologies for absence.** Apologies received from Cllr Sullivan.

199. **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.

200. **To approve minutes of the Council meeting held 9th May 2023.** Proposed to approve by Cllr Morgan. Seconded by Cllr Royal. RESOLVED.

201. **Election of Parish Council Vice Chair.** Cllr Johns and Cllr Royal were nominated for Vice Chairman. A vote was taken. Cllr Johns was elected to the office of Vice Chairman.

202. **Confirmation of Lode Advisory Committee Members (LAC).** The members of the LAC were confirmed. Cllr Morgan (Chairman), Cllr Johns and Cllr Sismey. Proposed by Cllr Randall. Seconded by Cllr Williams. Agreed by all in attendance.

203. Reports from:

- a. **RAF Lakenheath** – Apologies were given by Squadron Leader Geary. A written report was shared in his stead. The report was shared with the council.

Lots of bank holidays throughout May 23 which disrupted the flying program.

- UK Bank Holidays
- Coronation weekend
- USAFE Family Day and Memorial Day

However, in addition to routine currency and competency training sorties, 48FW aircraft deployed on Ex Arctic Challenge (Finland and Norway).

RAF Commander, 48MDG/CC and Honour Guard attended the funeral of Peter Cowper, former RAF Commander at RAF Lakenheath, on 4 May 23 at Hockwold Church.

USVF hosted the UK Armed Forces Flag Football Team at RAF Lakenheath on 12 May 23. 3 matches layed. USVF won 2-1.

RAF Commander attended the Lakenheath Men's Shed Breakfast on 20 May 23. Briefed attendees on role of RAF Commander.

Protest at Gate 1 on 20 May 23 proceeded without incident.

48FW/CC and RAF Commander attended Memorial Day Event at Cambridge American Cemetery on 29 May 23.

USVF Footprint at Suffolk Show 31 May/1 Jun 23

- Over 100 USVF personnel each day
- Capability demonstrations including Security Forces, Fire, Flying Squadrons, Maintenance, EOD and Medical

Plans being drawn up for the Royal Norfolk Show and Change of Commands over the Summer months, including the Vice Commander, Maintenance Group Commander, and the Medical Group Commander.

Finally, I have a cheque for £453.54 to present to the Parish Council. The money belonged to the RAF Lakenheath British American Committee, which no longer exists. Before the committee disbanded, the members agreed to gift the remaining funds to the local Parish Councils to be used to further integrate

the USVF community with the local communities surrounding the Station.

- b. **Norfolk County Council & Borough WNKL Council, Cllr Martin Storey** - Exciting news in the Borough of Kings Lynn as they have won the bid for the new Queens Elizabeth Hospital. All parties are working diligently to get it going and completed by 2030. Works on site have already begun. Also in the Borough is a new political majority set up. With 18 Independent and 7 Labour joining together. Cllr Storey has been elected to continue as a member of the planning committee. Norfolk County Council has a new leader.. 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 as covered elsewhere in the agenda.
- d. **Clerk (APL)** - The Action Point Log was distributed and discussed. All questions answered.

204. Matters arising (for information only)

- a. To report progress on matters arising from previous minutes (not elsewhere on agenda)
Cllr Randall updated the council on the Speedwatch initiative. All the volunteer's applications have been approved. The next step is to set up a date to meet.

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

206. 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. **23/00726/LB | Application for listed building consent for single storey side and rear extensions | Annexe At White Dyke Farm Black Dyke Road Hockwold cum Wilton Norfolk**
NO COMMENTS
- ii. **23/00869/LDP | Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed single storey side extensions | Annexe At White Dyke Farm Black Dyke Road Hockwold cum Wilton Norfolk**
NO COMMENTS
- iii. **23/00546/FM | Proposed conversion of land into grassland and fen, installation of water control structures; including drop board sluices, earth dams and new ditches. Removal and modification to existing ditches. | Land On Cowles Drove Hockwold cum Wilton Norfolk**
Proposed to Approve by Cllr Randall. Seconded by Cllr Morgan. Approved by all present.

- iv. **3/00616/F | Create new vehicular access by extending existing culvert (see photograph A) using Norse Highways. Plan shows where access is required. Photographs B and C show site entrance to existing property (2 Nursery Lane). | Nursery Cottage 2 Nursery Lane Hockwold cum Wilton Norfolk IP26 4ND**
NO COMMENTS

207. **To consider the Quiet Lanes initiative.** Information was shared with the councillors previously. Cllr Williams explained the initiative. The council discussed how it would apply to the parish. Cllr Williams will contact other parishes that have implemented Quiet Lanes and see how they implemented it, how they approached a public consultation, and the outcomes so far. Cllr Williams will report back to the council at July's meeting.
208. **To consider NaLC Gov.uk email pilot scheme.** The clerk went over the pilot scheme offered by NaLC and the difficulties in the direct applications with GOV. UK. It was proposed to submit interests by Cllr Johns. Seconded by Cllr Morgan. Agreed by all present.
209. **To discuss the plan for the newly repaired SAM2 sign.** The mandatory schedule and needs for moving position were discussed. Clerk was tasked with contacting Les Fenn to ask if he could take on the moving of the sign.
210. **To consider a speed survey of Station Road.** Cllr Randall explained the speed survey, its cost of approximately £5000.00, the possible public consultation and Mr. Moorose of NCC Highways suggestion that we discuss discussing with Cllr Storey's Local Members Fund to pay for it.
211. **To discuss the Local Member Fund.** Cllr Storey explained that LMF comprises of £10,000 allocation per division. It has previously been spent on small local highways projects that need extra funds to complete. Spring is the usual time for allocation. Cllr Storey stated that he is aware of the long-standing issues on Station Road as it cuts through the village. He is available to work alongside the Parish Council to meet with RAF representatives, NCC Highways representatives to find solutions to the issues. The PC will collect two months data from the SAM2 sign on Station Road, and Clerk tasked with contacting Squadron Leader Geary to gather information on whom to speak with about RAF support in the issue. Proposed by Cllr Green. Seconded by Cllr Royal. Agreed by all present.
212. **To discuss location of King's Coronation commemorative bench.** Cllr Randall described the plans to use donated funds to place a commemorative bench in the village. Three locations were suggested, and the members asked if they had any additional suggestions. It was proposed to apply for license on the verge along the bend of Nursery Lane as it is a popular walking route. Proposed by Cllr Randall. Seconded by Cllr Sismey. Four in support. Proposal passed. Councillors are to visit the site to decide on the exact location. Once that is decided the clerk will apply for the street furniture license.
213. **To discuss proposal letter from Iceni Academy Hockwold.** Copy of the letter was distributed previously. Cllr Randall read out the letter. The following points were discussed.
- Ownership of the Playing Field and appropriate points of contact.
 - Village Hall trust and management structure.
 - Public access
 - Village parking
 - Green Spaces within the parish
 - Loss of community resources and responsibility to protect resources.

Clerk tasked with replying to Iceni Academy with the main reasons the PC would not support the proposal, the main issues from the above points and the appropriate contacts for both Playing Fields Association and Hockwold Village Hall.

214. To discuss the issues to raise with Liz Truss MP at our meeting. The PC discussed the main issues to discuss at the upcoming meeting with Liz Truss. Murfitt's Industries long standing noise issue, issues in an isolated rural community and accessing support. Cllr Morgan, Cllr Randall and Cllr Williams to meet to formulate key points and a document for the Murfitt's topic and Cllr Sismey and Cllr Royal for the Isolated community topic.

215. Finance

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

Hockwold cum Wilton Parish Council									
Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank						
18 Electricity Supply	22/05/2023		Current Account	Electricity Supply	NPOWER	L	199.25	9.96	209.21
19 Grants & Donations	13/06/2023		Current Account	GRANT	Hockwold Village Bowls Club	Z	500.00		500.00
21 Lighting Maintenance	13/06/2023		Current Account	Street Lighting Maintenance	K & M Lighting Services	S	82.56	16.51	99.07
23 Insurance	13/06/2023		Current Account	Insurance Policy Renewal	Zurich Municipal	Z	970.94		970.94
24 Payroll Services	13/06/2023		Current Account	Payroll for quarter ended 30 Ap	Wheeler's Chartered Accountants	S	60.00	12.00	72.00
20 Grants & Donations	13/06/2023		Current Account	GRANT	Hockwold Parochial Church C	Z	500.00		500.00
28 Broadband & Phone	13/06/2023		Current Account	Office phone and internet	Hilary Cox	Z	26.00		26.00
27 Staff Costs	13/06/2023		Current Account	Wages	Hilary Cox	Z	710.50		710.50
26 Fees & Subscriptions	13/06/2023		Current Account	Reimbursement for zoom video	Hilary Cox	Z	15.59		15.59
PAYMENTS LIST									
			Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
29 Bus Shelter & Gateways	13/06/2023		Current Account						

216. Items for the next agenda

- TFG's and other PC groups
- Village Christmas
- Village Green Bin is not being emptied and dog waste is being placed in it.

217. To confirm date and times of the Parish Council Meeting on 18th July 2023 starting at 7.30.
Meeting takes 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.