

# **HOCKWOLD-CUM-WILTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Main Street, Hockwold  
on Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7.30pm

## **Councillors of Hockwold cum Wilton Parish Council**

**Present:** Cllr Randall, Cllr Royal, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Sullivan, Cllr Sismey, Cllr Williams

Parish Clerk Ms Hilary Cox

Three members of the public

## **15 minute open forum**

NONE

**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**

Chairman Randall welcomed Paul Royal as our newly elected councillor.

**185. To receive and approve apologies for absence.** Apologies received from Cllr Johns

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

Cllr Randall declared an interest in item 195. g. and Cllr Sismey declared an interest in item 195.f.

**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.**

**187. To approve minutes of the Council meeting held 11th April 2023** Proposed to approve by Cllr Morgan. Seconded by Cllr Williams. RESOLVED.

**a. To approve minutes of the Council EXORD meeting held 28th March 2023** Proposed to approve by Cllr Sismey. Seconded by Cllr Randall. RESOLVED.

**188. Reports from:**

**a. RAF Lakenheath** NO REPORT

**b. Norfolk County Council & Borough WNKL Council, Cllr Martin Storey** Cllr Storey reported that new chair was elected to the NCC Council. The PC asked for more information on the Local Members Fund, and how its allotted. Cllr Storey explained the fund. 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 all items were covered in the agenda.

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

**189. Matters arising (for information only)**

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

Reports were given on the following:

- The Community Speedwatch now has ten volunteers as well as an admin volunteer.
- The enquiry into regulations on width restrictions found that all roads with restrictions will be sign posted.
- The SAM2 sign is repaired and will be in June's agenda.

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

**191. 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. **23/00728/PAGPD | Single storey rear extension which extends beyond the rear wall by 6.96m with a maximum height of 3.71m and a height of 2.85m to the eaves | Annexe At White Dyke Farm Black Dyke Road Hockwold cum Wilton Norfolk NO COMMENT**

ii. **22/00860/FM | Demolition of existing buildings and construction of new buildings in connection with pig finishing provision and other associated works. | Feltwell Farm Lodge Road Feltwell Thetford Norfolk IP26 4DU**

It was proposed by Cllr Morgan. Seconded by Cllr Willimas to submit objection based on the following. Agreed by all present.

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The traffic from this plan will have a negative effect on Hockwold cum Wilton residents, specifically noise disturbance, air quality, odour (vehicle exhaust).

There is not sufficient information provided on the amount of water used in cleaning of waste and holding areas, or how it's to be disposed of. The smell from a facility this large would be substantial. Where and how the slurry will be disposed of was not detailed, as well as, the plan for controlling what will be a huge amount of pest and insects.

This plan is not a rural development, it is an industrial development.

iii. **22/00866/FM | Demolition of existing poultry sheds, construction of 20 new poultry sheds, 4 workers dwellings and associated infrastructure. | Airfield / Methwold Farm Brandon Road Methwold Norfolk IP26 4RJ**

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**192. To consider the Woodland Creation Project Consultation.** The PC discussed that plan. There were no objections, but asked for assurances that it will not be used for storage or industrial activities.

**193. To hear update on the Community Resources Leaflet.** Additions to the information will be sent to the clerk by Cllr Sismey. Information to be separated into boxes to make it easier to read. Next step for clerk, Cllr Randall and Cllr Johns to meet and discuss printing.

**194. To consider the co-option of Parish Councillors.**

Mrs Smith's and Mr Green's letters of interest were read out. The PC had a chance to ask questions. The chairman took a vote to co-opt Mr Green as a Parish Councillor for Hockwold cum Wilton Parish Council. The vote was unanimous in favour. The chairman took a vote to co-opt Mrs Smith as a Parish Councillor for Hockwold cum Wilton Parish Council. The vote was unanimous. Mr Green and Mrs Smith were welcomed to the PC. The clerk had both sign the necessary paperwork.

**195. Finance**

- a. **To agree payment of March's invoices-** Proposed to approve BOA by Cllr Sismey. Seconded by Cllr Morgan. Agreed by all.
- b. **To agree payment of April's invoices-** Proposed to approve BOA by Cllr Williams. Seconded by Cllr Randall. Agreed by all.
- c. **To agree payment of May's invoices-** Proposed to approve BOA by Cllr Williams. Seconded by Cllr Randall. Agreed by all.
- d. **To approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2022-2023 AGAR.-** Proposed to approve by Cllr Randall. Seconded by Cllr Morgan. Agreed.
- e. **To approve the Accounting Statement for 2022-2023 AGAR.-** Proposed to approve by Cllr Sullivan. Seconded by Cllr Randall. Agreed.
- f. **To review accounts from United Charities.** Accounts were reviewed. No questions or comments.
- g. **To consider grant applications for 2023 and review accounts from previous year.**  
g.1 Hockwold Bowls Club – Proposed £500.00 grant by Cllr Sismey. Seconded by Cllr Morgan. Agreed by all present.

g.2 St James Church Yard – Proposed £500.00 grant by Cllr Sismey. Seconded by Cllr Sullivan. Agreed by all present.

**h. To consider a donation to help with the cost of St James' Church Clock repairs.** Proposed one time donation of £500.00 towards the repair on the clock. Proposed by Cllr Sismey. Seconded by Cllr Royal. Proposal passed. 5 in support. 1 opposed.

**196. Items for the next agenda**

- Quiet Lanes
- Village Publication
- SAM2 Sign
- Community Resources Booklet
- Local Member Fund
- Speed Survey
- Iceni Academy Letter

**197. To confirm date and times of the Parish Council Meeting on 12th June 2023 starting at 7.30.**  
**Meetings takes place in Hockwold Village Hall, Main Street IP264LW.**

Correction: The Meeting is the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

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.