

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

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Main Street, Hockwold  
on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.30pm

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

**Present:** Cllr Randall, Cllr Newman, Cllr Sismey, Cllr Royal, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Green, Cllr Williams

Hilary R Cox, Clerk

Two members of the public

## **15 minute open forum**

Sue Annear spoke on behalf of the St James Church on the topic of the fundraising to repair the church clock. She thanked the council for the previous donations and asked if the council would consider additional funding for the project. The council to consider this at June 2024 ordinary meeting.

**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**

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

**387. 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.

**388. To approve minutes of the Council meeting held 09th April 2024** Proposed to approve minutes by Cllr Newman. Seconded by Cllr Morgan. RESOLVED.

**389. Reports from:**

- a. **RAF Lakenheath - NONE**
- b. **Norfolk County Council & Borough WNKL Council, Cllr Martin Storey - NONE**
- c. **Chairman - NONE**
- d. **Clerk (APL) - The action point log was distributed and discussed. All queries answered.**

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

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

- The recent email SCAMs were discussed and ways to double check were explained.
- Longstanding issues with misuse of dog waste bins what highlighted.
- The council heard an update on the Falls Project from Cllr Royal. The council will hear a further update after the project's June meeting.

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

**392. Planning Matters**

- a. **To receive results & updates of outstanding applications** READ OUT
  - i. **24/00309/LB | Application for listed building consent for the construction of new front boundary wall, following demolition of existing wall | Gainsborough House 42 South Street Hockwold cum Wilton Thetford Norfolk IP26 4JG -Application Permitted**
- b. **To receive new planning applications relevant to the village and make comment**
  - i. **NONE**

**393. To discuss community calendars** – Update given. The way the initiative is to move forward to be considered at a future meeting.

**394. To receive feedback from LAC meeting and discuss if necessary** – Proposed maintenance changes:

- Wide grass verge that is mainly Rye grass to be cut and planted with locally collected wild flower seed
- Hedge on the border of northern property line to be thickened up with like vegetation/hedge plants

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- Change any fruit tree planning plans to now include local vegetation and plants, rather than fruit trees.

Proposed by Cllr Randall. Seconded by Cllr Sismey. Agreed by all present.

**395. To discuss the final arrangements for D-DAY80 celebrations** – Update given by Cllr Randall. The final draft of the flyer distributed.

**396. Finance**

- To agree payment of May's invoices** Proposed to approve BOA by Cllr Williams. Seconded by Cllr Royal. Agreed by all present.
- To approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2023-2024 AGAR.** Proposed to approve by Cllr Randall. Seconded by Cllr Royal. Agreed.
- To approve the Accounting Statement for 2023-2024 AGAR.** Proposed to approve by Cllr Sismey. Seconded by Cllr Morgan. Agreed.
- To review accounts from United Charities.** Accounts distributed and reviewed. No query.
- To consider grant applications for 2024 and review accounts from previous year.**

Grants considered and the following grants amounts awarded.

- St. James Churchyard £700.00
- Village Hall £396.00
- Friends of St Peter's Church £162.00

All grants proposed to approve by Cllr Williams. Seconded by Cllr Newman. Agreed by all present.

**397. Items for the next agenda**

- To decide new member of HRAC
- To consider additional donation for the repair of St James church clock repair fund
- To hear the final outcome of the NPLAW advice and discuss

**398. To confirm date and times of the next Parish Council Meeting on 11th June 2024 starting at 7.30. Meetings take place in Hockwold Village Hall, Main Street IP264LW**

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