

MINUTES OF THE HINDERCLAY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

13th May 2021

Virtual Meeting

19:00 – 19:45

Present – Cllrs David Emerton, Michael Bishop, Paul Rose, Lindsey Aves, Brian Brinkley

1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies accepted from John Davie-Thornhill and Karen Calton.

2. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (9th May 2019)

The minutes were approved by all in favour subject to removing the word 'Council' from the heading.

3. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - MS J FLEMING

Councillor Fleming provided a written report on how the people of Suffolk and the Council has adapted through the pandemic, the functioning of key Council services such as schools and social care, the Carbon Net Zero 2030 initiatives, the new archive facility known as 'The Hold' and recycling centres.

4. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - MS J FLEMING

Councillor Fleming provided a written update on how the Council has adapted through the pandemic, the financial support available during the pandemic, the progress of the new Joint Local Plan, major planning applications, climate and biodiversity initiatives, the spending of funds raised by the Community Infrastructure Levy and the resumption of traditional Council meetings.

5. ANNUAL REPORTS

a) VILLAGE HALL

Patrick Aves provided a copy of the Chairman's report for the Village Hall. The report noted the recent renovation of the bar area and entrance hall, the success of the Burns Night Supper, the closure of the hall due to the pandemic, the maintenance of the recreation field, the renovation of the stage and kitchen hatch as well as the resumption of activities at the Village Hall.

b) FENS / CHARITY

Reg Langston provided a written report on the Hinderclay Fen noting the increase in walkers due to the pandemic, reduced dog fouling, dog control, scrub removal, the management of ash dieback, the restoration of Carr Meadow and the resumption of events at the end of the pandemic. Reg also provided a written update on the finances of the Fen Charity.

c) PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Kate Rose provided a written report for St Mary's Church. It noted the impact of the pandemic on church activities, the remembrance day service, the pausing of the installation of the church toilet, finances, repairs to the chancel ceiling, other events, churchyard maintenance and the mission of the church.

d) TREE WARDEN

Karen Calton provided a written report noting the new trees and hedging that have been planted in the Parish, the enquiries that have been made to identify sources of free trees and hedging to plant on private land as well as the planned tree planting to mark the end of the pandemic.

e) FOOTPATH WARDEN

Shirley Bishop provided a written update on Hinderclay's public rights of way.

Shirley's resignation from the position of footpath warden was noted and she was publically thanked for all the work she has done over the years in the

footpath and tree warden roles.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

Matthew Larkin presented the 2020-21 financial report for Hinderclay Parish Council. A surplus of £2,069 was reported primarily due to lower levels of expenditure.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

David Emerton delivered the Chairman's report which noted the difficulties the Council had experienced from virtual meetings, the improved internal audit report on the Council's operations, the sound finances of the Council, the maintenance of the Village Green, the retirement of the Footpath Warden, the condition of the Village's signs, the donations from the local airfield and the discussions to take place in September regarding the future plans of the Parish Council.

8. PARISH MATTERS

None received.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12th of May 2022