

**HINDERCLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON
THURSDAY 10th March 2016**

Present Mrs L Aves, M Bishop, A Hainsworth, R Langston, Mr L Aves, Mr J Davie – Thornhill and Mr P Rose

1. Apologies – None
2. Declaration of Interest on any item – Cllr Mrs L. Aves and Cllr M. Bishop declared an interest in agenda item no 8.
3. January 2016 Parish Council meeting minutes have been signed and confirmed as being a true record.
4. Reports –
 - i. County Councillor – Cllr Fleming did not attend.
 - ii. District Councillor – Cllr D. Osborne was able to attend his first Parish Council meeting at Hinderclay. Cllr Osborne was able to report that there has been an increase in housing tax. He then gave the meeting information on PCSO's, saying that they would no longer be able to attend Parish Council meetings. Cllr Osborne was able to answer the Chairs question on planning, wanting to know the current state of play. Planning officers will be seeking to attend Parish Council meetings in the hope to source available land for 500 houses. This should happen within the next few months.
 - iii. Police – Nothing to report from the website. Clerk will continue to check the website for any crimes in the area.
Action – Clerk to delete this item from future agendas.
 - iv. Fen and Fen Charity – Nothing to report.
 - v. Trees – Nothing to report.
 - vi. Gressingham Foods – The new lagoon has shown no leaks and they hope to re-use the old lagoon once that has been clay lined as well. The solar panels application has been rejected but they have planning permission to re build a house on the site of the burned down farmhouse. It is thought that the flooding at Crackthorn Junction is the result of a collapsed drain and is therefore another Highways issue.
 - vii. Footpaths – The post at no 7 footpath has been replaced. Cowfen Lane will hopefully be cut shortly.
 - viii. Chairs update – Nothing to report.

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Mr Hollingsworth Srn had a few matters to bring to the attention of the council. He was concerned by the amount of dog mess on the pavements and the state of the pavement near the crossroads and Garden House. He also mentioned that the grass verge near his house and the village green had both been damaged by vehicles driving over it.

5. Planning Application – Nothing to report.
6. Cheques issued and signed by Cllrs Mr A Hainsworth and J. Davie - Thornhill
 - a. 332
 - i. 100664– Salary £236.25
 - ii. 100665 – Salary £80.00
7. Correspondence received – Gordon Lawrence who runs the community bus has been told that the bus can continue its service. The running costs of the bus will need to be sourced from donations, it is hoped that local parish councils will give a donation to keep the bus running.
8. Donations – Cllr Langston has looked into the donation requests from the village hall committee and St Mary’s PCC to determine if larger donations would be possible under different sections to what has been previously used. There was also a donation request from Rev Messer to support his bike ride from France to Spain. Firstly the Parish Council wished to discuss the clerk’s salary and if a pay rise was due. All Cllrs voted to increase the clerks salary to £10.261 an hour. Secondly the Cllrs voted in favour of Cllr Langston’s proposal to give donations to the village hall committee and St Mary’s PCC but not to donate to Rev Messer.

Action – Clerk to confirm that the sections suggested are suitable for the donation request in Cllr Langstons proposal.

Action – Clerk to write a letter to Rev Messer saying that the Parish Council agreed not to donate money from their funds but that individuals would be able and willing to support his bike ride.
9. Date of next meeting – 12th May 2016

Action – Clerk to provide refreshments for annual meeting in May.
10. Matters to be brought to the attention of the council – Cllr Hainsworth informed the council that he had information after attending a SALC meeting on PSCO’s. There will be a report from the police at the annual meeting this may be given in person or sent by email.

Action – Clerk to let the PSCO know when the annual meeting is in May.

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Meeting closed at 8.45pm

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