

## HINDERCLAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016

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

1. Apologies – Cllrs Mr L. Aves and County Councillor J Fleming.
2. Declaration of Interest on any item – Cllrs Mrs L Aves and M Bishop declared an interest on item 8.
3. July 2016 Parish Council meeting minutes have been signed and confirmed as being a true record.

#### 4. Reports

- i. County Councillor – Jessica Fleming sent a report in her absence. Cllr Fleming has given details of the next Police and Crime Meetings. They will be held in Stowmarket on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at Cedars Hotel at 6.30pm and in Eye on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September at Eye Community Centre at 6.30pm. These meetings are open to the public and are a good way to meet the Police Commissioner and find out about local policing matters. Network Rail level crossing strategy meetings are to take place in Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds and Bacton. For more information see: <http://www.networkrail.co.uk/anglialevelcrossings/>

Councillor Fleming also reported on Strategic Planning – The District will commence a Strategic Housing Market Assessment in October. All Parish Councils should consider its future housing and provide this information to Mid Suffolk District strategic planning officers. The District will need to prepare the draft local plan by February 2017.

<http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-development-framework/new-babergh-and-mid-suffolk-joint-local-plan-document/>

The Council County is expected to vote on the current proposal for Devolution as a draft order on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Government has stated that if any of the local authorities currently included in the package vote against the draft order then the entire proposal may be withdrawn.

Action – Clerk to put report in the notice board. Clerk to email Cllr Fleming re potholes and lack of action taken.

- ii. District Councillor – Derek Osborne reported that the Post Office in Botesdale has closed down and says that there are buses to and from Stanton and Wortham, so that locals may use the Post Offices there.  
There has been a complaint to Cllr Osborne regarding the runway and hanger in the village. Mr Slater has been asked to contact the planning department to determine if planning permission is required for the hanger.
- iii. Fen and Fen Charity – Nothing report
- iv. Trees – The plaque for the Jubilee oak tree has arrived and Mr Spooner has been asked to put it up on the Village Green.
- v. Gressingham Foods – There is a meeting next week. The bridge has been completed.
- vi. Footpaths – Foxes Lane the hedge is overgrown. Cowfen Lane has been cut by residents.
- vii. Chairmans Update – Nothing to report.

5. No planning applications.

6. Cheques issued and signed by Cllrs Mr A Hainsworth and Mr J Davie-Thornhill

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- i. 100673 – Salary £80.00
- ii. 100674 – Salary £285.45
- iii. 100675 – SALC Audit £148.00
- iv. 100676 – SALC P & P £8.70
- v. 100677 – Subs £12.00
- vi. 100678 – Hinderclay VH £2,600.00
- vii. 100679 – St Mary’s Churchyard £450.00

7. Correspondence received – Cllr Hainsworth has received correspondence from One Suffolk with regards changes to the website and how it is funded. CAS has now taken over the website and wants to start charging from the 1<sup>st</sup> November. As part of the Transparency code a website is necessary to show minutes, finance and agendas, however if the Parish Council choose to keep the current website there will be a £50 charge per year. All Councillors voted in favour to keep the current website and pay the fee.

8. Donation Review – The PCC has informed the Parish Council that there is now a huge cost to cut the churchyard. The money they received by the Parish Council of £150.00 is not

enough to cover the annual costs. The PCC are asking the Parish Council to increase the amount given under Section 214. The Parish Council voted in favour to give the amount of £450 towards the Churchyard maintenance.

The Chair also wished to bring to the Parish Councils attention information that the Village Hall Committee have a shortfall of £2,600.00 towards the refurbishment of the hall toilets. The total amount secured in funding is over £13,000.00. The chair asked the Parish Council to vote on whether they agreed to donate the shortfall of £2,600.00 so that work may commence. All voted in favour. The Parish Council also agreed to donate the same amount of £2,600.00 to the PCC as and when they were in a position to build their public toilet.

9. Date of next meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016
  
10. Matters to be brought to the attention of the council – There is concern about the amount of dog fouling down Cowfen Lane, speeding on the Rickinghall road and signs in and around the village being obscured.  
**Action – Clerk to contact Highways regarding obscured signs.**

Meeting closed at 8.30pm