

**HINDERCLAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON  
THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

Present Cllrs Mrs L Aves, M Bishop, A Hainsworth, P Rose and Mr L Aves.

1. Apologies – Cllrs J Davie – Thornhill and R Langston.
2. Declaration of Interest on any item – Cllr Mr L Aves declared an interest in item 9.
3. November 2016 Parish Council meeting minutes have been signed and confirmed as being a true record.
4. Reports
  - i. County Councillor – New Sizewell power station, there will be a joint response from Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Coastal. There is a lot of work to be done before any work on the power station begins.  
Devolution – Norfolk and Suffolk will not be going ahead with a devolved regional government whereas Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are electing a Mayor soon.  
Highways – A few potholes have been filled in in the village but there are still many more. There is a new person in charge of Highways, if the problem of drainage and potholes has not been rectified then Hinderclay Parish Council can ask for a meeting to show their issues.  
Parish Plan - Rickingham and Botesdale are having a meeting regarding their neighbourhood plan. They are asking locals who use facilities to go to the meeting and represent the needs of the village.
  - ii. District Councillor – No report.
  - iii. Fen and Fen Charity – No report.
  - iv. Trees – No report.
  - v. Gressingham Foods – No report.
  - vi. Footpaths – Nothing to report.
  - vii. Chairmans Update – No report.
5. No planning applications.
6. Cheques issued and signed by Cllrs Mr A Hainsworth and Mrs L Aves.
  - a. 332
    - i. 100680 – Salary £90.00
    - ii. 100685 – Salary £349.25

7. Correspondence received – The Village Hall Committee have written asking for a grant towards maintenance and cutting of the recreation ground.  
**Action – Clerk to include donations to the Village hall on the March agenda.**
8. Precept – The Parish Council voted in favour of keeping the precept at £4,500.00
9. Bells Lane Meadow Plot Questionnaire – A draft questionnaire has been circulated amongst the Parish Councillors and many questions and changes have been suggested. The company who designed the questionnaire wanted feedback from the Parish Council and their support in distributing it. Cllr Rose showed a concern about the questionnaire being bias and how it would look if it was sent from the Parish Council. The Chair agreed that the Parish Council had to remain impartial and it was decided that the Parish Council would not be involved in the questionnaire, distribution or collection. Cllr Mr L Aves said that he was happy to ask the company to make amendments to the questionnaire and for them to organise their collection.
10. Defibrillator – The Parish Council agreed that a defibrillator would be an asset to the village, and suggested possible funding options. A possible location for the defibrillator was the village hall instead of the BT box as many functions take place there.  
**Action – Clerk to investigate funding.**

#### Public Forum

Mr Ireland informed the Parish Council about training Councillors can receive to learn how to fill in potholes. There were many questions about the standard, liability, storage of equipment and who would undertake the training.

The clerk was asked to contact Highways and ask if the road could be swept on Chapel Lane.

11. Date of next meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
12. Matters to be brought to the attention of the council – The website needs to be updated by putting on current information about walks and footpaths.  
**Action – Clerk to see if she can get a digital format of footpaths to upload onto website.**

Meeting closed at 8.45pm