

HINDERCLAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 9th March 2017

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

1. Apologies – Cllr J Fleming.
2. Declaration of Interest on any item – Nothing declared.
3. January 2017 Parish Council meeting minutes have been signed and confirmed as being a true record.
4. Reports
 - i. County Councillor – Cllr Fleming sends her apologies as she has to attend a nuclear meeting.
 - ii. District Councillor – Cllr D Osborne informs the meeting that band D properties will see an increase of 5p a week.
The Post Office in Rickinghall has closed but there is talk about a mobile Post Office setting up at the village hall or Bell Pub in Rickinghall for 1 or 2 days a week.
Cllr Osborne – commented on the Council offices moving to Endeavour House in Ipswich in September. The main concern raised was that the new offices will be outside the area of Mid Suffolk and Babergh and there is no direct public transport there from Hinderclay. There will be a drop in centre at Stowmarket, manned full time from 8.30am-5pm 5 days a week.
 - iii. Fen and Fen Charity – No report. The close proximity of a bird flu outbreak has not affected the site remaining operational.
 - iv. Trees – No report.
 - v. Gressingham Foods – No report. Previous meeting has been cancelled due to bird flu outbreak.
 - vi. Footpaths – A few signs are missing but they have been reported.
 - vii. Chairman's Update – No report.

Public Forum
Nothing from the Public

5. No planning applications.

6. Cheques issued and signed by Cllrs Mr A Hainsworth and Mr J Davie - Thornhill.
 - a. 332
 - i. 100689 – Salary £80.00
 - ii. 100690 – Salary £278.26
 - iii. 100691 – Insurance £181.41
7. Correspondence received – Nothing received.
8. Donations – After a letter from the Village Hall committee asking for a donation to contribute to maintenance and grass cutting, the Parish Council voted to give a donation towards the Village Hall and PCC.
Action – Clerk to write cheques for next month's meeting.
9. Date of next meeting – 11th May 2017.
10. Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council - The Bells Lane Questionnaire will be distributed by post to villagers any day.

Defibrillator - clerk to look into funding from Fen Charity, British Heart Foundation and WI.

Villagers have not been able to catch a bus from Diss back to Hinderclay.

Action – Clerk to check bus timetable.

OS Maps for the village notice board.

Action – clerk to make further enquiries.

The clerk was asked to report potholes and fly tipping (near Wattisfield).

Meeting closed at 8.10pm