

**HINDERCLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON
THURSDAY 11th January 2018**

Present Mrs L Aves, M Bishop, A Hainsworth, Mr R Langston and Mr P Rose and 8 villagers.

1. Apologies – Cllr J Davie – Thornhill and Cllr Mr L Aves.
2. Declaration of Interest on any item – Nothing to declare.
3. November 2017 Parish Council meeting minutes have been signed and confirmed as being a true record.
4. Reports
 - i. County Councillor, Jessica Fleming – reported that the schools transportation consultation ends on February 28th. All Highway defects should be reported on the Suffolk Highways website <http://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk>
Business Rates Retention Pilot – Suffolk is one of 10 pilot areas in England to retain 100% of business rates from Council Tax.
There is a new leader for Babergh District Council – Cllr John Ward. It is likely that Babergh will hold a referendum on the Council’s future.
Power cuts – Check or report power loss on 0800 3163 105 or visit www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/powercut.
 - ii. District Councillor, Derek Osborne – Responded to comments made by a resident regarding a telephone consultation made at 8.30pm. The consultation is not done by the Council but is outsourced.
 - iii. Fen and Fen Charity - Nothing to report.
 - iv. Trees – Nothing to report.
 - v. Gressingham Foods – The lagoon is smelling badly again so they are looking at ways to resolve it. Crackthorn junction is flooded and mud is all over the road with damage to the gully and bank. Cllr Langston will push for a meeting but since Mr Petersen left reporting matters are not easy.
 - vi. Footpaths – Wet and muddy!
 - vii. Chairman’s Update – Nothing to report.
5. Planning Applications – Nothing to report.

Public Forum

Potholes have been reported in and around the village but to no avail. A villager was informed by someone at the council that there was no money until April to fix potholes. The potholes have to fulfil size criteria before they can be deemed big enough and then they will be repaired.

Roads in Hinderclay have not been cleaned for a long time and are in a terrible state with debris blocking gullies.

Action - Clerk to report - road cleaner.

Defibrillator – Clerk has been given a quote for a device from the East of England Air Ambulance of £1,640 plus VAT. After funding from Cllr Osborne and the locality budget the shortfall is £1,140 plus the cost of an electrician. Cllr Jessica Fleming (locality budget), Cllr R Langston (Fen Charity) and the Parish Council have all agreed to pay the remainder and asked the clerk to order the device.

Action - Clerk to order the defibrillator, kindly ask the Fen Charity, Cllr Fleming and the Parish Council for £400 each and speak to Mr Webb, electrician.

TVAS / SID device for speeding – Clerk had request forms for three more devices to be filled in at the meeting by the chair.

White lines on the crossroads are becoming difficult to see. This is dangerous for drivers as they are not stopping at the junction.

Action – Clerk to report.

A resident enquired about the 30mph stickers that some villages have on wheelie bins. Cllr Osborne agreed to look into how to obtain them.

6. Cheques issued and signed by Cllrs Mr A Hainsworth and Mrs L. Aves
 - a. 332
 - i. 100708 – Salary £90.00
 - ii. 100709 – Audit £66.00
 - iii. 100710 – Website £60.00
 - iv. 100711 – Salary £389.33

7. Correspondence received – Nothing to report.

8. Precept – All Cllrs voted to keep the precept the same as last year, £4,500.00. Two expenses arose for this year, a donation to the PCC for their outside toilet and a donation towards a defibrillator.

9. In the event of the Monarch's death – Suggestions have been asked as a mark of respect in the event of the Queens death i.e. a book of condolence. Any suggestions to Mrs Rose or Mrs L Aves.

10. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 8th March 2018.
11. Matters to be brought to the attention of the council – Keeping the website upto date.

Meeting closed 8.45pm