

**HINDERCLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON
THURSDAY 8th March 2018**

Present Mr J Davie – Thornhill, Mrs L Aves, Mr M Bishop, Mr A Hainsworth, Mr R Langston and Mr P Rose and 6 villagers.

1. Apologies – Cllr J Fleming and Cllr Mr L Aves.
2. Declaration of Interest on any item – Nothing to declare.
3. January 2018 Parish Council meeting minutes have been signed and confirmed as being a true record.
4. Reports
 - i. County Councillor, Jessica Fleming – Unable to attend meeting.
 - ii. District Councillor, Derek Osborne – Responded to more comments made by a Parish Councillor regarding the outsourced telephone consultation, a resident was called in the evening on her mobile. Cllr Osborne said that he would pass on the complaints regarding unsocial hours calling.
 - iii. Fen and Fen Charity – The Fen Trust has donated £400 towards the cost of the village defibrillator.
 - iv. Trees – Nothing to report.
 - v. Gressingham Foods – There has been a liaison meeting but now only between Hinderclay, Redgrave and Gressingham Foods. The mud at Crackthorn Junction has been cleared away but the drain is blocked. It has been suggested that Gressingham foods use the Highways website to report the fault. The smell at the lagoon has been resolved. Sheds will remain empty until a year has passed since the avian flu outbreak. There are still problems with lorries going through villages and down roads that aren't suitable for HGV's, Gessingham have said that they will try and sort the problem but it has been made worse due to road blocks and diversions.
 - vi. Footpaths – When the weather gets better it is hoped that landowners will do repair work to damaged footpaths. It was reported that a hedgerow belonging to J Davie – Thornhill has dead elm trees that need to be cleared away and replanted in the Autumn.
 - vii. Chairman's Update – Nothing to report.
5. Planning Applications – Redvers, Rickinghall Road has lodged an appeal against the decision to turn down their planning application.

Public Forum

Potholes in and around the village have been made worse due to the weather. Some have been repaired but many remain dangerous and one has damaged a tyre. One resident suggested the Parish Council adopt the Malaysian approach and pray to the pothole!

6. Cheques issued and signed by Cllrs Mr A Hainsworth and Mr J Davie - Thornhill
 - a. 332
 - i. 100712 – Salary £80.00
 - ii. 100713 – Salary £278.26

7. Correspondence received – Two letters have been received from Hinderclay Village Hall and St Mary’s PCC asking for donations towards ongoing maintenance.

Action – Clerk to put donations on the agenda for May meeting. Early accounts are needed for next Jan meeting to allow for yearly spending projection.

A letter was received from a resident asking why it took so long for the roads in and out of the village to be cleared of snow. The roads being blocked meant that people were unable to go to work and any emergency vehicles couldn’t get in either. The Parish Council responded saying that the village had not seen snow like that for 20 years or more and many farmers who would have been on the Councils payroll for clearing roads and gritting had slowly reduced over the years. The Parish Council wished to add their thanks to the farmers that helped clear the roads and pull many stranded vehicles out of the snow including David Thurrold, Glen, Chris and Mr Pratt. The Green route in the village had been gritted and many salt bins had been used but the amount of snow and lack of cars meant that they had little effect. An email had been received from a resident asking about the website, trees and the snow not being cleared. The chair and Vice chair reported that the website has had a change in server but all minutes and agendas are on there. Cllr J Davie Thornhill said that he would look into the trees on Rickinghall Road.

8. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 10th May 2018.
9. Matters to be brought to the attention of the council – The defibrillator has been purchased due to donations from the Fen Trust, Parish Council, District and County Councils. An electrician has now been contacted and it is hoped to have the device up and running shortly. The clerk asked about training for the defibrillator as there is a limit of 12 people. It was suggested that the Village Hall Committee and Parish Council be invited firstly and then at a later date invite anyone to come to the village hall to learn about how the device works from villagers who have been trained.

Cans and bottles have been left littering Rickinghall. It was asked if anyone had seen who had dropped them to no avail.

Standing Orders, the clerk was asked to look into historic standing orders from the previous clerk.

Action – Clerk to look into standing orders.

Clerk was asked to provide refreshments for after the Annual meeting in May.

Meeting closed 8.35pm