

MINUTES OF THE HINDERCLAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
22th July 2021
Hinderclay Village Hall
19:30 – 20:25

COMMITTEE MEMBERS		Attendance	Absent
David Emerton	Chairman	X	
Paul Rose	Vice-chairman	X	
Brian Brinkley	Councillor	X	
John Davie-Thornhill	Councillor		X
Karen Calton	Councillor	X	
Lindsey Aves	Councillor	X	
Michael Bishop	Councillor	X	
In attendance			
Matthew Larkin	Parish Clerk		

1. Apologies and approval of absences

The absence of John Davie-Thornhill was approved by all in favour.

2. To receive declarations of interest

None.

3. To consider requests for dispensations

None.

4. Public participation

None.

5. Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council

The need to discuss preparations for the Platinum Jubilee was stated. The Clerk will clarify what powers the Council can exercise to support the event.

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The Council was made aware of the community event organised by the Village Hall Committee. The Councillors agreed that they would attend the event on the 22nd of September.

It was noted that Hinderclay Airfield had donated £345 to the Parish Council following an event that had been held.

An email from the East of England Ambulance Service regarding registering the Council's defibrillator on the national database was discussed. The Council supported registering the defibrillator on the database.

An email from Mid Suffolk Council advertising the 'Welcome Back Fund' was discussed. The Council were keen to obtain more information about how the fund could support Hinderclay.

6. Review application for use of the Village Green

A risk assessment, submitted by Rowena Kerslake, for the erection of an A frame and bunting on the Village Green was reviewed and approved by all in favour.

7. Agree a process for addressing matters affecting the Village Green

The Council resolved by all in favour to not have a working group and discuss the matters affecting the Village Green in the meeting.

A discussion took place on the purpose of the Village Green whereby it was established that it serves as a public open space, the centre of the Parish, a park, a meeting place and its condition sets the agenda for the Parish. It was determined that the Village Green should be maintained in an attractive manner that can be used by people as appropriate.

A number of options to maintain and prevent damage to the Village Green were articulated. These included leaving it as it is, planting wild flowers, planting more trees, installing more benches, raising and realigning the kerb, planting a perimeter hedge, putting posts in the verge, fencing the verge and moving the telephone box onto the Green. The option to dig out the verge on the Village Green and backfill the excavation with hardcore was also noted.

The Council resolved by all in favour for the Clerk to contact Councillor Jessica Flemming to establish how and when the kerb could be moved. The Council then resolved by all in favour for David Emerton to bring a proposal for improvements to the Village Green to the next meeting.

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8. Determine the Parish Council's role in respect of footpath maintenance

The Council resolved by all in favour to stop taking any action in respect of footpath maintenance as the Council has no powers or duties to exercise over the footpaths.

The Council resolved by all in favour for the Clerk to invite Sam Trayton, the Rights of Way Officer at Suffolk County Council, to a public meeting to explain how the Village's footpaths can be protected from vandalism, maintained and improved.

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It was resolved by all in favour that Shirley Bishop should continue in the role of Footpath Warden.

9. Determine the format and agenda for the September Parish Meeting

The Council resolved by all in favour to lengthen the public participation section of the September meeting to discuss; accounts, powers & duties, questions, communication, working together, suggestions and provide a summary.

It was also resolved by all in favour for the Clerk to include the discussion of the Village Green proposal and the review of the Internal Audit Report on the September agenda. The Clerk is to circulate the draft agenda amongst the Councillors before it is published and provide the Councillors with a copy of the Internal Audit report.

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10. Finance:

a) Confirm banking arrangements

The Clerk confirmed that Lloyds are not currently accepting applications from organisations with existing bank accounts. However, when the Council is allowed to apply for an account the signatories must agree to a credit check being performed. The relevant Councillors agreed to the credit check.

11. Date of next meeting - 9th September 2021

David Emerton noted that he would arrange for 121 Computer Services, in Diss, to provide a quote for the Clerk's printer and laptop in advance of the September meeting.

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