

HINDERCLAY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THE VILLAGE HALL, HINDERCLAY
THURSDAY 11th JULY 2024 AT 7.30 PM
(Draft until approved and signed)

PRESENT:

Councillor Paul Rose (Chair) (PR)
Councillor Rob McGuire (Vice Chair) (RM)
Councillor Lindsey Aves (LA)
Councillor Michael Bishop (MB)
Councillor Jessica Holligan-Hollingsworth (JH)
Councillor Suzie Vincent (SV)

ABSENT

Councillor Andrew Goodall (AG)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nicholas Spring (Parish Clerk) (NS)
County Councillor Jessica Fleming (JF)

7 members of the public were present.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

1. Apologies for absence were received from AG
2. Members' declarations of interests & requests for dispensations
MB declared an interest in item 8b as a member of the VHMC. It was agreed that he could participate.
3. Public participation session
The PC agreed that it was happy for bunting and boards to be placed on the Village Green for the fete which would be taking place within six weeks.
4. To consider any matters relating to highways, pavements, footpaths and trees
The issue of dog fouling on the bridleway and other paths was raised and discussed. The Clerk would circulate a West Suffolk District Council action plan for consideration. The issue could also be raised in the village newsletter.
Water leaks in Chapel Lane had been repaired again.
5. Reports from the County and/or District Councillor
JF asked the PC to let her know as to which three or four road signs were a priority for repair/replacement. It was subsequently agreed that this would be dealt with by a working group made up of RM, JH and LA.

6. To approve as accurate the minutes of the meetings held on 13th June 2024 – the minutes were approved.
7. To consider the Parish Council's responses to any planning applications notified by Mid Suffolk District Council – none.
8. Finances
 - a. To receive the monthly Budget Report – received by the PC
 - b. To consider making a contribution to the Village Hall with respect to the cost of grass-cutting and hedge trimming 2023/24 – the PC agreed to make a grant of £542.50 to cover the costs.
 - c. To approve the Payments Schedule – approved by the PC
9. To receive an update on the purchase of a gov.uk domain and related gov.uk email addresses – The Clerk reported that hinderclayparishcouncil.gov.uk domain had been purchased.
10. To approve a letter to be sent to the National Grid's Norwich to Tilbury Pylons consultation commenting on the potential for harm to the environment and asking that alternative be presented for consultation

The PC agreed and an email was sent saying: *The Council is of the view that the Norwich to Tilbury pylons project may bring severe harm to the environment, communities, landscapes and heritage of East Anglia. Alternatives such as offshore grid and the undergrounding of cables, which could be done horizontally, have not been presented for consultation and in the opinion of the Council should be.*

11. To approve retrospectively a letter of support for the Village Hall's application to grant-funding agencies for funds for solar panels – agreed by the PC
12. Information updates from Councillors - none
13. To review any action points raised at previous meetings and not already considered

It was noted that AG had drawn up a rota for the inspection of physical assets which could be circulated.

The Council's Asset Register needed updating. PR & NS to liaise on this.

A contract for the cleaning of the bus shelter would be considered at the next meeting.

14. Date of the next meeting: Thursday 12th September 2024