

HINDERCLAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING THE VILLAGE HALL, HINDERCLAY THURSDAY 13th JUNE 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 Andrew Goodall (AG)

ABSENT

Councillor Jessica Holligan-Hollingsworth (JH)
Councillor Suzie Vincent (Vice Chair) (SV)

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1 member of the public was present.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

1. Apologies for absence were received from JH and SV.
2. Members' declarations of interests & requests for dispensations
LA declared an interest in item 5 and said he would not take part in any discussion.
3. The Council approved as accurate the minutes of the meetings held on: 11th January 2024, 22nd April 2024 and 9th May 2024
4. End of Year 2023/2024

Council reviewed the Internal Audit Report received from Per Pro Services and agreed to action the recommendations

Council reviewed and agreed its Internal Controls & Risk Assessment

Council approved the Annual Governance Statement

Council approved the Accounting Statements & Bank Reconciliation

Council approved the Explanation of Variances and the Statement on the Reserves

Council approved the Certificate of Exemption

The Chair & Clerk signed the Annual Governance Statement, and the Chair signed the Accounting Statements.

The Responsible Finance Officer set the commencement date for the exercise of public rights as starting on Monday 11th June and finishing on Friday 27th July 2024

The Certificate of Exemption was signed by the RFO and the Chair.

5. To consider any response to the Norwich to Tilbury pylon scheme

JF informed the meeting that the County Council favoured DC cabling, which could be installed horizontally unlike AC cabling which would need to be trenched, as an alternative to pylons.

It was agreed that the Clerk should draft a letter to the National Grid for consideration at the July meeting, the consultation deadline having been extended to 26th July.

6. To consider volunteer verge-cutting

It was agreed that this could be helpful. PR to liaise with the member of public who had volunteered.

7. To consider the maintenance of village assets

It was agreed that there should be a monthly check of assets such as the bus stop. AG would draw up a rota.

The Clerk would contact the District Council regarding the cleansing grant.

It was noted that the Asset Register needed to be updated.

8. To identify any road signs needing maintenance or replacements so that Highways can be informed.

JF had funds to replace circa four signs. It was agreed that which signs were the priority would be discussed at the July meeting. PR to look at costings for different styles if permissible.

9. Date of next meeting: Thursday 11th July 2024