

HINDERCLAY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THE VILLAGE HALL, HINDERCLAY
THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 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)
Councillor Jessica Holligan-Hollingsworth (JH)
Councillor Suzie Vincent (SV)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nicholas Spring (Parish Clerk) (NS)

NOT PRESENT:

County Councillor Jessica Fleming (JF)
District Councillor Gilly Morgan (GM)

4 members of the public were present.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

1. Apologies for absence were received from JF
2. Members' declarations of interests & requests for dispensations - none
3. Reports from the County and/or District Councillor

A report from JF had been circulated and was noted.

4. To consider any matters relating to highways, pavements, footpaths and trees not already considered, including village signs and dog fouling.

The following matters were discussed:

- Village Signs: JF & GM had each committed £3000 towards repairs to/replacement of directional road signs in the village. This should cover the cost of six signs. The Council noted that it had very limited reserves and so could not commit any of its funds at this stage. JH would liaise with Suffolk

Highways regarding next steps and also Highways' responsibility for mandatory signage e.g. 30-mile signs

- Highways had advised that works to renew the road markings in Bells Lane had now been ordered and are due to be completed by 28/11/24.
- Traffic to and from Gressingham Factory: PR to liaise with factory on the issue and report back.
- Vehicle Activated Speed Signs: It was noted that from time to time a Highways VAS was put on the pole on the way out of the village to Rickinghall. It was felt that what was needed were poles at the four points into the village. The Clerk would investigate options for this and also for the purchase of a VAS by the Parish Council.
- Dog fouling: The Bridleway was a particular issue. Clerk to produce laminated notices

5. Public participation session

The idea of Quiet Lanes was raised. When the idea had been previously raised, JF questioned the practicality.

6. The minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2024 were approved

7. Planning

To consider the Parish Council's responses to any planning application consultations, if any – none

It was agreed that the Clerk should draft a scheme of delegation to allow for planning applications to be considered between meetings.

8. Finances

- a. The Council received the monthly Budget Report
- c. The Council approved moving the Council's insurance to Zurich Municipal at an annual cost of £241 from 1st October.
- d. The Council considered a request from the Hinderclay Parochial Church Council for a grant towards grass cutting costs and agreed a grant of £600
- e. The Council considered the terms and conditions for a contract to clean the bus shelter. The Clerk to draw up a contract with proposed annual cost and circulate.
- f. The Council approved the Payments Schedule

9. Information updates from Councillors

MB reported that solar panels were due to be installed on the roof of the Village Hall.

AG reported that he had done some cutting back in Cowfen Lane (Path). The issue had also been reported by the Clerk to Highways and the Rights of Way Officer had instructed a contractor.

10. To review any action points raised at previous meetings and not already considered.

There was some discussion as to what to plant on Coronation Green. This would be on the agenda for the November meeting.

11. Date of next meeting: Thursday 14th November 2024