

Meeting Minutes of Horningtoft Parish Council
Wednesday 12th July at 19.30 held at St Edmunds Church

Parish Councillors present: Andrew Hill (Chairman), Pauline Chapman, Graham Drew, Tracey Hawke and Simon Hibbard

Also present: Donna Secker (Parish Clerk), 2 members of the public and County Councillor Kiddle-Morris.

1. To receive apologies for absence

All Council present

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2023

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting as a true record, and it was signed by the Chairman.

3. To receive updates from County and District Councillors

Please find the full report from County Councillor Kiddle-Morris on the website. National highways are in the process of reviewing the planning applications to make the A47 a dual-carriageway. The applications were overturned and this will go to appeal to the High Court. However, if this doesn't go to appeal the Tuddenham to Easton works will hopefully commence later this year.

Devolution debate is still going on and voting will not take place until December. The Local Plan will be looked at again in November and up to 2000 sites called will be reviewed. A consultation will last approx. 8 weeks and the aim is for this to be released in November 2024.

4. To report progress on items not on the agenda from the last meeting

5.1 Modification application for the addition of restricted byway

No current update, so this item will be removed from the agenda.

5. Open Forum for Public Participation

A parishioner raised concerns about Dodman's Lane after a long discussion it was established that this has been repaired many times but will need a complete rebuild. The Council currently doesn't have any plans or finances for this to happen immediately.

6. To report and update on highway matters

The Clerk had reported the block ditch opposite the holiday lets to highways as this was getting blocked after the corkscrew had been used for the gullies. Highways had acknowledged that the work had been carried out but the Council can't see any improvement. Highways also confirmed that the street signs have been cleaned, but the main signs are still dirty. The Clerk will report both items again. The speed restriction on the B1146 will be looked at in September from highways and the village sign is still waiting to be re-located.

7. To discuss the new contractor for the Churchyard grass cutting

The Council agreed to continue with the present monthly cuts up until September and a possible extra cut if needed in October. The Clerk will inform the contractor.

8. Planning applications

8.1 To receive planning applications from Breckland District

3PL/2023/0552/F-North Pole Farm- Change of use from agriculture to mixed use of agriculture and the use of land for the stationing of the temporary static caravan to be used as a residence for a max period of 24 months (retrospective). The council will be objecting to this planning application and submitting comments.

8.2 Update on application decisions taken by Breckland District

None received

9. Items to discuss or approve

9.1 An update from the PCC to the Council in obtaining a grant for the renovations to the Church

The PCC has drafted a questionnaire to distribute to every resident in the village asking if they would support extra facilities in the church and support the much-needed repairs. The questionnaire was circulated to the Council to read and the Council confirmed they fully support this questionnaire. The Council will be updated in September hopefully with the feedback from the questionnaires.

10. Finance

10.1 To approve the list of payments

The council approved the list of payments for July which can be found at the end of the minutes.

11. To receive items for the next meeting agenda on 13th September 2023

Clay Pitts and Feedback from the PCC

The meeting closed at 20:48

To pass a resolution (under the Public Admission to Meetings Act 1960) to exclude members of the public and press for the following confidential items:

12. To approve the Clerk's Contract

The Clerk's contract was approved and signed by the Chairman

Meeting closed at 20:52

Cheque number	Cheque payable to	Reason for Payment	Cheque amount
510	D.K.Secker	Salary	£130.27
511	HMRC	PAYE	£32.60
512	Cheque cancelled		
513	Keith Walpole	Grass Cutting	£100.00
514	Community Heartbeat	Defib	£162.00
	Total		£424.87