

Meeting Minutes of Horningtoft Parish Council
Wednesday 31st January 2024 at 7.30pm at St Edmunds Church, Horningtoft

Present: Parish Councillors: Andrew Hill (Chairman), Tracey Hawke (Vice-Chairperson), Graham Drew, Pauline Chapman and Simon Hibberd
Also, present: Donna Secker (Parish Clerk), 1 member of the public

Cllr Hill welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

1. To consider accepting apologies for absence

No apologies received.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 29th November 2023

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting as a true record, and it was signed by the Chairman. Cllr Chapman would like it noted that the discussion was that email address will not be changing until it is mandatory (item no 6).

3. To receive any brief updates from County and District Councillor

County Councillor Kiddle-Morris's full report can be found on the website. District Councillor Thurbon was absent from the meeting. County Cllr Kiddle-Morris reported that the budgets are not set yet as the Norfolk County Council are expecting some extra funding from the government on 8th February to help with the shortfall.

4. Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public

A parishioner reported that flooding is still occurring outside the Church, this is due to the manhole cover being higher than the road and therefore the water cannot drain away. The Clerk reported this after the meeting in November but will chase this up with highways again.

5. To report and update on highways

The Council are still requesting and urgently supporting with the backing of County Cllr Kiddle-Morris for the speed limit on the B1146 to be reduced. Cllr Drew reminded County Cllr Kiddle-Morris to chase up the moving of the village sign as this has now been over two years.

5.1 Flooding on the B1146

Due to the recent heavy rainfall, flooding occurred on the B1146 and nearby residents were again at risk of their homes flooding. Sandbags were needed for the residents to protect their properties, however, the speeding from vehicles driving through the flooded road caused extra problems for the residents as they had to also deal with this.

County Councillor Kiddle-Morris reported that the drainage on the highway system is only able to drain the highway water so any water coming from the fields and other sources the drainage can't cope. The maintenance budget within highways is for remedial work and will not cover replacing gullies and pipes etc.

Cllr Hill and Cllr Drew reported that the grips that were dug out last year didn't help the situation as the debris corkscrewed out was then dumped into the ditches which has now blocked the ditches. Cllr Drew reported this last year several times and would like it noted to highways again, Cllr Kiddle-Morris will pass this information on.

6. Applications

6.1 To receive planning applications from Breckland District

3PL/2023/1110/F- Old Owl Barn-Conversion of an existing detached outbuilding into an annexe. **Approved.**

6.2 To receive an update on applications decisions taken by Breckland District Council

7. Items to discuss and update

7.1 An update from the PCC regarding the repairs to the Church

The committee are now arranging a meeting to discuss the next stage.

7.2 To discuss the change of use of dwelling from domestic use to residential

This application has now been withdrawn due to the resident no longer living in the property

8. Finance

8.1 To approve the list of payments for January 2024

The Council approved the list of payments shown below

9. To receive items for the next meeting, Wednesday 13th March 2024.

Date for the annual Parish meeting, to approve the internal auditor.

Meeting finished at 20.21

Cheque number	Cheque payable to	Reason for Payment	Cheque amount
	D.K.Secker-Nov-Dec	Salary	£174.42
	Total		£174.42