

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORNINGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ST. EDMUNDS CHURCH ON MONDAY 13TH JULY 2020 AT 7.30PM.

Present; Councillor A Hill (Chair)
 Councillor T Hawke
 Councillor P Chapman
 Councillor G Drew

Four Parishioners

1 Apologies for absence.

Apologies has been received from councillor baker and these were accepted. Apologies had also been received and accepted from the County and District Councillors.

2 Declaration of Pecuniary interest

There were no DPI's

Minutes of the previous meeting.

Councillor Chapman proposed and Councillor Drew seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th March 2020 having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the chairman.

3 Public Participation

Norfolk fire and rescue service (NFRS) have received new equipment to the tune of £1.44m a part an investment by NCC in technology and equipment. In addition, 5 new tactical response vehicles (smaller fire appliance with 4-wheel drive) will be put into service this month. This will enhance NFRS's capability in extreme weather conditions and at difficult to reach locations. The total cost of these vehicles including purchase cost and fitting them with specialist equipment is £187K.

On the 6th July NCC cabinet was given a summary of the forecast financial position for 2020-21 at March 2021. The revenue budget is forecast to be £15.8m overspent mainly due to pressures from NCC's necessary response to the Covid 19 pandemic. The summer highway improvement programmes is well under way. Work on surface dressing and resurfacing is being carried out by teams observing social distancing measures which have been put in place to protect the workforce from Covid-19. The second cut of highway verges has just started and should be completed by August. NCC has been allocated an additional £22m from the government "pothole fund" which will lead to accelerated improvement to the counties road over the next few years.

As part of the governments plan to control future local outbreaks of the Covid-19 all local authorities have been instructed to have a Local Outbreak Control Plan in place. NCC have been allocated £3.7m from the Local Authority Test and Trace Service Support Grant to support the additional public health capacity to implement plans and run the scheme in Norfolk.

The plan set out how NCC will work with partners to prevent local outbreaks and how real time data from the NHS Test and Trace system and local intelligence to identify emerging recurrence of Covid-19.

An ambitious plan to get the economy of Norfolk and Suffolk back on its feet in the wake of Covid-19 has been launched. It is being put together by the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership working closely with County, District and Borough councils in Norfolk and Suffolk. The outline of the plan and how it is to be funded can be viewed in the recent Cabinet agenda which is available on the NCC website.

The Chairman read out the above report as the County Councillor sent his apologies for absence.

4.2 Public Participation

Two members so the public who arrived late requested to speak and were given an opportunity at this point. They had received a letter from Mrs Chapman which other Councillors knew nothing about: he claimed the letter contained lies. As the Councillors were not aware of the content of this letter, it was suggested by the Chair that until it had been circulated and considered Councillors could not comment on it.

5 Highways

The only topic raised was the ditch along Church Road which is still awaiting inspection from highways.

6 Finance

6.1 Budget

Signing of Annual Accounts (AGAR documentation)

These were discussed and Councillor Drew proposed they be accepted, and Councillor Hawke seconded the resolution that they be signed. All were in favour.

7 Matters for the next meeting

TBA

8 Date of next meeting

TBA

The meeting closed at 7.43pm