

Meeting Minutes of Horningtoft Parish Council
Wednesday 9th November 2022 at 19.30 held at St Edmunds Church

Parish Councillors present: Andrew Hill (Chairman), Pauline Chapman and Tracey Hawke
Also present: Donna Secker (Parish Clerk), 2 members of the public and District Councillor Hambidge.

1. To receive apologies for absence

Councillor Drew and County Councillor Kiddle-Morris sent their apologies, and these were accepted. Councillor Baker was not present.

2. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda

No Declarations of interest were declared.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2022

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

4. To receive updates from County and District Councillors

The County Councillor report can be found on the website with the minutes.

District Cllr Hambidge updated the council with the approval of the Dairy Farm at Wellingham.

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

The village map is still being completed.

6. Open Forum for Public Participation

A parishioner requested for more dog bins to be installed. The clerk will contact Breckland to request land where the bins can be located. The bins will be a cost to the parish of approx. £150

A parishioner thanked the council for organising the Defibrillator awareness training that was held on Wednesday 2nd November. This was well attended with 16 parishioners completing the training. The parishioner reported that more residents would have attended if they had known about it. The training was advertised on two websites and a notice was put on the notice board. The council had a discussion to see how this could be overcome and was agreed to see if the clerk is able to obtain some leaflets and deliver these to the houses.

7. To report and update on highway matters

The clerk updated the council that the rangers cleaned the signs (unfortunately only in one area of Horningtoft).

The drain opposite the church is causing flooding to the road due to the drain being higher than the road. The drain on the Brisley Road junction is also blocked.

The council had a long discussion about the request to reduce the speed limit to 40mph on the B1146 within the Horningtoft perimeter. The clerk will action this request.

8. Discuss B & B accommodation

It was reported to one of the cllrs that planning permission has not been sought for a property that is running a B & B accommodation. The council will first check that the previous planning application several years ago didn't include a clause for commercial use.

9. To discuss ideas for the parish partnership scheme 2023/2024

This was discussed to potentially add village gates as the Horningtoft sign on the B1146 which has still not been moved after several requests. However, due to the low precept, this might not be financially possible.

10. To discuss and request an update regarding the traveller's site

District Cllr Hambidge updated the council that this will appear at the next Norfolk County Council planning meeting this month. Retrospective planning was applied for three touring and two static caravans.

11. Planning applications

11.1 To receive planning applications from Breckland District
None received

11.2 Update on application decisions taken by Breckland District
None received

12. Items to discuss or approve

12.1 To discuss dog fouling
This item was discussed in item 6.

13. Finance

13.1 To approve the list of payments
The Council approved the list of payments for November as detailed at the end of the minutes. Cllr Chapman checked the payment to the community heartbeat; this is a service charge that the council agreed to for 4yrs. Also, Cllr Chapman checked the payments to CGM for the grass cutting behind the church. The payments were approved.

13.2 To consider opting out of the external auditor appointment
The council all agreed to remain with the external auditor.

13.3 To discuss the budgets and precepts 2023/2024
This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The chairman noted the sad death of ex-Parish Councillor Peter Greenwood who had been a stalwart of the village, Parish Council and Church life.

To receive items for the next meeting agenda on 11th January 2023

Budgets and Precepts

Dog bins

Charity trustees-appointing new trustees

Attendance of Councillors

The meeting closed at 20.36

Cheque number	Cheque payable to	Reason for Payment	Cheque amount
100495	D.K.Secker	Salary	£117.73
100496	HMRC	PAYE	£29.40
100497	GCM Group	Grass cutting	£71.28
100498	Community Heartbeat	Defib	£162.00
100499	D.K.Secker	Salary	£117.73