

HADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Hadstock Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 07 March 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors Rick Albrow, Hamish McIlwrick, Sara Porter, Keith Nuttall, District Councillor Howard Rolfe and Parish Clerk Sara Beckett

1. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, read the fire safety notice and informed all that the meeting may be filmed or recorded.
2. **Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Smith**
3. **Declaration of Members' Interests and requests for dispensation.** None. Councillors were reminded of the need to keep up to date their Register of Members' Interests.
4. It was noted that on 28 February 2019 the resignation had been received of Stuart Britton from the Parish Council. It was recognised the good work that Stuart Britton had carried out during his time as a councillor for the village and the contributions made at meetings. He would be missed and a note from the Parish Council should be sent to recognise and thank him for the contribution made to the Council and Village during his term of office.
5. The minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday **24 January 2019** were received. An amendment was proposed at 8(a)v which should read 'reports' 15(a) the word 'growing' should be replaced with the word 'spreading' **RESOLVED 19/03/05**
6. **Public Participation:** None
7. **To receive and note the report from the District Councillor** ~ Cllr Rolfe reiterated the budget detail from the previous meeting together with UDC commitment to services despite the likely deficit by 2023 of £3.5 million. Cllr Rolfe had attended another Parish Council meeting where Tru-cam was demonstrated and had been informed by the PCSO that 20 people had been caught speeding in one hour. Cllr Rolfe has contacted Inspector Cox to inform him of his wish that this type of equipment is deployed in the District particularly in Hadstock. (Cllr Nuttall arrived 7:40) Cllr McIlwrick reported that a road traffic accident had occurred recently on Linton Road involving a car and cyclist. Police attended.
8. County Councillor Walsh absent. No report received since February 2019.
9. **Action points and matters arising from previous meetings:** Updates for information only.
 - a. Clerks Report
 - Review of policies continues
 - Date to be arranged for completion of walk through PRow's ~ Cllr Nuttall will complete and report.
 - VAT reclaim to be completed for 2018/19

- Repair to equipment in Recreation ground still needs to be attended to (Cllr Smith)
- Moules Lane drainage awaiting photo from Ranger, remedial work carried out but without the rainfall it hasn't been tested.

b. Councillors Report

- Tree reports to be updated at each meeting ~ willow tree at Duchy Barn (Cllrs Albrow and Mcllwick will review)
- Remove Moules Lane form Councillors list
- Repairs to Recreation ground equipment Cllr Smith to attend to
- Cllr Mcllwick has responded to correspondence re Maps
- Lens Path (remove from list)
- Recreation Ground – walnut trees to be trimmed (Cllrs Albrow and Mcllwick)

c. Chairman's Report nothing specific to report

10. Planning Application/s: none

11. Decision made by UDC on planning application/s: none

12. Elections 2019 ~ Cllr Albrow and the Clerk attended the recent Parish Forum. Completed Councillor nominations for 02 May Parish elections need to be delivered by hand to UDC by 16:00pm on 03 April 2019. The candidate is responsible for their own nomination paper. Nomination forms and literature are available to collect from Clerk or UDC offices. Further information is on UDC website. Information has been in the Village magazine. The Clerk will customise information provided by EALC. These will be on the website, notice board and Hadstock Info.

13. Lens Path ~

(a) repairs to fence ~ Still awaiting word from Highways. Cllr Rolfe to get a definitive answer

(b) remedial work on path ~ contractor had visited site and provided an extensive quote available at meeting and emailed to Councillors. There was a detailed discussion about lease requirements and condition of path. It has a level clear surface suitable for a countryside pathway. Councillors have walked it recently. It was proposed that the condition of Len's Path is kept under review and if it deteriorates or becomes unfit for purpose action would be taken at that stage. **RESOLVED 19/03/13(bi)**

It was proposed that the weeds are dealt with appropriately and products purchased (approximately £60) Cllrs Albrow/Nuttall to attend to this **RESOLVED 19/03/13(b)ii**

14. Highways report ~ Cllr Nuttall reported that he had received an email from the PCSO stating that the Tru Cam will be utilized in various places in the near future and will await further details. Speedwatch continues. The post at the corner of Walden/Linton Roads continues to be hit. This has been repeatedly put back by residents/Councillors as a temporary measure. Cllr Rolfe reported that Highways will be inspecting to provide a better solution.

15. Public Rights of Way ~ Walk to be continued and reported. Directional stickers will be replaced as required. It was reported that horse excrement from the paddocks along the Penn Farm drive is being purposefully deposited from over the fence onto the public right of way. This is detrimental to all users. To monitor and if this continues action to be taken.

16. Recreation Ground Report ~ Cllr Mcllwick

[a] Recreation ground report ~ nothing to report

[b] Play equipment report ~ all equipment is in good working order and safe. The barrel still needs attention and Cllr Smith is attending to this.

17. Parish Land ~ nothing further to report. The Clerk reported notification from UDC that the Green skip service will be commencing in April 2019. It was proposed that the Parish Council continues

with this service on same basis as previous years. Collections at Bilberry End and Village Green on a fortnightly basis with an increase of fees payable meaning £68.00 per hour. **RESOLVED 19/03/17 Action** Clerk to email schedule when available to Hadstock Info and magazine editor. This will also be on the website.

- 18. The proposed date for Litter Pick ~ Sunday 07 April 2019 11.00 meet on Village Green**
RESOLVED 19/03/18 Action Clerk to arrange pickers and high-viz jackets
- 19. Village Hall Report** ~ Cllr Nuttall reported that a very successful quiz was held recently and raised over £400 funds. Sound proofing quotes to be considered shortly. Bookings continue to be successful.
- 20. Kings Head/The Hadstock**~ The Clerk reported that a copy of an email had been received describing concerns related to the state of the building together with health and safety risks. What are the options available as a listed building in the conservation area, it being the last public house in the village? What pressure could UDC put on the owner? Cllr Rolfe has viewed the building from the roadside. A discussion followed of courses of action as this will undoubtedly be a topic of discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting. **Action** Clerk had drafted an email to the owner and will now send once approved by Chair. To email UDC Mr Brown re Section 215 enforcement.
- 21. Arrangements for Annual Meeting of the Parish** This will be on Thursday 25 April, tea/coffee will be provided with the meeting commencing at 8:00pm preceded by a Parish Council Meeting for urgent routine matters only. Reports from Councillors on Parish activity (portfolio holders to prepare as necessary) + Finance precept and budget. Open Forum.
- 22. FINANCE REPORT**
- [a] Finance Report ~ details were distributed to all.
Green skip and Village Hall invoices have not been received as yet.
Delegated powers given to Clerk to pay Village Hall fees of £100.00 on receipt of Invoice
RESOLVED 19/03/22a
- [b] It was **noted** receipt of £360.00 from PCC contribution to grass cutting
- [b] Payments presented at the meeting
- £259.03 Clerk Salary **RESOLVED 19/03/22b(i)**
- £120.00 LCPAS Council subscription (increase of £20 from previous year) As this service is in addition to EALC it was **RESOLVED 19/03/22b(ii)** that the Clerk should take out individual membership and this would be reimbursed.
- 23. Correspondence** (no recommendations/resolutions can be made)
- 24. Items to be considered for next Agenda: Essential /routine matters only**
- 25. Date of next Parish Council Meeting: Thursday 25 April 2019 at 7:30pm (Time to be brought forward if necessary)**

Meeting closed at 21:15

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Signed as a true record and **RESOLVED** to approve

25 April 2019