



# Hempton Parish Council

## Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

Thursday 20 May 2021, 7.15pm

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Parish Councillors present: Vivien Woods, Carol Stubbs, Christine Haydon, Tom FitzPatrick (County Councillor). Also in attendance: Jodie Bond (Parish Clerk), Inspector Terri Cooper-Barnes, PC Rich Dawson. There were 3 members of the public present.

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**1. Vivien Woods, Chairman of the Parish Council, welcome and Chairman's report.**

The Chairman welcomed all those present and thanked everyone for attending.

Apologies were received from Cllr Ainger, Cllr Housden (District Councillor), Jerome Mayhew MP and Tom Raynham (Raynham Estate). Apologies accepted.

Please see Appendix 1 for the Chairman's report.

**2. Approval of Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 16 May 2019**

The minutes were approved without amendment.

To hear from:

**3. Jerome Mayhew MP**

Jerome Mayhew was unfortunately unable to attend due to an urgent matter keeping him in London. However, will endeavour to attend our meeting in July.

**4. Tom Raynham of Raynham Estate**

Tom Raynham was unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances.

**5. Inspector Terri Cooper-Barnes and PC Rich Dawson of Norfolk Police**

PC Dawson reported that following the last SNAP meeting 2% of issues were drug related and 3% ASB within the whole area. The panel voted to keep the SNAP meetings going, to include speeding in the area and community speed watches are being promoted by the police.

The police have been spending some time at Fakenham Academy, as there have been a few issues with safeguarding.

Cllr Woods asked whether there is any input from the community at the school – PC Dawson advised that they are working with Nula Cooper in a mobile unit, looking to engage with youths after school and during the evenings. If people notice antisocial behaviour, it should be reported immediately to the police.

Fakenham Town Council want to close the skate park at Millennium Park, Queens Road following complaints about the noise from local residents. PC Dawson advised that they plan to close the skate park temporarily until it is approved to be moved to the middle of the park. If it is relocated noise levels should be reduced.

Cllr Stubbs was concerned that the Bullock Hills may be affected further if the Fakenham skate park is closed. The police have spoken to Raynham Estate regarding the possibility of earmarking a suitable area at the

Bullock Hills for bike riding, however there are concerns with insurance liability and other risk factors, so they are uncertain whether this would be a feasible or pragmatic solution.

PC Dawson did go on to explain that luckily, we do not have significant antisocial behaviour problem and it's not as bad here as it is in other places, but they would shift their focus if necessary.

Cllr Woods asked whether there is any county lines activity in Fakenham – PC Dawson confirmed that there isn't at present. It mostly occurs in the city with dealers coming in on trains. This may be Covid-19 related 'respite' due to other means of transport were impacted by restrictions.

Following the road accident in Hempton earlier today, there were 3 vehicles involved which was due to driver error and only minor injuries were sustained.

PC Dawson is pleased about the proposed roundabout as it should help with road traffic incidents. PC Dawson commented that it is unusual to get a roundabout on B and C designated roads.

Inspector Cooper-Barnes reported that they have a good number of officers at present and are looking ahead to an expected busy summer. There is a new Beat Manger at Wells -next-the-Sea. There are now two situated at Wells as they are expecting many visitors and they want to manage that demand.

Thanks were given to the Officers for attending the meeting.

**6. District Councillor, Nigel Housden**

Nigel Housden was unable to attend but messaged that he had nothing to report.

**7. County Councillor, Tom FitzPatrick**

- The new SEN school is progressing on schedule and is planned to open in January 2022. It will be named Duke of Lancaster School in recognition of the site's history.
- NCC are pushing to recruit more foster carers – there are record numbers of children in the system.
- Four buses have been converted to carry out the testing service for Covid-19.
- The NHS and County Council websites are continuously updated with the latest news.
- The Government are launching a clinical trial to booster coronavirus vaccines. 20 million people in the UK have received both doses of vaccine.
- Help and support is available through a project called 'Chances' which is giving one to one support to get people back to work.
- Norfolk schools are open and the position is stabilising – with 94.9% primary school children attending school which is above the national average and 89% of secondary school pupils attending which is in line with the national average.
- The Hempton roundabout consultation is now open until 6 June. Visit [Norfolk.gov/hempton](https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/hempton) to make comments. Originally £1.25 million was earmarked for this project has now been increased to £1.67 million. There was some discussion about the closing date of the consultation period particularly in light of the late/non arrival of documents. Cllr FitzPatrick stated that the closing date would be extended to accept submissions received after 6 June 2021.
- Norfolk Fire Service are giving advice on water safety, especially with the weather getting warmer to include not going swimming in quarries or anywhere that is not a formerly designated swimming location.

**8. Other Parish Organisations, if attending**

Poors Land.

CLlr Stubbs advised that the Poors Land is still being rented and the funds are being distributed to various local causes including funding to Fakenham Medical Practice to buy new beds.

Memorial Hall

The hall was closed for most of 2020 due to Covid-19. It was briefly opened last summer for one car boot sale.

Various small business grants have been received from NNDC.

New flooring has been laid to replace the carpet tiles and new chairs have been purchased.

The Hall Committee has been approached by the DVLA to consider becoming a driving theory test centre.

**9. Public opportunity for questions**

There were none.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.15pm

Signed by Chairman: ..... Date: .....

#### HEMPTON PC ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - Chairman's Opening Words

- A very warm welcome to everyone
- Sadly, Jerome Mayhew our MP has been detained in London so cannot be with us...he is being interviewed for a TV programme and this couldn't be deferred...he sends his sincere apologies and says he will join us for our meeting in July
- I would like to welcome Tom Raynham from the Raynham Estate...Inspector Terri Cooper-Barnes and PC Richard Dawson and our Councillors from NCC.....and from NNDC.....We will hear from our guests and then there will be an opportunity for you to ask them any questions...however we have to keep an eye on the clock....anything which cannot be answered this evening will be taken away and a reply will be prepared and sent to you...contact details to be given to Jodie please
- If there is a representative present, we will receive a report on the Memorial Hall and Poors Land, and Holy Trinity Church
- However, before we move on, I would just like to say a few words...the Covid -19 pandemic has dominated our lives for the past 15 months and is still very much with us.
- We have all had to make many adjustments to our normal ways of living and it is most likely that we will never fully return to our seemingly relaxed old ways of doing things...we all took our freedoms so much for granted.
- Thank goodness for the vaccine which has made life safer for us...but again we cannot be off guard due to the virus' ability remain at least one step ahead of us.
- Our local NHS team has done us proud,so our thanks go out to them
- All of that said we have continued with parish business pretty much as usual...having virtual meetings instead of live ones and socially distancing when we have met up
- The play area had the new climbing frame installed and the pond project is well underway
- We have a new look newsletter and our allotments are all rented, and we have made some headway on traffic control measures on Goggs Mill Road
- I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tom Raynham for his input and support, together with that provided by Councillors, Tom and Nigel and our local police officers
- Also, to say thanks to the Parish Councillors Christine and Carol and our Clerk Jodie...and a big welcome to Pat Ainger who has recently joined the PC team.
- Now for the first item on the agenda which is to approve the minutes from the meeting held on 16 May 2019....
- Moving on to hear from our guests...starting with Tom Raynham
- Terri and Rich
- Tom and Nigel
- Memorial Hall...Poors Land...Holy Trinity Church
- Any other questions
- Close meeting and move on to the Parish Council meeting