



Hempton Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 15 March 2023, 7pm

Parish Councillors present: Vivien Woods (Chairman), Christine Warne, Christine Haydon and Nigel Housden (District Councillor). Also in attendance: Jodie Bond (Parish Clerk). There were no members of the public present.

1. **Welcome and to receive apologies for absence**

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Apologies were received from Patricia Ainger and Tom FitzPatrick (County Councillor). Apologies accepted.

2. **To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensations**

Cllr Woods declared a pecuniary interest in item 8.

Cllr Warne declared a pecuniary interest in item 7.1.

It was RESOLVED to grant Cllr Woods a dispensation to participate in the consideration of item 8 and to grant Cllr Warne a dispensation to participate in the consideration of item 7.1.

3. **To approve the minutes of meeting held on 1 February 2023**

The minutes were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

Discussed under items 7.1 and 9.2.

5. **To receive reports from County and District Councillors, if attending**

Tom FitzPatrick (County Councillor)

The County Council report can be viewed via www.hemptonpc.info. Full details can be found via www.norfolk.gov.uk

Nigel Housden (District Councillor)

Cllr Housden reported on local matter including waste collections, which may be affected due to the current strikes, the Police & Crime Commissioner was meant to attend this meeting however unfortunately he did not attend nor did a representative in his absence. The Police do not see any value in the SNAP meetings nor with police being present at Parish Council meetings – NNDC have raised issue with this as it is felt that a police presence at parish council meetings is vital to enable parishioners to report their local concerns and make their issues known, even if they can only attend for a short amount of time. Especially in more rural areas. The rateable values for business have

increased by 18%, Cllr Hosuden will be asking questions why, in the middle of a recession, this has been increased so much.

Some of Norfolk's blue flag beaches have lost their blue flag rating, Cllr Housden believes the river Wensum should be tested and Anglian Water should be held accountable if sewerage is identified. If sewerage is ever noticed by members of the public it is crucial that people report this back to NNDC. Following a recent meeting with members of the Pudding Norton Residents Association it was stressed how important it is to keep Parish Councils going for the support of the communities and to feed into NNDC at every opportunity. Thanks, given.

6. Open forum for public participation: An opportunity to hear from members of the public

There were none.

7. To receive updates from Council Members

7.1 Allotment report

The overdue rent for plot 7 has now been received. Rent for plot 4 is still outstanding. Rental of Plot 20 will be confirmed within the next few days.

Clerk confirmed that the pest control is still being maintained by one of the allotmentees.

Cllr Warne reported that someone is interested in renting an allotment and she will make arrangements to meet them on site to agree which plot is available.

Two allotmentees have pruned the hedges and refilled the gas with some hawthorn and native shrubs. There was discussion regarding the next course of action for allotment plot 25.

7.2 Memorial Hall Committee report

Cllr Warne advised that the last Committee meeting was a closed meeting and was not permitted to attend.

Cllr Housden suggested that there may be a funding opportunity for a fully insulated roof via the NNDC Sustainable Communities Fund. Further consideration will be given to this suggestion.

7.3 Events report including King's Coronation

Cllr Haydon has confirmed that following various meetings with members of the community the event is planned for Saturday 6th May, with a big screen at the pub, afternoon tea and kids activities from 11am in the Memorial Hall, food vendors on the Green from around 5pm/6pm, family disco between 6pm and 7pm, dancing demo between 7pm and 8pm, live music until 10.30pm with beacon lighting and fireworks at around 9pm.

The Fakenham Sun delivery person has kindly agreed to deliver the flyers on our behalf in April.

Cllr Haydon has also organised a quiz night to raise additional funding for the Coronation event. It is planned for 21st April from 7.45pm, £2.50 per head.

The Raynham Estate has kindly offered to donate £250 towards the Coronation event too.

It was discussed that commemorative coins for the children of Hempton, Pudding Norton and Testerton may be a nice alternative to a commemorative tree. News of possible funding from TNL for the Coronation was received yesterday from NNDC, however applications should have been

submitted by mid February to be successful in receiving a grant in time. It was agreed to look into this further and establish whether there is still time to apply. Clerk to enquire.

8. Report progress with the planned roundabout

There was no further update on this, however Cllr Woods stated that some clarity is required on the highways standard for roundabouts as it states that compact roundabouts are a maximum of 18m in diameter, whereas the same 'compact' design roundabout that is planned for Hempton, will be 40.5m in diameter.

9. Open spaces

9.1 Receive update on Pond Area

There is no further update on works at this stage. Cllr Woods reported that there has been a sighting of a shoveler duck and a pair of geese, which is lovely news.

9.2 Flood prevention work to river Wensum by the Hawk & Owl Trust.

Members of The Hawk & Owl Trust wish to gain access to part of the river Wensum to carry out essential flood prevention work, and they may require help in gaining access. The Clerk provided a plan to confirm which site they need access to and will help further, if possible to do so. The Council is in support of any necessary flood prevention work that may need to be carried out.

10. Planning matters

Cllr Woods noted that the application at Goggs Mill was withdrawn however the enforcement case is still open.

10.1 To receive results of applications

PF/21/3314 | Hempton - Land Between 13 & 19, Shereford Road

Demolition of existing building and erection of terrace of 3 no. two-bed dwelling houses
NNDC decision - PENDING

PF/21/3020 | Payne Brothers East Anglia Ltd, Fakenham Agri Park, Helhoughton Road

Erection of building to be used as storage for bagged agricultural fertiliser
NNDC decision – PENDING

PO/22/1188 - Hempton - Land East Of The Grove, Back Street, Hempton

The conversion of an existing mill building into 3 no. residential dwellings together with demolition of ancillary extensions & construction of up to 11 no. residential dwellings [total additional dwellings 14]
NNDC decision - PENDING

PO/22/2984 | 9 East View, Raynham Road, Hempton, Fakenham, Norfolk, NR21 7LW

Erection of three bedroom detached dwelling - outline application with all matters reserved
NNDC decision - PENDING

10.2 To receive applications for consideration

There were none.

11. Financial matters

11.1 To approve annual subscriptions to NALC/NPTS and direct debits for 2023
Following discussion, the Council RESOLVED to approve the direct debits for Npower, NALC, NPTS and the ICO (Information Commissioners Office).

11.2 To approve the bank reconciliation and payment of accounts list
The Council RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation and payments list below.

Clerk	Salary (Feb-Mar)	£802.50
Fakenham Prepress	HPN Printing	£118.00
Viking Direct	Stationery	£89.35
Hempton Mem Hall	Hire Charges	£20.00
NPTS	Subscription	£176.00

11.3 To approve the asset register for FY end 31st March 2023
Following review, the Council RESOLVED to approve the asset register, to include the additions as agreed, as presented by the Clerk.

12. To consider and discuss correspondence received

Promotional literature from Zurich – made available to Councillors.
Clerks & Councils direct magazine – made available to Councillors.
Butcher Andrews letter regarding increase – made available to Councillors.
CATS donation request – The Council RESOLVED to make a £50 donation to this good cause. Clerk to include the payment at the next meeting.

13. Receive update on the grouping with Pudding Norton Parish Council

There is no further update on this other than the grouping meeting, as we understand it, is still planned for April some time, however no real guidance has been received from NNDC. Cllr Housden agreed to take forward any concerns we have or any questions we still have on this matter. Clerk to action.

14. To review and approve the Code of Conduct

Cllr Warne highlighted an item within the policy regarding co-option, and it was therefore AGREED to defer this item until the next meeting.

15. Receive items for next agenda and note the date of the next meeting

Items for inclusion on the next agenda:- Update on removal of Goggs Mill Container & Caravan, Approve Code of Conduct.
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 May at 6pm in the Memorial Hall.
The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9pm.

Signed by Chairman: Date: