

A video conference Meeting of Hildersham Parish Council AGM using zoom was held on Tuesday 22nd September 2020.

Matters could have been raised at the meeting or comments or questions emailed or phoned through to the Clerk on harper802@btinternet.com or call : 01223 892000 before the meeting..

Meeting started at 7.32pm

Present: Mark Logan, Billie Chapman, Rob Clay, Peter Cousins, District Councillor John Batchelor and the Clerk, three members of the public.

40. Apologies -District Councillor & County Councillor Henry Batchelor and Darren Long had sent their apologies,

41. Do any Councillors have interests to declare in the items to be discussed during the meeting? Has the Clerk granted any dispensations under section 33 (1) of the Localism Act and the basis is set out under section 33(2)?

42. Open Forum for Parishioners to make comments or raise items

Stephen Webb thanked the Council for providing an ordinance survey map in the notice board to guide walkers and suggested that the Council consider a map/information board similar to one in Bartlow or Thriplow. There had been a number of calls about the possibility of the Hildersham traffic lights to assist pedestrians crossing not be erected. There was a problem getting ownership of the land. The owner of Walnut Tree Cottage was concerned that erecting bollards on Towne Green would encourage lorry/ delivery drivers onto his lawn.

Concern was raised about the road being congested with the pubs patrons' cars, as there was no longer a car park at the rear of the premise, as a shop was there now. The bollards would be installed 4-5 metres apart. Locally there had been complaints about music from the Pear and Olive pub/bistro. Billie had spoken to South Cambridgeshire District Council about this problem. The pub owner's car had been parked outside the village hall for 6 weeks but assurance had been given that it would be removed.

Billie Chapman had been told that the District Council would provide parking for 4-6 extra cars with gridding on the grass. This may obstruct one resident.

43. The minutes of the last meeting on 14th July 2020 were approved.

44. Report from District Councillor and County Councillor Henry Batchelor – report circulated by email.

The Clerk lost her remote connection for this part of the meeting.

45. Report from District Councillor John Batchelor –report circulated by email.

46. Feedback on actions from the last meetings

- a) The dead beech trees on the triangular piece of land at the junction of Beech Row/A1307 have been reported to the Highway Officer multiple times. No news
- b) Update on moving the 'Slow Down' sign at the brow of the hill before the High St/Balsham Rd crossroads new grazing rights licence. No news
- c) Update on fence repair near entrance to Recreation Ground. The concrete posts had not arrived.
- e) Local map installed in noticeboard to assist walkers navigate local footpaths.
- f) Report on the cost of a metal embossed map of local paths, similar to one in Barlow.

Action: Clerk

g) Query about how the Council could influence the GCP to reinstate the previously proposed safe crossing on the A1307. GCP was concerned that traffic lights at the Hildersham junction were likely to delay traffic. Peter Cousin had been told by our MP that the junction changes were being reviewed.

h) Concern about extra traffic going through village, parking near Pear and Olive bistro/pub & recent cars crashes at meadowlands. Discussed in open forum under item 42.

Mark Logan declared an interest in the next item about his wife, and did not participate in the item.

47. Authorise Jenny Logan to act as the Parish Council's Trustee on the Hildersham Village Hall Trust. Rob Clay proposed Jenny Logan as the Council's Trustee, which was seconded by Billie Chapman, with the support of Peter Cousins.

48. Covid 19

a) Update on work of Support groups and any action required to prepare for a second lockdown? Volunteers were still collecting peoples prescriptions but there was no requirement for shopping to be done.

49. Adopt of GDPR and Standing Orders

a) Current NALC version of both these documents only recently circulated to Councillors, so more time was needed to review them.

50. Village maintenance/allotments

a) Protection of the Town Green being eroded by vehicles. Purchase of 6 oak wooden bollards to protect area of Towne Green and the 2 to be used along Blench Lane to protect the wall. Peter Cousins suggested that more bollards were required to protect the wall, but Councillors agreed that only 10 should be ordered. Rob Clay felt that the bollards would not make cutting the grass any more difficult.

b) Update on parking problem in Meadowlands. Discussed earlier in the meeting under item 42.

c) The allotment waste from the allotment skip had been disposed of.

d) Footpath gates near A1307 crossing need repairing and Rob had repaired the Recreation Ground footpath gate.

d) Urgent tree work undertaken on two large willow trees on Recreation Ground. One blocked the footpath and the second was in danger of branches falling into the footpath.

Retrospective permission should be sought and Clerk authorised to make required payment.

Action Clerk to get several quotes on on-going tree work.

Emergency electrical work needed to be by the kitchen ramp, but the trees need cutting back. It was asked who was responsible for the cost; the Clerk suggested it was the Council as the land owner. Hildersham Village Hall Trust would get the work done and the Council would pay the bill. Rob Clay agreed to look at the ditch in front of the village hall, to see how it could be cleared.

e) Path outside Gerald's house needs major repairs. It was suggested as the path is beyond the 30mph signs it comes under the Highway Dept – **action Clerk** to contact the Highways Dept..

51. Tree Warden

a) Has a new volunteer agreed to take on the role of Tree Warden- **action Mark Logan.**

52. Community Land Trust (CLT)

a) Update on requested amendments to the Trust document for the Allotments & Recreation Ground, which could then be signed. There had been some delays sending information. Documents from Andrew Westwood-Bates had been given to the Council.

b) Land Trust structure. The Council had asked advice on the structure of the Trusts.

53. Play area/Recreation Ground

a) Update on the purchase of matting for under the climbing frame and a new swing had been purchased and installed.

54. Neighbourhood Plan

a) Update on the NP. After 5 years some progress had been made, with a final questionnaire to be circulated and a meeting to be arranged.

55. Finance

a) The Council authorised the payments and approved the financial statement dated 22.09.20, **by a proposal from Rob Clay which was seconded by Mark Logan, with the support of all Councillors.**

b) Billie Chapman authorisation to sign cheques and make bank transfer payment had been confirmed by the bank.

c) NALC pay increase for Clerk backdated to April 2020.

56. Planning

Application considered since the last Council meeting:

Ref: 20/0299/HFUL – Chime Cottage – demolish conservatory, construct single storey rear extension & enlarge rear dormer window on first floor and alterations. **Recommendation:** The Parish Council supported this application

57. Items for the next meeting's agenda on 10th November 2020(hopefully at the village hall).

Could the road be resurfaced now that the paths had been done.

58. Open Forum for Parishioners to make comments or raise items

Meeting closed at 8.36pm