

HILDERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF HILDERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 11th JANUARY 2022.

Meeting started at 7.30pm

Present: Mark Logan, Billie Chapman, Darren Long, David Mercer, County and District Councillors Henry Batchelor, District Councillors John Batchelor, no members of the public and the Clerk.

86. Apologies

87. Councillors to declare any interests 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)? No interests were declared.

88. Open Forum for Parishioners to make comments or raise items - nothing raised

89. The minutes for the last meeting of 9th November 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

Work on the A1307 junction is planned to start in mid-February. Mark Logan said that he was pleased with the planned crossing but was concerned with plans to turn the slip road into a cycle lane and written to express his concern but had received no response from the Project Manager. Henry Batchelor said he would forward the details of someone else working on the project to contact about this concern.

There was no Highway Officer for our area until a new person starts next month, so all emails should be addressed to Dennis Vacher. Henry Batchelor believed that funds had been secured from April to rebuild the footpath along side the road near Gerald Franklins house.

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

The infection rate in the district was very high compared to last year (1,233 testing positive per 100,000) with schools badly affected and Addenbrookes full.

Henry and John Batchelor left the meeting

92. Feedback on actions from the last meetings

a) Councillors to select two trees specimens for triangle of land by A1307. **Action: Clerk** to confirm that the council would like two oak trees.

b) Repair to Back Road end of High Street (outside Gerald's house) path requested. Henry Batchelor had told the meeting that funds had been secured from April to rebuild the footpath alongside the road near Gerald Franklins house on the High Street.

93. Neighbourhood Plan

a) A meeting was held recently but all the actions required by Hildersham have been done.

94. Grass cutting quotes

The Clerk had raised concerns about a councillor quoting to cut the village verges and play area, but councillors felt if his quote offered best value for money and there was transparency this should be acceptable.

95. Village maintenance

a) Update on new parking spaces in Meadowlands. Billie was awaiting a reply to her email to the County Council officer and there were issues with parking in this area

b) The ford bridge and fencing painted should be painted in the Spring - reminder.

c) A new light for the Linton side bus shelters have now been installed, but as new bus shelters and lights would be installed as part of the junction improvements no new light was required for the other shelter.

d) Trimming Silver birch and tidying area around it near old water pump. **Action Billie** to get Shaun t look at this area

e) Can Councillors authorise the cost of the replacement defibrillator battery at approx. £300 and new pads? **Mark Logan proposed that this payment be authorised, which was seconded by Daren Long with the support of all councillors.**

96. Play area/Recreation Ground and allotments

a) Quote received to cut low hanging branches on the Recreation Ground to allow Andrew Rouse to cut the grass near the river, as this will be funded by the PC. **Masons quoted £120 + vat, which Billie Chapman proposed the council accept which was seconded by Mark Logan.**

97. Budget earmarked reserves and precept form

a) Outcome of request to use earmarked funds allocated for the Hildersham Village Hall Trust (HVHT) within Council's general reserves. **Mark Logan had written the HVHT who had agreed that the council use the reserves accumulated for this Trust as part of the Council's reserves with immediate effect. Councillors unanimously agreed that fund would no longer be allocated to HVHT.**

b) Precept form to be authorised by the Chairman and returned to SCDC. **The precept form was authorised by Mark Logan and Darren long on behalf of the council, by unanimous agreement form councillors.**

98. Community Land Trust (CLT)

a) Mark Logan to send the signed Trust agreements to Tees Law for safekeeping.

b) Councillors to consider including Trust meeting minutes within Council minutes and to start separate financial year for Trust from April 2022.

99. Correspondences

a).**Councillors unanimously agreed that the Council/Trust should charge the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership (GCP) £1,000/month to use the South Holding. Darren Long proposed that Mark Logan sign the agreement with GCP to lease the South**

Holding on behalf of the Council/Trust, which was seconded by Billie Chapman on behalf of all councillors.

- b) Outcome of meeting with Mayor. No one was able to attend the meeting.
- c) Best practice is for Councillors have a separate email address for Council correspondence. This was discussed but most councillors were content to use their existing email addresses.
- d) Parish Council elections will be held on 5th May this year, but applications were required by April.
- e) Update on the location for the planned pedestrian crossing at the Hildersham/A1307 junction. This was discussed earlier in the meeting under item 90.

100. Finance

a) Councillors unanimously authorised the payments and approved the financial statement dated 11.01.2022.

- b) David Mercer and Darren Long have now fully authorised to access all the Council's bank accounts.
- c) Duplicate payment made to Cambridge Fencing which will be repaid with a cheque payment. Councillors discussed the problem with the duplicate payments and how it could have occurred. Clerk trying to establish why this is occurring.

101. Items for the next meeting's agenda on 8th March 2022- allowance for Councillor to miss more than 6 months meeting, elections, grass contracts and LHI cross road funding

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

Meeting closed at 8.30pm