

HILDERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF HILDERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 8th March 2022.

Meeting started at 7.30pm

Present: Mark Logan, Darren Long, Peter Cousin, no members of the public and the Clerk.

103. Apologies - Billie Chapman.

104. 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.

105 .Open Forum for members of the public to raise concerns or make comments – no comments were raised.

106. Approval of the minutes for the last meeting of 11th January 2022- the minutes were approved unanimously.

107. Councillor Absence Section 85, Local Government act 1972 - **Approval of six month Rule for Rob as for work reason he may miss meetings was proposed by Darren Long and seconded by Mark Logan with the support of David Mercer..**

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

Additional information not on the report included the appointment of a new Highway officer called Bradley Southwell. Work was underway on the A1307 crossroads improvements, which had required the removal of hedging but the bank would be built back up. The SCDC Community Chest fund was giving up to £2,000 and Jubilee projects up to £1,000 and both councillors would support any local Jubilee projects. The constituency boundaries were being reviewed and this parish may be moved into South Cambridgeshire from SE Cambridgeshire, for constituency reasons.

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

The covid infections rates locally seemed to be declining as they were 536 per 100,000 people, although this was still high compared to last years figures.

SCDC was hosting Afghan refugees as the Government wanted Ukrainian refugees to be supported by UK families.

110. Feedback on actions from the last meetings

a) Trimming Silver birch and tidying area around it near old water pump. **Action Clerk** : to find out if Billie had removed the branch from the silver birch.

111. Neighbourhood Plan

a) An update. There had been no update from Linton – **action Mark Logan** to write to them for news.

112. Grass cutting quotes

Quotes had been received from CGM, Brookfield Contracting and Glenn Broad for the play area and the verges.

a) Glenn Broad was selected to cut the play area grass.

b) Glenn Broad was selected to cut the verges.

Mark Logan proposed Glenn Broad for both contracts, which was seconded by Rob Clay, with the support of all councillors.

113. Update on the condition of the council's assets:

Benches, not bus shelters (being replaced by GCP), village sign, kiosk, play equipment, recreation ground, allotments and the barn. **Action Clerk** to check if the second noticeboard needed attention.

Action Rob to check the benches. The noticeboard needed to be varnished and the noticeboard lock needed adjusting to work better. The village sign, recreation ground, play equipment, allotment and allotment barn are in good condition. The kiosk contains a lot of unwanted books, so Darren agreed to put up a sign to say the facility was a book exchange not a donation centre.

114. Village maintenance

a) Community Chest Queen's Jubilee Grant – suggestion that the council applies for funding for a pictorial plan/noticeboard of walks around Hildersham Parish. The A1 size map would be on the left of the short track into the Recreation Ground. Mark Logan to submit an application and he had a quote of £1500 for an A1 board, the design would be by village groups. **The application for funding was proposed by Mark Logan and seconded by Darren Long.** **Action Clerk** to get a quote to install the map.

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

c) Two wooden posts had been erecting again on Towne Green.

d) Update on new parking spaces in Meadowlands. No further updates as Billie was unable to attend the meeting,

e) The phone kiosk is full of books. **Darren** to put up a notice to remind people the book exchange should be one in, one out.

f) It was against Highway guidance to create a 4 way give-way junction at crossroads at the top of Hildersham High Street which intersects with Back Road and the road to Balsham.

Action Clerk to ask the the white lines at this junction be repainted to remind drivers to stop at this junction.

115. Community Land Trust (CLT)

a) Update - the half of the South Field will be leased to the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership and it has been agreed the Council will be paid £300/week for the use of the field over the 6 month period work should take.

116. Adoption of safeguarding policy. Darren Long proposed that the council adopt the safeguarding policy which was seconded by Rob Clay with the support of all councillors.

117. Update on the improvements to the A1307 junction

- a) A public meeting was held on 31st January with the Highway dept about road improvements at the A1307 junction.
- b) The agreement with the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership/Cambridgeshire County Council allowing them to erect a site office in the South Holding to manage the construction work at the A1307 Junction and to create a new access to the field had been signed by Mark.
- c) Update on the location for the planned pedestrian crossing at the Hildersham/A1307 junction, including the payment for us the South Holding. Action: Rob Clay to retrieve the batteries installed in the solar light at the bus shelter before it is demolished for the new shelter to be installed. **Councillors unanimously agreed to accept the offer of two new bus shelters to be supplied as part of the junction improvements by the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership.**

118. Correspondences

- a) Jean suggested the website have a search dialogue added if this was not too costly. **Action: Mark Logan** to ask Nextnorth for the costs of this function.
- b) Zurich advise the council to get the village hall valued to ensure the policy is accurate. District Valuer emailed. Local Estate agent Tom Arkwright had agreed to assist with valuing the village hall.
- c) Hildersham event to be held on June. A village picnic was planned for 5th June, with duck racing and a band; Darren Long was to attend the meeting about this event.
- d) The defibrillator (code 0147X) is now registered with the National defibrillator network called 'the circuit'. **Action Clerk** to arrange training by Anton King.
- e) Renew membership to CAPACL at £173.13 or with Data Protection Officer scheme £223.12? Mark **Logan proposed and seconded by Darren Long the payment of the membership at £173.13.**
- f) Parish Council elections will be held on 5th May this year.
- g) Tony Dellow had requested the removal of a tree at the end of his allotment, which he said is dead. **Action Mark Logan** to check the tree and leave it if it is still alive.

119. Finance

- a) **The Council unanimously authorised the payments and approve the financial statement dated 08.03.2022.**
- b) Duplicate bank transfer almost occurred again. Clerk raised a complaint with Lloyds bank. Could Councillors check the payment has been raised by the Clerk before authorising
- c) Councillors select whether they wish to review the policy for one year (£2,051.75), three years (£1,960.40) or five years (£1,869.02), once the valuation of the village hall (and barn) has been done? Authorise the Clerk to pay the insurance policy at a possibly different price? (d/line 9th April). **Councillors agreed to renew the insurance for a 5 year period, which was proposed by Darren Long and seconded by Rob Clay with the support of all councillors.**

120. Items for the next meeting's agenda on 10th May 2022

It was agreed the May meeting could start earlier at 7pm and Jean Kelly was thanked for all her work with the website.

121. Open Forum for Parishioners to make comments or raise items. No items were raised.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.