

HARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 08th March 2018
at 7.30pm in Hargrave Village Hall

PRESENT

David Taylor - Chairman (DT)
Ron Ambridge (RA)
Sue Hammond (SH)
James Perry (JP)
Paul Rogers (PR)
Antonia King (AK) - Clerk

Clive Pollington, Borough Councillor (CP)
Mary Evans, County Councillor (ME)

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1.1.	DT welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
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2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2.1.	PRed gave his apologies in advance.	
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3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

3.1.	None raised	
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4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 11TH JANUARY 2018

4.1.	The minutes of the last meeting were approved by all present and signed by DT.	
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5. PUBLIC FORUM

5.1.	No members of the public were present	
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6. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

6.1.	Precept – AK confirmed this had been sent.	
6.2.	Asset Register – AK confirmed this has been updated, but it has not been signed as her printer is out of ink. To be signed by DT as soon as the ink has been replaced.	AK
6.3.	Buckingham Palace Invite – AK confirmed this had been submitted.	

6.4.	Overgrown trees at Freiston Lodge – Still awaiting an engineer to visit the site, latest update from James Connelly of UK Power was February 20 th , James is currently on holiday until March 12 th . It was agreed that JP would seek advice from Martin Gilbert regarding the safety of the trees whilst waiting for a response from UK Power Networks before contacting Highways.	JP/AK
6.5.	RA ROI paperwork – Completed. DT to hand over to AK.	DT
6.6.	Knowles Green grazing licence – Mark Cansdale to renew his licence on the current terms. It was noted that the Green is mainly used for growing grass for fodder as the Green has a public footpath running through it, and some dogs in the past have unsettled the sheep. The rent is to stay the same - £500 p.a. Mark is also happy to cut the grass at Little Knowles Green. AK to amend the old agreement and send to DT to take to Mark Cansdale for signing.	AK/DT
6.7.	Lower Section of Church Lane – PRed confirmed he has not sent his report on the road conditions. Follow up at next meeting.	PRed
6.8.	The Wash – ME confirmed that Highways will be re-kerbing the Wash with a continuous kerb in early April	
6.9.	Footpaths – DT is to meet with the Footpath Officers on 12.03.18, a decision will be made shortly after.	DT
6.10.	School Transport – refer to 7.3	

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7.1. PLAY AREA

7.1.1	The latest inspection report came back with no problems to report.	
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7.2. VILLAGE HALL

7.2.1.	SC confirmed that the work to the carpark had been completed.	
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7.3. SCHOOL TRANSPORT

7.3.1.	JP has sent a very comprehensive survey to the County Council reporting on the impact of option 1 and 2 on Hargrave (see attached). There is a full cabinet meeting in March, where objections are expected to be raised. The final decision is expected in June 2018. It was noted the JP has the full support of ME and CP. To be followed up at the next meeting.	JP
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7.4. DEFIBRILLATOR

7.4.1.	Following a sudden heart attack death in the village, the merits of having a defibrillator in the village were discussed. The Parish Council unanimously agreed that this was a good idea and should be investigated further. DT had already made some initial enquiries and established that the location of the defibrillator requires power, meaning it would have to be sited at either the village hall or the old phone box. It was agreed that the village hall would be the most suitable location due to its prominence and accessibility.	DT/AK
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	<p>The cost was guesstimated at approximately £2000 for the machine, box and installation. Funding would be a combination of Borough Council funding, Parish Council funding and village fund raising.</p> <p>Fund raising could be health orientated – What's your heart age?, Coffee and heart check up at the village hall, or more socially orientated – Beer Festival.</p> <p>Also considered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up a Just Giving charity fund raising page. • West Suffolk Hospital or CCG involvement in supporting the village getting healthy. • An article in the newsletter. <p>ACTION: DT and AK to investigate in much more detail. Liaising with Peter Vince in Wickhambrook who already have two machines in place and the Ambulance service, CCG, Just Giving and further fund raising ideas. DT to write a piece for Hargrave News.</p>	
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8. FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER

8.1.	The RFO had circulated reports in advance of the meeting which were agreed. The reports provided were as follows:	
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The RFO advised current position as:

Treasurers Account reconciled with bank statement dated 22 nd February 2018	£6682.52
Savings Account reconciled with bank statement dated 22 nd February 2018	<u>£2243.51</u>
Total reconciled to 22nd February 2018:	£8926.03

Notes

- £1440.00 of total above is ring fenced for the play area.

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Total available as at 22nd February 2018:	<u>£7486.03</u>
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8.1.1	The finance report was approved.	
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9. REPRESENTATION COMMENTS

9.1. BOROUGH COUNCIL

9.1.1.	The proposed changes to the borough boundaries and wards are still undecided.	
9.1.2.	The waste hub facility is still going ahead.	
9.1.3.	From April 1 st more funds will be available should the village need some.	
9.1.4.	Katie Sergeant, Communities Officer is hoping to attend the next meeting.	
9.1.5.	CP offered his congratulations to JP for his excellent work regarding the school transport survey that was submitted.	

9.2. COUNTY COUNCIL

9.2.1.	There is no news from the speed safety team.	
9.2.2.	Following our complaints regarding the work at Birds End, ME confirmed that Highways would be re-kerbing with a continuous kerb in early April.	
9.2.3.	School transport – refer to 7.3.1.	
9.2.4.	Although authorised to raise council tax by 1%, Suffolk County Council did not enforce this and maintained it at its current rate.	
9.2.5.	Keep reporting potholes, as this is a current focus.	
9.2.6.	During the adverse weather the social care team worked well with 4x4 drivers ensuring the home help were not neglected. Grit bins were kept full and gritter trucks were manned by volunteers from the council to ensure that the main roads remained as safe as possible.	

9.3. POLICE

9.3.1.	The Police did not attend the meeting and had not submitted a report.	
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10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

10.1	No applications had been received since the last meeting.	
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11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

11.1	The NP has been submitted and being considered. It was noted that Hargrave is the first village in West Suffolk to create a NP, and an article in the Bury Free Press about this was recently published. The Parish Council congratulated everyone for their hard work. PR has already received communications from other villages asking for advice.	
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12. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

12.1	PR provided a report of incidents in local areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good quality steel chainsaws have been stolen locally, and police have advised the public to watch out for anyone trying to sell them. 	
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13. CORRESPONDENCE

13.1.	All correspondence received had previously been circulated by AK.	
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14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14.1.	Improvement of vehicle access to the church, the Parish Council agreed that the contractor undertaking this work for the church could use Bridge Green to temporarily store the hard-core and soil needed for the work.	
14.2.	Due to the sad passing of Doug Gidney, the Parish Council need another internal auditor. SH agreed to ask Keith Hammond if he would be interested.	SH
14.3.	SC spoke of Henry Upton's initiative and bravery when dealing with Doug Gidney. It was agreed that it should be acknowledged, DT agreed to include such an acknowledgement in his report from the Parish Council for the upcoming Hargrave newsletter. AK is to look into any community award he could be nominated for.	DT/AK
14.4.	APM – on the agenda should be the NP and Defibrillator.	

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 10th May at 7.30pm.**

Signed (Chairman) Date.....