

Parish Council Meeting held at Hardwick Village Hall on 12th September 2023

Present: David Alexander (Chairman), Jeremy Alexander, Jeremy Styles, Mark Cann, Angela Braddick and Josephine Murgatroyd (Clerk).
Alison Thomas (County Councillor) and Martyn Hooton (District Councillor)

Apologies: Miles Moseley

Three Parishioners were present.

1 Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th May 2023 were read, confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Defibrillator

The First Aid training that had been booked for 12th June was cancelled due to difficulties in ensuring that all the places were filled. The PC decided to rearrange the training for November and although the times of the training would not be convenient for everyone, the PC decided to request an evening booking.

Highways

The Street and Mill Road in Hardwick had been resurfaced but there were issues once the loose stones had been swept up causing the old surface to reappear along the road edges. This had been reported to Highways who had quickly arranged for the necessary repairs to be done by the sub-contractor.

The map of the Parish Footpaths by the Village Hall needed a new perspex cover and this had been reported by a Parishioner with thanks from the PC.

Village Well

The work on the well was still to be done. The PC confirmed that the design should be based on a 'wishing well' as suggested by the Parishioners who were doing the renovation. It was felt that this would enable the renovation work to last longer as there would be less wood exposed to the elements.

Village Hall

The new committee had been busy with good support from the Parishioners. Electrical work had been completed and the monthly Cafe mornings would recommence in October.

County Broadband

There was nothing further to add at this stage

Report from Alison Thomas

Planning permission for the Long Stratton Bypass had been granted and s106 agreements were being negotiated with the landowners concerned. Bids from contractors were awaited with a start date of April 2024 with the bypass to be completed by Autumn 2025. There would still be 1,850 homes built in Long Stratton.

Due to a new Covid variant being identified with a number of cases at a Care Home in Norfolk, the start of the vaccination programme had been brought forward. Angela Braddick informed the PC that Harleston was once again to be the location for a vaccination centre.

3. Correspondence

Regular newsletters were received from NALC and Norfolk Constabulary including Operation Randall reports. The Police and Crime Commissioner had commenced a consultation over increasing the Precept for the next financial year.

Notification had been received from the County Council about the deposit under The Highways Act 1980 concerning footpaths in the Parish. The Chairman explained this was done in case there were any future claims concerning the existence of footpaths.

4. Planning

Mast on Land adjacent to Corner Farm

The work on the mast had now been completed and the generator had been removed.

5. Accounts

The current balance was £1,950.74. The Audit had been completed.

6. Meeting Suspended for Public Participation

There was none.

7. Any Other Business

As Andrew Penn was no longer on the Parish Council, this meant that there was no Vice Chairman to stand in for the Chairman. It was proposed by the Clerk, seconded by Jeremy Styles and agreed by the Parish Council that Mark Cann should be appointed as Deputy Chairman.

8. Date of Next Meeting

This was fixed for 5th December 2023 at 7.30pm

The Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Chairman
2023

Payments:- Shelton and Hardwick Village Hall- £15