

Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Hardwick Village Hall on 16th May 2023

Present: David Alexander (Chairman), Jeremy Alexander, Jeremy Styles, Mark Cann, Miles Moseley, Angela Braddick and Josephine Murgatroyd (Clerk).

Apologies: Alison Thomas (County Councillor) and Martyn Hooton (District Councillor)

Two Parishioners were present.

Before the start of the Meeting, Acceptance of Office Forms were completed and signed by all Parish Councillors.

1. Co-Option of Parish Councillor

Parish Council elections had been arranged for 4th May. Six of the seven vacancies were filled, but Andrew Penn had decided not to stand for another term. The Chairman recorded his thanks and those of the Parish Council for the 20 years of service Andrew had given to the Parish, both as an accomplished member and also as vice-chairman.

The vacancy for a Parish Councillor had been advertised. There was one Parishioner interested in joining the Parish Council. The co-opting of Angela Braddick was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Clerk and agreed by the Parish Council. The Acceptance of Office Form was duly completed and signed.

2. Election of Chairman

The re-election of David Alexander as Chairman was proposed by Jeremy Styles, seconded by Jeremy Alexander and agreed by the Parish Council. The Chairman was thanked for all his work during the last year.

3. Election of Clerk

The re-election of Josephine Murgatroyd was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Miles Moseley and agreed by the Parish Council. The Clerk was thanked for all her work during the last year.

4 Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th March 2023 were read, confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Defibrillator

First aid training by East of England Ambulance Service had been booked for 12th June and a number of parishioners had expressed an interest in attending.

Highways

Potholes previously reported had now been repaired. The issue with the road slippage on Hall Lane had also been reported but did not meet the criteria for action at this stage but would be monitored. The PC thanked the Parishioner for his assistance in reporting potholes to the Highways Department.

Village Sign and Well

The village sign had been placed back onto the post in time for the Coronation weekend. The well was still to be done.

Village Hall

A number of developments had occurred since the last Meeting. The committee members had all resigned in April and an AGM had been held on 15th May. This was well attended with over 25 Parishioners in attendance and a new Committee had been elected. In addition there were many offers of support for future events. A number of events were held on the Coronation Bank Holiday including a High Tea held in the village hall. Over 70 parishioners attended with many more outside and much support was shown for the future of the village hall.

The PC thanked Miles Mosley for taking on the role of Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. Miles Moseley suggested that the Parish Council should become the holding trustee for the village hall. Reservations were expressed about the possible issues that could occur. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mark Cann and agreed by the Parish Council with one abstention that the Parish Council should take on the role of holding trustee.

6. Correspondence

Acknowledgments had been received from Norfolk Accident Rescue Service, East Anglian Air Ambulance, Norfolk Blood Bikes, Macmillan Cancer.

Regular newsletters were received from NALC, Norfolk Constabulary including Operation Randall.

7. Planning

The Laurels, Hardwick

The planning application had been approved by the District Council.

Barn at the rear of Street Farm Barn, Hardwick

The planning application had been approved by the District Council.

Mast on Land adjacent to Corner Farm

The mast had now been installed but was currently using a generator for power pending connection to the mains. There were issues with the noise that the generator was making and the District Council had been contacted by Parishioners. It was however understood that work currently being done could mean that the mains connection was now being done.

8. Accounts

The current balance was £1,250.80.

9. Meeting Suspended for Public Participation

A comment had been made by another parishioner asking if a bin could be installed for dog waste. The Clerk explained that this had been raised before but the cost involved was considered too high. The Parish Council were not aware of a problem with dog waste in the Parish.

10.Any Other Business

The Parish Council were updated about the roll out of County Broadband. It was understood that where possible they would use the existing BT network. However, some new lines were required and a number of landowners had received correspondence seeking agreement in respect of wayleave arrangements.

11. Date of Next Meeting

This was fixed for 12th September 2023 at 7.30pm

The Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman
2023

Payments:- Shelton and Hardwick Village Hall- £15
NALC - £188.75