

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HOCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 23RD JUNE 2025 AT 1930 HRS IN HOCKHAM VILLAGE HALL

Attending; Cllrs Bennett, Thomas, Wiltshire, Lambert and Loft. The clerk C Garrod and 5 members of the public.

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Lloyd and Leech, District Councillor Cowen and County Councillor Eagle.
- 2) **Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs Bennett and Loft as allotment holders, Councillor Lambert as owner and licensee of the eagle and a trustee of the Woodsford Charity, Cllr Wiltshire as a trustee of the Woodsford Charity.
- 3) **Requests for dispensation:** None
- 4) **Minutes of the meetings** of May 12th & June 9th were taken as read and unanimously agreed.
- 5) **Progress Report.**
 - a) **Dog fouling.** An improvement had been seen. Signs needed to be urgently erected. No dates had been agreed for a dog warden visit.
 - b) **Info Board.** The clerk handed over information to Cllr Bennett who would take the project further.
 - c) **Drainage.** Highways had not responded to requests for information.
- 6) **Public Participation.** The meeting was paused for matters of public discussion.
- 7) **Highways and Road Safety.** A water leak on Little Hockham Lane would be followed up. There had been issues with large lorries causing damage within School Square today. Cllr Thomas would report the issues.
- 8) **Planning.** Amendments to application PL/2025/0443/HOU were considered ok. The clerk read out a summary of questions asked by Breckland Planning policy team, which had been responded to regards the local plan.
- 9) **Finances.** Payments had been approved for the clerk's salary £186.96; Pearce and Kemp, £45.60, allotment rent to the estate of £175 (direct debit) and a direct debit had been set up for the ICO registration. Online payments were working well. There was £25,236.32 in the bank.
- 10) **Allotments.** It was considered following previous discussions to investigate further allotment land. The chair was looking at water supplies. The estate would need to be consulted.
- 11) **Footpaths and Rights of Way.** The trod was discussed. Despite some objections, adequate maintenance would be sought under the Parish Partnership scheme.
- 12) **Playing Field.** There was £17776.15 in the bank, plus £600 of petty cash.
- 13) **Forest Edge Court.** A lively discussion took place over potential new road signage on the A1075. The clerk would attempt to contact highways.
- 14) **3 Year Plan;** It was agreed to price a laptop and 365 package for the clerk, to future proof data. More discussion at the next meeting.
- 15) **Councillor updates.** None.
- 16) **Correspondence.** The chair would attend a meeting with the Wayland Partnership. Cllr Eagle had a selection of games for fetes in a lock up in his own village, that could be hired out. The LGR meetings were coming thick and fast.

- 17) **PC Dion Phillips** visited the meeting and discussed the damage that had happened and commented on poor parking on School Square, which he would monitor and issue fines where necessary.
- 18) **Next meeting Monday 28th July at 7.30pm**