

**MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 28TH JULY
2025 IN HOCKHAM VILLAGE HALL.**

Attending; Cllr T Bennett (Chair) Cllr A Lambert (Vice Chair), C Garrod (Clerk), Cllr C Wiltshire, Cllr C Thomas, Cllr D Lloyd, Cllr T Loft and County Councillor F Eagle plus 7 members of the public and two representatives of Studio 35.

- 1) **Apologies for absence** were received from Ward member PO Cowen and Cllr Leech.
- 2) **Declarations of Interest;** Cllrs Bennett and Loft as allotment holders, Cllr Lambert as owner of the Hockham Eagle and Cllrs Lambert and Wiltshire as trustees of The Woodsford Charity.
- 3) **Requests for dispensation;** None
- 4) **Approval of Minutes** of June 23rd 2025, were unanimously approved.
- 5) **Progress Report.**
 - a) Some signs for dog fouling penalties had been erected more would be erected. An article would go in In Touch. Some improvements had been noted.
 - b) Info board; No progress
 - c) Drainage: Cllr Eagle would get the Highways Engineer to visit.
- 6) **Public Participation:** The meeting was closed for public questions. Studio 35 did a report of a pending planning application next to the school for 12 new dwellings. This was not in the local plan. The councillors pointed out some issues over access. The primary school were to be gifted the car park.
- 7) **Councillors Reports:** Cllr Eagle gave a report on NCC activities, including devolution.
- 8) **Highways and road Safety.** Cllr Thomas reported on works. Parking near junctions was discussed and the £100 potential fine for dangerous parking was reinforced. Damage to the kerb near the school had been sorted. Signage for Puddledock Lane had been refused,
- 9) **Planning:** Local plan meetings had taken place. October would be the next stage of involvement. The Springfield appeal had been dismissed.
- 10) **Finance;** The clerk discussed the end of year report, payments due (Pearce & Kemp and Clerks salaries) and the direct debit for HMRC tax due. There was £24,959.69 in the bank.
- 11) **Clerks Hours /Salary;** The clerk had estimated that he was doing at least double the paid hours. This would be reviewed in October.
- 12) **Allotments:** Grants for water supply were being looked at. Allotment demand would be looked at alongside new land.
- 13) **Footpaths and Rights of Way;** The trod needed attention, this would be discussed with the highways engineer.
- 14) **Playing Field;** Cllr Lloyd gave a report on playing field matters. There was £17,767.63 in the bank.
- 15) **Forest Edge Court:** A potential bus stop was discussed. Highways would be spoken to. Bat and swift boxes from NCC would be looked into.
- 16) **3 Year Plan.** It was agreed to get a laptop for the clerk. Cost of just under £800 was considered ok. The clerk would sort.

- 17) **Councillor Updates:** The speed sensor would be looked into for downloading by Cllr Wiltshire.
- 18) **Correspondance:** None that had not already been shared
- 19) **Next PC meeting** Monday 8th September