

HOLME HALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Holme Hale Parish Council held in the Pavilion, Holme Hale on Monday 25th June 2018 at 7.30pm.

1. Attending the meeting: Simon Broke (Chairman), Julian Pearson, Geoff Tranter, Wendy McNeil, Ron Graham (Parish Clerk), and three members of the public.

Apologies for absence: received from Andy Scarlett and Fabian Eagle.

2. Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations: S. Broke declared an interest in item 6 (c), and W. McNeil declared an interest in item 7 (c).
3. To confirm the minutes of the meetings of 30th April 2018: it was proposed by J. Pearson and seconded by G. Tranter, that these minutes be accepted and signed as a true and correct record of the meetings. All voted in favour.
4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda: the Clerk confirmed that he had written a thank you letter to the resident in Church Lane regarding the hedge cutting, and had placed an article in the Moonraker magazine concerning the two vacancies on the Parish Council. Councillors were also pleased to note that NCC had completed the work on the trod in the village. The Chairman notified councillors that he had received a letter from the Clerk, informing the PC that he was retiring from his post. It was agreed that a sub-committee be formed of S. Broke and W. McNeil, to oversee the process of appointing a new clerk, with adverts to be placed in Moonraker and the NALC website.

This part of the meeting was then closed by the Chairman at 7.44pm to allow for public participation. The PC resumed its business at 7.50pm.

5. Highways: one matter was to be reported to the Rangers. A drain cover by the bus shelter on Cook Road has “caved in”, and is in a dangerous condition.
6. Planning:
 - (a) The PC had submitted comments relating to the application at Scants Corner Farm, referring to potential traffic problems on Brown’s Lane and the need for passing places. Reviewing the application from Cutbush Farm for change of use of a barn to a dwelling, the PC raised objections to this proposal. This development was not considered to be in a sustainable location, carried a large carbon footprint, and lacked provision for renewable energy sources.
 - (b) The PC considered a written request from the agent acting on behalf of Mrs Johnson, seeking support for the application for a new bungalow on the garden plot at Bilmar, Station Road. The view of the PC was that they were not in a position to request that the next Planning Committee meeting should determine this application, and that the agent should take up this matter with the District councillor.
 - (c) The Clerk informed councillors that the application relating to Ivy Farm, Cook Road was now the subject of an appeal to the Secretary of State against the decision of Breckland to refuse to grant planning permission. Councillors had reviewed the amendments to the proposed residential development at

Crossways Farm, Cook Road. It appears that no changes have been made, despite the PC's earlier criticisms of this development, and the PC repeated its objections to this application.

- (d) Councillors received a written report from A. Scarlett on the forum meeting held at Necton on 8/6/18 to review current developments relating to Vattenfall's proposals. Necton PC were looking for financial contributions towards the costs of mounting a legal challenge against Vattenfall. J. Pearson also challenged Vattenfall on the accuracy of the 3D visualisation of the project substation. The next meeting was scheduled to take place in early July, and councillors need to decide whether HHPC should support the "fighting fund", to what level, and under what terms? A. Scarlett expressed concerns that there was no clear mechanism for contribution input. Where would HHPC stand in terms of legal liability should this challenge to Vattenfall end in failure? It was proposed by J. Pearson and seconded by W. McNeil, that HHPC should seek assurances on these matters at the next forum meeting. All voted in favour.

7. Finance:

- (a) The Clerk presented a bank reconciliation statement based on the bank statements of 25/5/18, showing that the balance on the Robertson Bequest account was £1,702.23; the balance on the savings account was £4,789.30; and the balance on the Current account was £8,835.06. The Clerk pointed out that the Parish Council had authorised the closure of the Robertson Bequest account, with all funds to be transferred to the Current account, which would then hold £10,537.29. With payments totalling £1,396.51 scheduled to be approved for invoices received, the estimated balance remaining on the Current account as at 26/6/18 was £9,140.78.

- (b) Approval was sought for cheque payment of the following invoices:

- Mr. R. Graham, clerk's salary/expenses £398.48
- HMRC, clerk's PAYE £85.92

It was proposed by J. Pearson and seconded by G. Tranter that both these invoices be paid. All voted in favour.

- NORSE, grounds maintenance £882.54

It was proposed by G. Tranter and seconded by J. Pearson that this invoice be paid. All voted in favour.

- Mr G. Tranter, materials for village sign £29.57

It was proposed by W. McNeil and seconded by J. Pearson that this invoice be paid. All voted in favour.

- (c) The Clerk had received a letter from the Holme Hale Playing Field Trust, requesting financial support from the Robertson Bequest Fund for fencing works to be completed at the frontage to the Pavilion. C and G Fencing Ltd had quoted a price for the work of £2,140 plus VAT = £2,568. The Council had now allocated the funds remaining in the Robertson Bequest Fund (towards payment for the trod in the village), but wished to offer some financial

assistance to the HHPFT, who could provide a cheque for £1,740 towards payment for the work. It was proposed by S. Broke and seconded by J. Pearson, that Holme Hale Parish Council be prepared to assist the HHPFT with the payment of the invoice from C and G Fencing Ltd, in keeping with the Parish Council's 3 – 5 year programme of spending on items of benefit to the village, which was established at the meeting of 26/6/17. All voted in favour.

8. Village maintenance matters: NCC had completed the work on the parish partnership trod, and work on the new village sign in Station Road was nearing completion.
9. Review of recent correspondence: The Clerk reported on three items:
 - An information pack on Red Ensign Day
 - A crime update from the Norfolk Constabulary
 - A catalogue from Glasdon Ltd
10. Members matters: J. Pearson confirmed that the PC had no further interest in obtaining sticky signs for rubbish bins.
11. Date and time of next meeting: it was agreed to change the scheduled date for the next meeting, which would now be held on Tuesday 21st August 2018 at 7.30pm.

With no further matters being raised, the meeting was declared closed at 9.15pm.

Public participation and issues raised.

Two matters were raised:

- The state of the planters in the village. To be restored by the Garden Club?
- Have NORSE been doing a wider cutting on the footpath? Yes, some of the widening work has been carried out, but there is still some strimming to be done.