

HOLME HALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Holme Hale Parish Council held in the Pavilion, Holme Hale on Monday 29th October 2018 at 7.30 pm.

1. Attending the meeting: Simon Broke (Chairman), Andy Scarlett, Julian Pearson, Geoff Tranter, Wendy McNeil, Ron Graham (taking minutes), Nigel Wilkin (District Council), and three members of the public.

Apologies for absence: received from Pauline Angus (Parish Clerk).

2. Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations: none made.

3. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 21st August 2018 and the EGM of 10th September 2018: it was proposed by W. McNeil and seconded by G. Tranter, that both sets of minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of these meetings. All voted in favour.

4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda: The Chairman confirmed that the appointment process for a new clerk had produced a successful outcome, and that the post had been offered and accepted by Pauline Angus.

This part of the meeting was then closed by the Chairman at 7.37 pm to allow for public participation. The PC resumed its business at 7.47 pm.

6. Highways: G. Tranter informed the PC that repairs to the drain at the junction of Cook Road and St Andrews Close had not worked, "so nothing had changed". The Clerk was requested to inform Highways that water still runs down Cook Road.

7. Planning: The Chairman informed the PC that the application relating to Ivy Farm had now been approved on appeal.

The PC had not objected to the application relating to the Carrot Wash on Station Road, but now noted the concerns expressed by several residents on Station Road. The Clerk was asked to contact Breckland to recommend that an onsite meeting be held to ameliorate the concerns of the residents.

The PC discussed the application relating to Cutbush Farm, Common Road, Ashill, and decided to register its objection to these plans. The main reasons given for this objection were the unsustainable location/high carbon footprint (outside the settlement boundary), and the lack of any detailed provision in the plans for a thermal store.

It was confirmed that two representatives from Vattenfall would attend an EGM of the PC on Monday 19th November 2018 at 7.30 pm to give a presentation on the latest developments concerning the application for the offshore wind farm and electricity sub stations. W. McNeil suggested that notices be delivered to residents to encourage attendance at the meeting. The Clerk was asked to invite James Howard and Phil Hayton (from Necton PC), and Jenny Smedley (Action Group), to attend the meeting. The Clerk had received a USB device from Vattenfall containing electronic copies of documents relating to the project and this was to be circulated to councillors.

The Clerk informed the PC that the application for development at Crossways Farm, Cook Road had now been approved, subject to numerous conditions.

8. Village maintenance matters: A. Scarlett confirmed that the concerns of residents on Church Lane/Road regarding overgrown hedges had now been addressed, and G. Tranter confirmed that the new village sign in Station Road had been erected in early September.

9. Review of recent correspondence: The Clerk reported on the recent crime update supplied by the Norfolk constabulary.

10. New Clerk's contract: It was proposed by J. Pearson and seconded by W. McNeil, that the Chairman sign the contract for Mrs Pauline Angus as the new parish clerk, effective from 10/9/18. All voted in favour.

11. Finance.

11.1: The Clerk presented a bank reconciliation statement based on the bank statements of 25/10/18, showing the balance on the Savings account was £4,790.28 and the balance on the Current account was £12,455.88. With payments totalling £1,556.98 scheduled to be approved for invoices received, the estimated balance remaining on the Current account as at 30/10/18 was £10,898.90.

11.2: Approval was sought for cheque payment of the following invoices:

- Norse, grounds maintenance, £882.54.

Proposed by J. Pearson and seconded by W. McNeil, that this invoice be paid. All voted in favour.

- Mr R. Graham, clerk's salary/expenses £229.70
- HMRC, clerk's PAYE, £42.96

Proposed by J. Pearson and seconded by G. Tranter, that both these invoices be paid. All voted in favour.

- Mrs Pauline Angus, clerk's salary/expenses £401.78

Proposed by W. McNeil and seconded by G. Tranter, that this invoice be paid. All voted in favour.

11.3: Projects/matters raised that will impact on the PC budget for 2019/2020 were potential election costs, and gated signs for Station Road.

12. Members matters: none raised.

13. Date and time of next meeting: It was confirmed that the next meeting would be the EGM on Monday 19th November 2018 at 7.30 pm, with the next ordinary meeting scheduled for Monday 7th January 2019 at 7.30 pm.

With no further matters being raised, the meeting was declared closed at 8.50 pm.

5. Public participation and issues raised: Three matters were raised. Firstly, reports of an overgrown hedge on Church Road would be reported at the next Glebe meeting. Secondly, it was requested that digital images created by a member of the public (relating to Vattenfall's proposals) be projected and shown at the forthcoming EGM. Thirdly, some overgrown hedges on Cook Road have been cut back at no cost to the PC.