



Minutes of Hillington Parish Council

Online Meeting held on the 20th August 2020

From 7.30 pm start

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Present: Cllr Graham Rogerson (GR) Chair, Cllr Jonathan Worsley, Cllr Terry Kivlin (TK), Cllr. Jane Hill (JH) and Cllr. Ben Wallace. Caroline Boyden (CB) Clerk.

1 member of the public

1. Welcome to all attendees from GR.
2. Apologies for absence received from Borough Cllr James Moriarty.

3. Declarations of Interest

- 3.1** To receive members declarations of interest in any of the items on the agenda - TK re proposed development 22 Lynn Road.
- 3.2** To receive and consider any written requests for dispensation for disclosable interests.

None received

4. Ward Members' Reports:

- 4.1 KL&WN Borough Council:** To receive a report from Cllr. James Moriarty, as follows:
Sifting of Planning Applications

As you may be aware, the Borough Council introduced a policy of sifting planning applications in recent years. The policy meant that when a Parish Council's views differed to that of the Planning Officer, the application no longer automatically went to the full Planning Committee but first went to a Sifting Panel which could decide that a decision could still effectively be made by the officer. This change of policy without consulting parish councils on the change breached the Borough's code of community involvement. As part of my efforts to remedy this I moved a motion at full council to now consult. The Conservative group were whipped to oppose the motion and so it was lost. However, I intend to bring the issue before the Corporate Performance Panel (See above) and will myself consult all parish councils in advance of that meeting in early 2020.

Although no final decision has been made about the major planning application in the village, there is no evidence I have seen which overrides in principle the reason for any potential refusal (contrary to Development Plan with no Material Reasons to go contrary to the Local Plan). I am keeping a close eye.

We anticipate the government's White Paper on Local Governance will be pushing for a unitary authority in this part of Norfolk, but more of that will be known by the time of your next meeting. It looks as though the separate collection of food waste will not now recommence until the new waste collection contract starts next April.

- 4.2 Norfolk County Council:** No report received from Cllr. Stuart Dark. JH asked why not even apologies being received and Clerk to contact Cllr Dark on this.

5. **Resolution to approve that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 25th May 2020 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.** Proposed JH, seconded TK, - motion carried.

6. **Matters arising from the Minutes:**
None

7. **Public Forum** – Suggestion that the Clerk sends out reminders of the meeting on the day.
Found the church now being open and accessible, a great asset.

8. Finance

8.1 To approve the Financial Report and Quarterly Review v Budget – proposed BW, seconded JW,- motion carried.

8.2 To confirm approval of the payments made since 25th of May – proposed JH, seconded TK- motion carried.

8.3 All going well with the online banking.

9. Planning

9.1 To consider any further applications –

Extension to garage area and new pitched roof at Anchor House – supported.

Development proposed at 22 Lynn Road – a private highways report has been submitted by the developers and BCKLWN have asked Highways for comments. JH advised that the EOT date had been extended to the 27th of October.

9.2 BW asked if it was known who actually now owns the land. It was thought to still be the parishioner but checking with the land registry may help. However, if the land has been sold, it will not show until registered. Concerns were raised regarding the channel of land from Wheatfields to the Hospice – could a road be put in?

10. **Communications/Correspondence** – general as sent out via emails.

To consider the Local Council Award Scheme at the next meeting – details to be sent out by the Clerk. BW mentioned that there could be a second wave of COVID 19 in the area and to be prepared.

11. Highway matters

11.1 Community Speed Watch –GR - The Sam unit is currently with Flitcham and GR advised that the speed watch could commence again in September. A new risk assessment and documentation is required.

11.2 Pothole has been repaired.

Meeting ended at 7.51 pm

Next Meeting will be on Tuesday the 20th of October