**Minutes of Hillington Parish Council Meeting held on the 26th of November 2019**

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**Present: Cllr Graham Rogerson (GR) Chair, Cllr Terry Kivlin (TK) and Cllr. Jane Hill (JH), Caroline Boyden (CB) Clerk and 2 parishioners.**

1. Welcome to all attendees from GR and officially welcomed the new Clerk.

2. Apologies for absence received from Jonathan Worsley, James Moriarty and Stuart Dark.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

**3.1** To receive members declarations of interest in any of the items on the agenda -**–** JH on Tapping House.

**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 the relevant parish council 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 and will, myself, consult all parish councils in advance of that meeting in earl 2020.

Climate change was brought to the last full Council, but the motion was hijacked by the Leader and referred to be looked at by the Cabinet in 2020. It is a subject which is not going to go away.

We are debating recording al future council meetings later this week and there is a by-election on the 12th of December.

**4.2 Norfolk County Council:** To receive a report from Cllr. Stuart Dark – no report

**5. Resolution to approve that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 23 September 2019 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.** Approved and signed

**6**. **Matters arising from the Minutes:**

**6.1** – No response yet received from the letter to Tapping house regarding the smoking situation and CB to request a follow up via Mr. Moriarty for assistance. JH to speak to neighbours on the subject and advise at next meeting.

**7. Public Forum:** The meeting will be adjourned to allow a period, not exceeding 15 minutes, for public participation – no comments from the parishioners’ present.

**8. Finance**

 **8.1** To note receipts and approve payments due – duly approved and signed.

 *HMRC payment - £70.00*

 *Norfolk Parish Training Partnership - £20.00*

 *Clerk Salary & Expenses – 679.92*

 **8.2** To receive Financial Report July - September 2019 – duly signed.

 **8.3** To discuss the Budget 2020/2021 & Precept by the Working Group – first and second drafts discussed and agreed along with a 2.2% increase in the precept.

 **8.4** To discuss training expenses – approved.

**9.** **Planning**

 **9.1** To consider any further applications - None

**10. Highway matters**

**10.1** Community Speed Watch – October figures led to 10 letters sent out with none local to Hillington.

4 sessions took place during November with 2 lorries found speeding.

**10.2** Speed Activated Mobile sign suffered some water damage but now repaired and working at Fincham. Back with Hillington next week.

**10.3**  Highway fault reports – excessive water on the A148 just before the 30mph signs and garage. Reported to Highways as concern over freezing.

**11. Community Events**

 **11.1** Christmas Party and Quiz – Tuesday 10th December

 **11.2** Carol Service – 15th December

**12. Correspondence**

BCKLWN letter dated 20th November – decision making

 Crime updates – October 19

 Clara Yeung – neighbourhood plan service

 Local Government boundary Commission – consultation extension

JH congratulated GH on the Remembrance Service wreath laying.

 2020 meetings to be confirmed by GH. ACTION GH

**13. Website review** -points raised on new site and amendments made. ACTION CB

Meeting ended at 8.30pm

Next Meeting will be on Tuesday the 21st of January 2020 in the private dining room, Ffolkes Arms from 7.30pm