



Minutes of Hillington Parish Council

Meeting held on the 26th of July 2022

From 7.30 pm start at the Ffolkes Arms.

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Present: Cllrs Graham Rogerson (GR) Chair, Jane Hill, Cllr Terry Kivlin (TK), Cllr Mick Battersby.

10 members of the public

Caroline Boyden (CB) Clerk

Public Participation – Councillor and Speedwatch vacancies, Queens Jubilee as on the agenda.

- 1. Welcome to all attendees from GR.**
- 2. Apologies** – Cllrs Moriarty, Worsley, and Wallace.
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
TK re planning application 22/00772/OM

4. Ward Members' Reports:

4.1 KL&WN Borough Council: Cllr. James Moriarty, as follows:

My constant moaning and complaining which will have put a target on my back when visiting the planning department, is paying off as changes to the sifting and consultation process and increased numbers of planning staff are finally being considered. The result should mean greater transparency, renewed consultation with Parish Councils if an planning application changes whilst going through the process and, most importantly, a better service for both applicants, supports and objectors under the new regime.

It is proposed to make amendments to the current planning scheme of delegation. The scheme of delegation includes the councillor call-in and sifting panel process. It is proposed to amend the scheme of delegation so councillors can have extra time to call-in an application to committee, and parish councils can also have their comments considered by sifting panel, in relation to reconsultation of amended/revised development proposals. Other changes are also proposed, to bring the scheme more up to date, to clarify particular issues and to bring it into line with other policy/guidance.

Secondly, a comprehensive restructure of the planning department at the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk is set to be considered by Corporate Performance Panel (which I chair) this week and Cabinet later in the month which could lead to up to 15 new planning posts.

Planning officers here currently have a caseload of around 177 cases each, compared to between 99 and 110 in neighbouring councils.

The report is also seeking additions to the Planning enforcement team to deal with the 500+ enforcement caseload that the current team is working on, a figure which is higher than all other district councils in Norfolk. This will include a post to improve communication with complainants about the progress of their complaint.

An assistant arboriculture officer, and two technical support officers will also provide further support to the whole team. The new posts will be funded by the Government's proposed increase in planning fees recently announced.

On another matter, two schemes, that guarantee interviews for ex-armed forces personnel and care leavers, have been introduced for those applying to work for the borough council.

Candidates who meet the essential criteria set out in the personal specification for a job vacancy and who are either a veteran or care leaver will be guaranteed an interview for the role for which they are applying.

These schemes apply to all vacancies at the borough council, as long as the applicants can evidence that they meet the essential criteria for the role. Those who are unsuccessful in securing the role will be given detailed feedback to assist them with future applications and interviews.

More details about the schemes can be found by looking for the 'working for us' tab on the borough council website."

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Norfolk County Council: Cllr. Stuart Dark – no report or apologies received.

5. Resolution to approve that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22nd of March 2022 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed TK seconded JH, and motion carried by all present.

6. Matters arising from the November Minutes:

6.1 Queens Jubilee Celebrations – It was agreed by all that the celebrations at the Ffolkes and the 2 street parties were well attended, and thanks given for all the hard work undertaken.

6.2 On site meeting with Cllr Dark – see Highways Matters, item 10.

7. Finance

7.1 To approve the Financial Report, payments & receipts and bank statements for May and June 2022 – proposed MB, seconded TK- motion carried.

7.2 To approve payments for July – proposed TK, seconded GR – motion carried.

7.3 To approve the Qtr. 1 Financial Review – proposed GR, seconded TK and motion carried.
Funds as at 30.6.22 are £13,535.03 and in line with the budget.

8. Planning

To consider any new applications –

8.1 22/01101/LB & 22/01199/F relating to Uphall, Station Road. Proposal to support the application by GR, seconded TK and all in favour.

8.2 22/00772/OM – Application for 37 affordable dwellings and 10 self-build plots on land south of 22 Lynn Road, between Pasture Close and Wheatfields Close. Once again, another application that contravenes the Local Plan, and is outside the village settlement boundary. It was agreed to object to this application and further details to follow. The plan also missed existing trees which will be part of the objection. Cllr Moriarty has called this in.

9. Communications/Correspondence – general as sent out via emails.

9.1 Jubilee Orchard – ideal for any landowners.

9.2 The Hillington Ladies were thanked again for the arranging of the street parties and a yard sale is being arranged for Saturday 6th of August from 11am to 2pm.

9.3 50:50 partnership scheme – post locations have been sent to the clerk.

9.4 An email from a parishioner had been received regarding the poor state of the area by the garage following work by the Borough Council. This has been reported and is scheduled to be completed by the 8th of August.

10. Highway matters

10.1 Community Speed Watch –GR advised that we now have 7 volunteers.

10.2 Confirmation had been received regarding the on-site visit by Cllr Dark and the County Engineer on the 10th of August 2022 from 12 noon, starting at Fritcham and then onto Hillington.

10.3 Rangers – to be asked to cut back the overgrowth covering the road signs coming from Lynn.

Meeting ended at 8.10 pm, and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Next Meeting will be on the 27th of September 2022 at the Ffolkes Arms.