



# Minutes of Hillington Parish Council

## Meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2021

From 7.30 pm start at the Ffolkes Arms.

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**Present: Cllr Graham Rogerson (GR) Chair, Cllr Jonathan Worsley( JW), Cllr. Jane Hill (JH) and Cllr Terry Kivlin (TK). 1 member of the public (part time)**

**Caroline Boyden (CB) Clerk and Cllr Jim Moriarty – part time (JM)**

**Public Participation – no comments**

**1. Welcome to all attendees from GR.**

**2. Apologies – Cllr Wallace. No apologies received from Cllr Dark.**

**3. Declarations of Interest**

**None received**

**4. Ward Members' Reports:**

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

1) Councillor Community Grant Scheme – Policy Document

Every Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk District Councillor will be given a grant budget of £1,000 to award for projects/initiatives/events that will offer community benefits in their own ward area.

The council is committed to promoting equality and diversity and welcomes applications from all sectors of the community, regardless of race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, age, status, religion, or belief.

Basic rules of the scheme

- Projects/initiatives/events must benefit the community in the councillor's ward area.
- The minimum grant is £50 and the maximum £1,000 for each councillor.
- A councillor can fund up to 100 per cent of the total cost of a project, initiative or event
- The grant should be spent within 12 months of the grant award decision.
- All the councillor's budget should be allocated by the end of the financial year. Any unallocated budgets at the end of the financial year will return to the council's general reserves.
- Councillors should make their decisions whether to award a grant within six weeks of receiving an application Eligibility

Local constituted groups or organisations whose primary purpose is to benefit the residents of their community.

Who is not eligible?

- Other local authorities/public sector bodies
- Individuals not part of a community group
- Profit-based businesses
- Political and lobbying groups
- Nationwide organisations

What we will fund

Applications should focus on projects, initiatives or events that deliver a clear and demonstrative benefit to the people of west Norfolk, specifically in the ward area of the district councillor considering

the request. The Borough council accepts no liability or responsibility for any of the projects/initiatives/events funded by this grant scheme, now or in the future and should not involve officer time or any ongoing costs such as maintenance.

Appropriate projects could include, but are not limited to:

- Replacement equipment or improvements to community centres/halls
- A community newsletter
- A contribution towards a specific event (lunch club, celebrations of national events such as the Platinum Jubilee, community picnics, refreshments after community events etc)
- Improvements to community facilities (for example accessibility improvements)
- The purchase of equipment for community use
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- One-off repairs
- Major repairs such as repairing a section of roof or major boiler repairs (but not routine servicing) to community buildings.
- Contributions towards initiatives with a specific purpose of improving the health, social mobility, social isolation and wellbeing of members of the community

What we will not fund

- Retrospective funding for work/projects already commenced
- Statutory activities that are either the council or another public sector organisation responsibility
- Building or repairs costs which are the responsibility of another organisation or landlord
- Recurring revenue costs (salaries, rent, maintenance)
- Projects that benefit private businesses
- Political activities, lobbying or campaigning
- Projects that, in the assessment of the borough council show actual unlawful discrimination within the terms of the Equality Act 2010

Applications will not be considered during the period of purdah up to borough and county elections.

2) Significant proposals to tackle fly tipping, reduce littering, and improve the environment are being put forward for consideration by the borough council's cabinet.

The plans would see an investment of around £190k per year to create additional resources for the council to address fly-tipping across west Norfolk through the creation of a single enhanced service.

More incidents will be able to be investigated and cleared in a timely and efficient way.

In addition, under the proposals, community-led litter picking initiatives would also benefit from more support in the form of guidance, equipment, and the free collection of bagged waste.

There would also be a focus on communications and campaigns to reinforce messages around fly-tipping and raise awareness of the ways for the public to get involved, including by reporting incidents.

And there would be educational activities for children and young people to help them to make good environmental choices by reinforcing the benefits which reducing waste and recycling brings.

To support these interventions, the borough council would also be increasing its capacity to investigate, fine and prosecute the anti-social perpetrators of fly-tipping.

The proposals show the new service would use electric vehicles to deal with incidents of fly-tipping, saving a potential 12 tonnes of CO2 a year upon conventional transport.

The proposals are designed to tackle the social and environmental impact of fly tipping and littering across the borough. The investment would improve the correct disposal of rubbish and amount of recycling and help through the removal of dumped waste prevent environmental harm.

3) I attended Cabinet last week where they agreed with Hillington PC's request for the number of councillors to be increased by one."

#### 4.2 Norfolk County Council: No report received from Cllr. Stuart Dark.

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**5. Resolution to approve that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> of July 2021 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.** Proposed GR seconded JW, - motion carried by all present.

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

**6.1** Policies & Procedures – clerk reported that these had been updated and on the website.

**6.2** Additional Councillor – as per report from Cllr Moriarty, item 3, this has been approved.

**6.3** Christmas Events – The Ffolkes will not be available for Christmas bookings.

**6.4** Queens Jubilee Celebrations – GR to check with The Ffolkes to see if anything can be arranged for the Thursday. ACTION GR

**7. Finance**

**7.1** To approve the Financial Report, payments & receipts and bank statements for August, September, and October 21 – proposed JW, seconded JH,- motion carried.

**7.2** To approve payments for November – proposed TK, seconded JH – motion carried.

**7.3** To discuss and agree the draft budget and precept for 2022/23 – 3% increase on the present was proposed by JW, seconded GR and motion carried. It was agreed to increase the annual maintenance of the church yard to £1,000 – proposed GR, seconded JH and motion carried. The Village events budget to be increased to £1,200 – proposed JG, seconded TK and motion carried. This was to cover donation towards the Jubilee.

**8. Planning**

To consider any further applications –

Improvements and extension to the existing facilities at The Ffolkes Arms – this was discussed with the Manager of The Ffolkes answering questions and explaining the various changes. The wedding venue to be reinstated, entrance widened to provide 2 way traffic (already discussed with Highways) etc. Support proposed by GR, seconded JW and motion carried. Clerk to return our support to planning. ACTON CB

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

**9.1** Email from Flitcham Parish Council regarding reduction of speed limits and it was agreed that the clerk contact Cllr Dark to accept our application for the Road Safety Community Fund to cover the costs of this project. ACTION CB

**9.2** Churchyard maintenance request for increase as agreed under 7.3.

**9.3** Hillington Ladies Group – GR advised that the group are very active, and the next event is the Christmas Fair on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December. A donation towards expenses was discussed and clerk offered a page on the website for their activities.

**10. Highway matters**

**10.1** Community Speed Watch –GR advised that, due to illness, the volunteers are down to 4 at the moment and 1 session is planned this week.

SAM 2 unit – it was agreed to apply for the 50:50 partnership funding for our own unit.

Proposed GR, seconded TK and motion carried. ACTION CB

**10.2** Issues with the footpath to Flitcham was raised and JH advised that parents walking children to school had been injured from the overgrown brambles. Clerk will resend email from Highways sent in the summer advising action would be taken. ACTION CB

Meeting ended at 8.21 pm

Next Meeting will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2022 at the Ffolkes Arms from 7.30pm. Presentation at 7.00pm to be confirmed.