

HICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2023 in Hickling Village Hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

Councillors present: Lane (Chair), Green, Lamb, Playle, and Rowe.

Also in attendance: Parishioners – 14 and Cllr. Tina Combella.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. John Cottee and Cllr Prosser.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Minutes of meeting 6th December 2022** - it was proposed by Cllr Lane and agreed by all a true record that the minutes were taken as a true record. However, a parishioner wished that the wording to be changed with regards to the Asset of Community Value, Cllr Lane will listen to the recorded minutes and change them with regards to the Faulkes Yard query.
4. **Open session**

A representative of the Hickling Standard would like to ask the Parish Council for ongoing funding of a minimum of £500 per year, as the cost is £5.50 per household. Parishioners have made donations as have the Parish Council; however, it is running at £300/500 shortfall a year. Cllr Lane explained that this would be an agenda item for January's extraordinary meeting.

Parishioner asked if there had been any feedback/communication with RBC re Asset of Community value, Cllr Lane said that he had not contacted Rushcliffe Borough Council, as would like confirmation that Faulkes Yard would not be included in the Asset of Community value. Parishioner said that he did not agree with the minutes dated 6.12.22 concerning Cllr Lane's comment, and wished for it to be changed before they were published (Cllr Lane will listen to the recording and change the minutes to the recording). Cllr Playle explained that at the meeting on 6.12.22 a question was posed to the Parish Council and Cllr Lane answered, but not on behalf of the Parish Council.

Hickling Parish Survey. A Parishioner asked when the questionnaires were due to be returned to the Parish Council and how are they to be returned, as the Play Group is in the village hall during the day and they are not able to take the survey's. Cllr Lamb said that he has received 15 from the Play Group, and has received quite a few back in. Parish Council agreed that the cut off date will be the end of January, if a box was needed to be placed outside the village hall doors to place them in this would be supplied.

Action Point: Clerk to put on internet that the Hickling Survey cut-off date is the end of January.

A parishioner asked if representatives from the Air Ambulance and Nottingham Heliport are attending the meeting, clerk explained that as far she was aware the invitation had been accepted however she has been off sick for 2 months, but as it was still on the agenda the PC could not have received notification that this had been cancelled (agenda is published 3 working days prior to the meeting). Parishioner said that had experienced the rattling windows at their property when the Air Ambulance comes over so low. Another parishioner said that the return flight seems to come back around 9.30/10pm, which is not following the flight path, they should follow the railway line (not over properties). It appears that the Air Ambulance is stationed somewhere else in the day. Parishioner says it goes towards Tollerton direction. Cllr Lane has contacted Castle Donnington Parish Council to ask their advice with regards to aviation law and the Air Ambulance should be stationed near where they are based. A parishioner asked about the additional hangers, and Cllr Combella said that there was a planning application for further hangers but nothing mentioned about the flights.

Open session closed - meeting opened at 7.25pm.

5. Planning Matters.

Applications Discussed

Planning Applications

Reference Number: 22/02120/FUL

Development: Development comprising the erection of five new residential dwellings (Use Class C3), and associated landscaping and highways works

Location: Land South of Bridegate Lane, Bridegate Lane, Hickling Pastures, Nottinghamshire

Parish Council expiry date for comment (extension granted) – **12th January 2023**

Objection from the Parish Council on the following grounds

The parish council would look favorably upon development on this site if its concerns were addressed; however, they object to the proposed application on the following grounds:

- Provisions have been made for foul drainage have not been detailed. This is a particular concern as Hickling Pastures is not on mains drainage and also as the location is on heavy clay ie soak-aways do not work.
- Overdevelopment of site – 5 x 5-bedroom houses which have three storey's – please see following Neighbourhood Plan information.
- Overlooking neighbours – again please see below Neighbourhood Plan information.
- Each property has a small garden, these are family homes that are situated on Bridegate Lane which is a busy road with fast traffic.
- The plans show insufficient turning space for delivery vans and refuse collection etc. A design and access statement is referred to within the document pack, but this document does not appear to be within the portal.
- Only 11 parking spaces allocated to the 5 family homes (25 double bedrooms).
- Poor visibility coming out of the road onto Bridegate Lane, there is a steep decline to the right which will reduce visibility.

Neighbourhood Plan - Grounds for Objection:

Policy H14 Housing Mix

Policy H14 of our adopted NP states that the development of new dwellings will need to demonstrate how their proposals will meet the housing needs of older households and/or the need for smaller, affordable homes for sale or rent and that the development of new housing with more than three bedrooms will normally only be supported if it is necessary to make best use of a redundant or disused rural building.

This application seeks to build five 5-bedroom properties - these neither serve downsizing older households seeking 2/3 bed bungalows or young families, single parents, couples etc seeking 2/3 bed properties.

Policy H9 Local Design.

This application clearly significantly adversely affects the amenities of neighbours as follows:

- loss of privacy – due to the fact that these properties are three storey, the proposed properties will overlook their neighbours.

Reference Number: 22/00545/VAR

Development: Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans) of planning permission 21/00052/FUL with regards to the design and height of the single-storey rear extension.

Location: The Brambles Main Street Hickling Melton Mowbray Nottinghamshire

Parish Council expiry date for comment – **24th January 2023**

No comment from the Parish Council.

Applications Withdrawn

Reference Number: 22/02035/FUL

Applicant:

Development: Erection of new two storey dwelling

Location: Willow House, Melton Road, Hickling Pastures

Application withdrawn 16th December 2022.

Decision Notices

None.

6. Portfolio Group Reports.

Finance and Administration – Cllr Prosser

- **2023/24 BUDGET and precept setting – this will be discussed at extraordinary meeting on 24.1.23.**
- History Group Grant – application / correspondence received – to be discussed at the meeting on 24.1.23. Also, the Hickling Standard ongoing grant support.
- Asset of Community Value – carried over to February’s meeting. **Action point: Clerk to put on the agenda for February.**
- Defibrillator site checks– completed, costs to be approved and paid - £318.00 (see payments). **Action Point:- Clerk to post cheque to company.**
- General Community Grant – update. Cllr **Green has looked into obtaining further grants and need to have a specific item to be able to apply for a grant, for example Gateways for the village.**
- Councillor training:
 - Cllr Rowe – New Councillor course 30.01.22 @ £45.00 – **clerk to post cheque to NALC.**
 - Cllr Lane – Chair skills training course 07.02.23 @ £45.00 - **clerk to post cheque to NALC.**

Environment – Cllr Lane & Playle

- Roadside verges update. Cllr Playle has spoken to the Nottingham County Council ecologist, Cllr Playle will contact the parishioners who have been maintaining the areas and will cc Cllr John Cottee in on any correspondence with NCC.
- A Parishioner mentioned that there is a problem with a dip in the road by the Orchard – Cllr Cottee to be emailed with regards to this. **Action Point Clerk to contact Cllr Cottee, done 12.1.23, following reply has come back:-**

NCC Senior Compliance Inspector has raised this with STW as a defect under consequential damage and asked for a further investigation. Via Drainage Manager has confirmed that our Drainage Team have had no previous involvement and no outstanding jobs, he has also raised it with the Severn Trent Water Catchment Leads, whilst STW may have checked their foul system, there are two surface water sewers also, one directly underneath the area of damage by the look of it:



Highways and Street Furniture – Cllr Green & Playle

- Air Ambulance/Heliport, Hickling Pastures: parishioners' feedback, comments & questions

Assets – Cllr Prosser

- Noticeboard relocation progress update. Cllr Lane has contacted contractors with regards to relocating it to the Wharf area, after discussion it was decided that this and the following item would be carried over to **February's meeting – parishioners would like a notice board they can put notices up on.**
- New noticeboard at Hickling Pastures - as above. **Action point:- Clerk to put on February's agenda.;**
- Cemetery – denotation of unconsecrated area of parish cemetery update. **Action Point Cllr Lane and Cllr Playle will measure up the area.**
- Walkers' Green inspections. No update.

Community Engagement – Cllr Green & Lamb

- New website – progress update. Cllr Green is waiting for the company for an update, they will be supplying email addresses for the members of the parish council.
- Community Survey – outcomes, parishioners' priorities and recommendations. Carried over to February meeting as not all responses back.
- King Charles III Coronation – update re. wrought-iron plaques. Cllr Lane has spoken to a parishioner with regards to this, also Cllr Combellack has said that there are a lot of companies advertising plaques on the internet.

7. Correspondence.
None.

8. Finance:

A) Balance of accounts:

Current Account £12,261.57

Reserve Account £3,835.35

B) Payments due:

Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
000816	Cllr Chris Lamb	Community Survey printing costs	£ 282.50
000817	NALC	Cllr Rowe New Councillor course	£45.00
000818	NALC	Cllr Lane Chair skills course	£45.00
000819	R.A. Salt	Cemetery & Walkers' Green maintenance from 01.04.22 to 31.03.22	£2,305.00
000820	Webnos	Defibrillator battery – Hickling Telephone Box	£318.00
000821	Julie Holland	Clerk's net salary 29.10.22 to 21.11.22	Addendum
"	" "	Clerk's net salary 22.11.22 to 30.11.22	Addendum
000822	" "	Clerk's net salary to month-end 31.12.22	Addendum
000823	" "	Clerk's expenses 29.10.22 to 30.11.22	£ 36.00

000824	“ “	Clerk’s expenses to month-end 31.12.22	£26.00
000825	“ “	Clerk’s salary adjustment – error in Income Tax & National Insurance deductions (repaid to JH)	Addendum
Bank Transfer			
9 th Dec 2022	NetWise	New website – setting up costs & annual hosting, support & maintenance	£ 1,114.80

7. Ward members reports.

Cllr Combella advised that the consultation on deviation ended yesterday. Regarding the Hickling Standard, Cllr Combella suggested that the committee contacts other parish council magazines committees to see how they are funded (the committee had already done this and mainly funded by the cost of the advertising within the magazine, however when they have increased their cost previously they have lost advertisers).

8. Correspondence.

No correspondence.

9. Items from members for the next agenda.

Air Ambulance representative to be invited to attend the Feb meeting, (late email received on 10.1.23 to offer apologies that the Air Ambulance and Nottingham Heliport could not attend meeting).
Extraordinary meeting to be arranged for the 24th January.

Action Point: Clerk to check that the Village Hall is free for this date.

10. Date of next meeting, 24th January 2023.

2023 Meetings: 28th Feb, 28th Mar, 9th May, 13th June, 25th July, 29th Aug, 3rd Oct, 14th Nov, 19th Dec.

No further business – meeting closed at 8pm.