

# Hibaldstow Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of Hibaldstow Parish Council held at 7pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 at Hibaldstow Village Hall, Station Road, Hibaldstow.

**Present:** Cllr Brooks (Chairman), Cllr North, Cllr Pickering, Cllr Riley, Cllr Stothard, Cllr Talliss & Cllr Whitaker.

**Also present:** 6 Residents, Cllr Trevor Foster & Clerk to the Council – Deb Hotson.

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### 2306/01 Apologies for absence

Apologies and reason for absence received from Cllr Mawdsley.

### 2306/02 Public Participation

**Resolved** - to temporarily suspend the meeting for a period of no more than 15 minutes to allow for a period of public participation. Members of the public may raise subjects, which they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council. Items relating to matters on the agenda will be taken first and any decisions will be made when the meeting is declared opened.

A resident raised concerns about the parking on Church Street and lack of parking restrictions. Cllr Brooks stated that representatives of the Parish Council have met with a NLC Highways Officer who will make a report and provide this to the Council for consideration.

Cllr Riley added that the Council had asked at the meeting if the parking bollards could be removed among other items. Cllr Brooks stated that the content of the meeting shouldn't be discussed so residents are not disappointed with information provided at this meeting.

The Clerk to chase up the report.

Clerk to ask that the parking bollards placed into the grassed area opposite the Doctors are reinstated as they have been removed.

Another resident stated that the drains adjacent to her property are not stopping the water in heavy down pours coming through into her property through the front door. This has been reported to NLC who have come out and jetted the drain but to no avail. It was noted that the drainage all along East Street was inadequate.

Cllr Foster agreed to take this up with NLC Highways although they do struggle to engage the utility company to engage and upgrade the drainage system.

Another resident raised concerns about peacocks in the village and the damage that they have done to his wifes car. The resident went on to say that the birds are not protected are there is too many in the village.

Cllr Brooks stated that the Parish Council has received a similar complaint 6 months ago and had sought advice from their advisors, RSPB and the Peafowl Society. The Parish Council has no powers to do anything with this issue. Any actions would be down to residents.

The same resident stated that there were a lot of overgrown hedges, he was advised to report this on the NLC Portal.

Another resident asked about Greenbank being turned into a hard standing to which she was told that this was just a rumour.

A resident stated that the works carried out on the church wall looks good.

1 resident left the meeting.

**Resolved** – to re-open the meeting.

To present the winner of the Nellie Harpham Award for 2022/23 – Cllr Stothard to take the trophy to Ken Allaby.

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### **2306/03 Parish Council Vacancies**

To consider applications for the current vacancies.

Two applications have been received.

One applicant was present although both had been invited to attend.

**Resolved** – both applicants were co-opted on to the Council.

Cllr Stirling signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

Clerk to arrange to send out all required documentation and to provide new emails for both new Councillors.

### **2306/04 Declaration of Interest**

- a. To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

Cllr Riley and Cllr Whitaker declared a personal interest in agenda item 2306/08a.

Cllr Elletson declared a personal interest in agenda item 2306/07d.

Cllr Stothard declared a personal interest in agenda item 2306/07b, c, d & e and item 2306/08a.

Cllr North declared a personal interest in agenda item 2306/11b.

Cllr Brooks declared a personal interest in agenda item 2306/7b.

- b. To note dispensations given to any member in respect of the agenda items listed below.  
Nonoutstanding.

### **2306/05 Minutes of Previous meeting**

**Resolved** - Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

### **2306/06 Clerk's Report**

- Clerk has chased up all highway issues. Agenda item.
- Clerk has contacted the PCC regarding the memorial checks – agenda item.
- Clerk has contacted the contractor regarding the repairs to the church wall – agenda item.
- Clerk has requested a quote for the weeding, planting, and maintenance of the village hall bed - agenda item.
- Clerk has sent all the relevant information to the Ward Cllrs regarding the maintenance of the bridges in and around the parish – agenda item.
- Clerk has forwarded the photos to NLC regarding KCOM issues.

### **2306/07 Delegate Reports**

- a. To receive a chairman's report on activities undertaken on behalf of the Parish Council.  
Cllrs Brooks, Stothard and North have been monitoring the repair of the church wall.
- b. To receive an update report from the Cemetery Working including a discussion on works required on the memorials highlighted in the health & safety report determining actions required.

The faculty cover the testing and making safe of the memorials. The one repair within the cemetery has been requested. No further actions are required.

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Cllr Elletson stated that a resident had required assistance to bring a lawn mower to the churchyard extension and Cllr Elletson wondered what the procedure was for the grass being cut. Cllr Elletson was advised that the resident should approach NLC and the PCC.

- c. To receive an update on the repair of the Church Wall determining any further actions required.

Cllrs Brooks, North & Stothard as previously stated have been monitoring the contractor. Cllr North found further water ingress, and this too will be repaired. Works will be completed tomorrow.

- d. To receive an update report regarding the Hibaldstow Play Park, determining any further actions.

The H & S sheets were circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr Stothard stated that there was litter in the play area and park. This litter is collected prior to the grass cutting only.

Cllr Pickering was thanked for filling in the hole in the play area and for installing a slab in the entrance to the playing field.

Cllr Elletson asked what the actions can be taken from the comments from a resident at the last meeting regarding the replacement of vandalised equipment located at Dallisons Park to which he was advised this will be added to the next agenda. Cllr Brooks stated this was a further question that should be put to residents, is it what residents wanted, is it worth spending more money in the park and would the public look after the area?

- e. To receive an update report on the planting and maintenance of the flower bed areas for 2023.

The bedding plants are in and the perennials are to be planted soon.

Works had been carried out on the village hall bed and the contractor had received quite a bit of verbal abuse from 2 women and a man using the facilities. The contractor had carried out the works ordered by the Parish Council.

The plants have been watered in but if the weather continues to be hot the plants will die.

Clerk to put out a call for residents to water the beds and the village hall to be asked to water the village hall bed.

A cost for watering was to be received in time for the meeting but this hasn't been received. Under the Clerks delegated powers she will authorise the water of the beds up to the next meeting when a decision can be made on summer watering. This will be on the next agenda.

Two members of the public left the meeting.

### **2306/08 Village Hall Report**

- a. To receive an update written report from the Executive Village Hall Committee and to consider the following items:
- Energy Audit Report – to consider the insulation of the building quotes, determining actions required – a further quote has been provided to the Clerk and Julie Reed. Cllr Riley stated that the solar panels are now exporting and the VH is receiving money in. The gas meter has been removed from the hall which is now fully electric. The Gala took place on 17/06 and was well attended and a profit was achieved. Two quotes had been obtained for the painting of the hall – this will be attended to the next agenda. There was a new play group on a Wednesday.
  - Constitution update – ongoing.

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- c. Play equipment responsibility & maintenance –  
The caretaker is now undertaking the H & S checks on the equipment.  
A bin on the site is to be replaced.  
PAT testing of all electrical equipment on the site is to be undertaken.  
It was explained to Cllrs Riley & Whitaker that the equipment on the playing field had been purchased by the Parish Council and added to the Asset Register to allow the VAT to be reclaimed with the understanding and agreement of the then VHC that they would maintain the equipment and ensure the H & S checks were in place. This was ratified by both Cllrs Talliss & Stothard who was on the VHC at the time.  
Both Cllrs Riley & Whitaker disagreed with this statement and questioned both the Chairman and Clerk.  
Both Cllrs Riley & Whitaker were advised that they should ensure that they had their Parish Council hats on for discussion taking place at Parish Council meetings.  
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Having held an informal hour meeting prior the Parish Council meeting regarding the Village Hall projects, which highlighted many disturbing anomalies. The Parish Council Agenda 2306/02 did not strictly follow Standing Orders and then further frustrating repetitive debate and disturbances within agenda 2306/08 - The chairman closed and left the meeting.

**2306/17 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting as Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7 pm at Hibaldstow Village Hall.**

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.