

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HAINFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 14th MAY 2014 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr A Cowles (Chair)
Cllr L Rogers
Cllr R Crisp
Cllr S Fuller
Cllr A Southgate
K Medler (Clerk)

In attendance: District Cllr P Carrick
Mr. P Smith (Hainford Hall)
Mr. T Wright

Parishioners: 22

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs H Pointer, S Howes and County Cllr D Roper.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr A Southgate proposed Cllr A Cowles continue as Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr S Fuller. All agreed and Cllr A Cowles accepted office.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Cllr A Cowles proposed Cllr L Rogers continue as Vice Chair and this was seconded by Cllr S Fuller. All agreed and Cllr L Rogers accepted office.

4. ELECTION OF VILLAGE HALL REPRESENTATIVE

Cllr S Fuller confirmed she is happy to continue in this role and this was agreed by all.

4 members of the public left the meeting at 20:10

5. ELECTION OF AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Cllr A Cowles confirmed he is happy to continue in this role and this was agreed by all.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS

There were no declarations of interest or dispensation requests.

7. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th April 2014 were agreed by all and signed by the Chairman.

8. REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES, NOT ON THE AGENDA

a. Lafarge

The Clerk has now received a response to the complaint raised, which will be passed to Cllrs S Howes and H Pointer, as they raised the issue, to see if the response is satisfactory. The person who has replied has sent his sincere apologies for the delay in replying and the reasons for this are being looked into.

Dog bin Waterloo Road

Highways have confirmed that having looked at the lay-by, they can make some adjustments to allow a vehicle to at least drive/reverse up to the fence. This will require a digger so will be scheduled in with other works in the area. BDC have been informed.

Poppies

Cllr S Fuller confirmed that although this initiative was agreed by the Village Hall Committee, she actually purchased the seeds herself at a cost of £48.85. Cllr R Crisp proposed the Parish Council reimburse Cllr S Fuller and this was agreed by all.

9. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

a. Proposed development on the Chequers Field

i) Current position

The Chairman advised this development will attract a large Community Infrastructure Levy and discussions are currently taking place between BDC and Saffron as to how this can be reduced and whether the land gifted to the Parish Council can be taken into account.

The Clerk received an email from BDC asking what the Parish Council intended to use the gifted land for and also asking for confirmation of play space within the village. A response was sent advising that at present the Council has no views on the use of the land but should the Council be given the land, its use will be debated with parishioners. Details of current play areas were also provided.

BDC has suggested members of the Parish Council meet with Saffron and the Planners to discuss how the CIL can be met. Cllr S Fuller asked how the CIL would be used and District Cllr P Carrick advised 85% would be retained by BDC to be used wherever it was required and not necessarily within the village. 15% would go to the Parish Council. The Clerk then advised BDC have set guidelines on what the CIL can be spent on.

A parishioner asked if the developer still has to pay to upgrade the utilities if they say they can't cope and the Chairman confirmed, based on information given by Saffron, that they do. It was agreed the Parish Council should attend the proposed meeting and Cllrs S Fuller and L Rogers will attend with the Chairman.

ii) Response to Anglian Water

A suggested response to Anglian Waters letter had been previously circulated and was agreed with additional information being added concerning a survey completed in 1988. If residents would also like to send a complaint to Anglian Water concerning the problems currently experienced they should write to: Justin Arnold, Customer Liaison Manager, Anglian Water, PO Box 10642, Harlow, CM20 9HA quoting reference RD/113 571 889.

b. Play Equipment in Village

i) Play Inspection Company report

This item to be carried forward to the next meeting in Cllr S Howes absence as he was reviewing the report. The bark is still to be topped up but will be done as soon as possible.

ii) Lease

The Clerk advised the Councils solicitors have now heard from the Diocese solicitors, who are checking the heads of terms with their client. The Diocese solicitors are seeking an undertaking that the Parish Council will be responsible for their costs of £750.00 +vat (although they reserve the right to revisit this sum if the matter becomes more complex or prolonged than anticipated). In order to give this undertaking the Parish Council are asked to send a cheque for £900.00 to Howes Percival LLP who will retain it until it is required. Howes Percival will not be able to give the undertaking until they have received and cashed the cheque. This action was agreed and the Clerk will also seek a possible timescale for completion.

iii) HCP

The Clerk has spoken to the NALC who have recommended any funds are paid under the Councils Grant Scheme. An application for £500.00 was passed to Cllr A Southgate who reviewed and agreed all was in order. It was pointed out that the £500.00 Grant being given to the Community Partnership was to be used for the purposes of fund raising for the Play Area and that the sum would come out of the money allocated by the Parish Council for the upgrading of the Play Area.

c. Hainford Hall Enabling Scheme

This was considered in light of the comments made at the Annual Parish Meeting and it was agreed that as the Parish Council are currently supporting the development on the Chequers Field they would not want to see two developments running concurrently. The Parish Council pointed out that currently the proposal is contrary to the Parish Plan, Local Planning Policies GS1, being outside of the development boundary and JCS16 and that residents have valid concerns regarding the road infrastructure, utility services and the School's ability to cope with such a large scale development, which represented an increase in approximately 15% of Hainford's current housing stock. Parishioners were also concerned about the potential for future development of land outside the development boundary that such a development could bring. The "thin end of the wedge" principle.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Smith and his colleague Mr. Wright for attending the Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Council Meeting to explain their scheme and answer Parishioner questions.

Cllr P Carrick requested that a copy of this meetings minutes be sent to Matthew Rooke at BDC so he is aware of the position and this was agreed.

d. Planning applications

i) 20140487 – Mr. A Watts, Meadow View, Newton Road

20140506 – Mr. P Walton, 57 Chapel Road

The Clerk was able to inform BDC within the timescale given that the majority of the Council had no objections to these applications.

ii) 20140469 – Mr. G Beatty, 30 Pollard Road – No objections.

e. Speed Watch / Traffic Calming

As stated at the Annual Parish Meeting a new co-ordinator has taken over (Jackie Matthews) and is in the process of organising teams. The clerk will be speaking to Jackie to ensure she has an up to date list of volunteers and has got the equipment ready to use. The Clerk will also find out when checks are likely to be started and speak to the Police to see if they can complete some enforceable checks along Waterloo Road as well as 'Smiley Sid'.

f. Site Allocations Development Plan consultation

The Chairman advised he had reviewed the two documents from BDC sent to the Parish Council for comment. The first was the Site Allocations Development Plan Document. It sets out sites across Broadland that are suitable for certain forms of development. The Parish Council had commented on earlier drafts of the Plan. No sites had been identified in Hainford which was identified as an 'Other Village' in accordance with JCS Policy 16. It was agreed that the Parish Council had no comments on this document.

The second document was the Development Management Development Plan Document. The purpose of this second document is to further the aims and objectives set out within the National Planning Policy Framework. The policies set out in the Development Management DPD will supersede a number of Local Plan Policies. Two Local Plan Policies which this will supersede are GS1 and HOU9. The Chairman said he had concerns about the wording of the policies that will replace GS1 and HOU9. Policy GC2 which will replace GS1 states that "outside settlement limits development which does not result in any significant adverse impact will be permitted" Not only does this appear to be a change in emphasis but what does "significant adverse impact" mean and who decides what will or will not be "significant adverse impact". Is this an objective test or a subjective one? What is "significant adverse impact" for one may not be for another. Policy H3 which will replace HOU9 states that "Outside settlement limits replacement dwellings will be considered acceptable in principle provided the building is substantially intact and its use as a dwelling has not been abandoned". Where this is not the case "replacement dwellings will be viewed favorable in principle provided that the replacement bears an acceptable relationship to the site". This appears to be less prescriptive than the Current HOU9. The Chairman said his main concern was the ability for individual Planning Officers to apply their own interpretation to the wording of these policies on the Humpty Dumpty principle "that words mean what I say they mean." The Chairman said that these were his concerns based on the Parish Council's experiences and did not relate to the "soundness" of the document itself. It was agreed that the Clerk would convey these comments to BDC.

Cllr A Southgate left the meeting at 20:43

g. Millennium Car Park

Two quotations had been supplied by Cllr S Howes which included latches, posts etc but not fitting. All agreed the barrier option would be more suitable at £470.00+vat. The Clerk will ask Cllr S Howes to look into the cost of fitting before proceeding.

h. Insurance for the year June 14 - June 15

The Clerk had obtained three quotations and circulated details for review. All agreed to renew with current Insurers under another Long Term Agreement. A resident asked if he was covered as a volunteer under the Parish Councils insurance when he trims the footpaths with his cutter and the Clerk confirmed he was.

1 member of the public left the meeting at 21:06

i. Finance

i) The following accounts were presented for payment and were approved:

Mrs. K Medler (Expenses)	£57.61
SLCC (Subscription)	£43.00
Howes Percival LLP (Diocese solicitors fees)	£900.00
Cllr S Fuller (Poppy seeds)	£48.35
Hainford Community Partnership(Grant)	£500.00
Broker Network Ltd (Insurance)	£265.00
Mrs T Watker (Costs for survey)*	£56.37

* This will be deducted from the sum set aside for the Play Area along with the £500.00 grant.

The Clerks standing order was paid on the 5th May 2014.

The following receipts were noted:

BDC (1 st installment of Precept)	£5500.00
BDC (Additional Precept grant from 13/14)	£33.00

ii) Financial statement for May 2014

The balance carried forward is £22,398.70.

Cllr R Crisp proposed the Council accept the statement and this was seconded by Cllr S Fuller.

10. MATTERS TO REPORT

a. Correspondence sent to Clerk

Various invites had been received which will be circulated along with the usual correspondence.

b. Report from County Councillor

The Chairman read the report in Cllr D Ropers absence:

Cabinet met for the final time at NCC on Monday. At the Annual Council meeting on 27th May the Council moves to a new governance structure of a Leader and five Service Committees of 17 Councillors each. These Committees will be politically balanced and will take all decisions with the exception of expenditure of over £100m or where the leader identifies a matter as a key decision. These matters will be decided by full council. This new structure will mean much more involvement by the 84 Councillors in decision making. At Cabinet on Monday agreement was given to negotiating a two year lease with a company looking to develop a large Solar Farm on the former RAF Coltishall. The final decision on whether there will be a solar farm will rest with the Planning Committee of North Norfolk District Council. It had always been planned that there would be a solar farm on the site of about 50 acres; the new proposal increases the size to 300 acres. One of the factors behind the proposed increase is that a higher than expected level of investment in electricity infrastructure is required before a solar farm could operate. In essence the proposed 50 acre site would not have been financially viable. The proposal put forward would not require additional investment by the County Council and would deliver an income that could be put towards developing the remainder of the former base. A good news item from Cabinet is the launch of the link up of the Museums service with a national initiative the "children's university". Children will be able to enrol with the scheme either through their school if it is participating or through library membership. By joining the scheme children will be able to visit the county's museums for free.

11. RESIDENTS QUESTIONS

Updating of Broadband speeds seems to have missed the village. Does anyone have any information regarding this? The Chairman advised that according to BT Open Reach's website the St Faiths Exchange has been upgraded and suggested residents contact County Cllr D Roper with their postcode for more specific information.

12. MATTERS RAISED FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Play equipment in the Village, proposed development on 'the Chequers field and Millennium Car Park gate.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th June 2014 at 7:30 pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 21:10