

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ELECTORATE OF THE PARISH OF HORSTEAD WITH STANNINGHALL

HELD IN THE TITHE BARN ON WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL 2022

Present: Mr A Kirby, Ms S Corp, Mrs Mixer, Ms L Symons, Mr T Nichols, PC L Ward, Ms J Coplestone, Mr C Jones, Mr A Browne, Ms P Weightman, Mrs C Fleming (chair), Mrs D Williams, Mr D Hales and Ms S Hall (Parish Clerk)

1 **Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Fran Whymark

2 **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 2021.**

The minutes of the 2021 meeting, which were circulated prior to the meeting were approved.

3 **Annual Report of the Chairman of the Parish Council was as follows:**

Chairman's report for the Annual Parish Meeting 2022

Welcome to the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting for Horstead with Stanninghall.

Thanks to Mr Campbell Jones for his mammoth effort and contribution to the Parish Council as Chair and general Mr Fix It. Since May 2021 when I took over as Chair from Mr Jones the COVID situation has ebbed and flowed but most importantly we went back to face to face parish meetings in the Tithe Barn. The June meeting was cancelled due to Covid complications. In May 2021 I took over as Chairman from Mr Campbell Jones and Mr Tom Cain took over as Vice Chairman from me. Thanks to Suzanne, the Clerk, who has done a fantastic job of keeping the whole Parish Council working well with the rest of us contributing in our own way.

Councillors

Resigned – Mr Garry Bagge – November 2021. Mrs Margaret Gurney – January 2022 - thanks for long term contribution to the Parish Council as Chairman for many years and councillor for more. Mr Tom Cain – April 2022 - thank you for your many contributions and for being our ear to the ground around the village over the years.

Welcome to the new councillors – Mr Gary Bagge, Ms Sheryl Corp and Mr Allan Kirby in May 2021. At present we have a few more possible council seats to fill and hope that occurs soon.

Traffic

Mr Jones is organising the Speedwatch and Sam 2 and records show more traffic in the village.

Transport East ran a consultation in January 2022 and councillors were encouraged to contribute.

Planning – We have considered 25 planning applications.

Horstead Mill

People are flocking to the Mill in the summer and in good weather, paddle boarding and canoeing are as popular as ever. Lots of people swim at the Mill in warm and cold weather both safely and not so. There have been safety concerns discussed. Concern about Ash die back along the footpath and the Clerk has contacted the Broads Authority about maintenance. Thanks to Jane for litter picking and keeping an eye on the area for us. Cones were on Mill Road last summer from PC Lucas which persuaded most of the public to behave and Campbell's Polite Notice blue signs did a good job. More cones this year to be used bought by the Parish Council. There are plans for QR codes on notices to raise money for the mill which are moving along having been approved by the National Lottery. We are hoping to have these up and working this year for when the crowds arrive. The bank account is ready and waiting for the funds to arrive. The Hydro Electric scheme idea at the Mill – Clerk looking into legal advice to look through the deeds.

Staithe

Discussions about repair of the Quay heading – Will from the Horstead Centre is trying to get some grant funding to repair this for the village – Tony Nicholls is contributing too.

Playing Field

Mr Jones is carrying out the weekly inspections, thank you. We are aware of future repairs needed to the slide and some surfaces under the equipment. Thanks to Mr Browne for carrying out some repairs to the slide. Moles under control. Annual Safety inspection to be carried out soon Zip wire fixed

Pond

Mr Jones and I have met Liam Hall, the Flood Risk engineer, report to follow. Restoration works to the drain into the pond are being investigated. Alder tree pollarded already and 2 more trees require attention soon.

Neighbourhood Plan – This was temporarily on hold due to COVID but it has now been decided to wind it up. Thanks to Ms Weightman and Mr Simpson for many hours trying to keep this project on track. Mr Simpson has resigned and Ms Weightman has asked for replacements to keep this project going but none have come forward.

Post office in Coltishall closed down and a mobile post office was organised for Mondays in Coltishall Village Hall car park.

Queen Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee – Mr Tom Cain is in charge - plans are in process. Lighting of the Beacon planned on Jubilee weekend.

This concludes the Annual report by the Chair – Caroline Fleming, 13th April 2022

4 Horstead Poors Land Trust

During this period The Trust received Income totalling £7154 and spent £7837.

The biggest expense was grass cutting for a decreasingly small number of residents The Trustees have decided to discontinue this service.

We have decided that it is more appropriate to concentrate on developing the 2 Allotment Sites in Horstead. The money spent restoring the sites has been rewarded by all 26 plots being let out and thriving communities established on both Rectory Road and Frettenham Road.

The Trust has supported groups in the village that the Trustees feel generate a Community Spirit, and we are looking to extend this role.

We are still in the process of correctly registering the Trusts land with Land Registry. This has taken a long time, and has resulted in considerable legal fees but it is nearly complete, and is considered absolutely essential.

We have made preliminary investigations into using the Buxton Road site as amenity land with some conservation value. Norfolk Wildlife Trust has visited the site and is preparing a report and potential management plan for us.

Investment Income was reduced by very low interest rates and depressed equity markets, but this was balanced by 2 very generous donations.

We feel it has been a successful year, and are looking forward to more of the same in 2022/23.

5 Police

PC Lucas Ward reported that there were 62 call outs from Horstead. 10 of which were domestic issues at one property and would have no impact on the rest of the village. 2 were Road Traffic issues, one of which was the car in the hedge on Norwich Road. Looking at the data there is no pattern of crime.

The Camera Safety Partnership team advised that, since January, 92 speeding vehicles have been recorded by the Tithe Barn. The drivers of these vehicles will receive letters and points on their licences.

Mill Road/The Mill - there have been 3 reports of youths 'hanging around' in cars

With regards to parking at the Mill and Mill Road, posters are being prepared which will include photos of inconsiderate parking etc.

The police support the use of cones in the area.

GPS sensors have now been set up which will record the number of police visits and timing etc, this is mainly to provide data about casual 'keeping an eye out' visits rather than call outs etc.

There has been no issues with antisocial behaviour so far this holiday.

Parishioners are welcome to meet with PC Lucas Ward to discuss any of their issues. He will also look into any photos of concern that are sent to him.

Parking on the pavement legislation has been updated that allow local authorities to adopt measures similar to those in place in London. Lucas will find out where Norfolk is at with adopting this.

6 Community Speedwatch

Coltishall & Horstead Community Speed Watch Report for Coltishall & Horstead with Stanninghall Parish Councils 2022.

The Coltishall & Horstead Community Speed Watch (CSW) initiative came into being in 2017 and is part of the wider network of what is now over a fifty CSW teams across Norfolk that operate under the Safety Camera Partnership Scheme. The primary aim of all the CSW Teams is not to catch speeding motorists per se, as the CSW is currently not an enforcement, but to raise awareness that that excessive speeds are socially unacceptable.

Currently we have fourteen volunteers on the books although one is on long term sick leave and another is out of the country until the early autumn. At the peak we used to have four teams each with four volunteers but due to people stepping down and a lack of new volunteers, although recently we have recruited two new ones, we are currently running with just three teams. The arrangement of having at least four volunteers per team works well as it means the team leader has some flexibility and can pretty well manage to guarantee having the minimum of three volunteers required to hold session.

Norfolk Police have defined sixteen locations across Coltishall, Hautbois and Horstead where we can hold sessions although to a certain extent we do focus on the hot spots. We are supported by the Safety Camera Partnership who frequently follows up our sessions with one of their own, often on the same day. As a general rule we aim to hold at least three sessions each month.

Despite being in Covid 19 Lockdown at times, in the past twelve months we have reported over 220 vehicles which has resulted in over 200 letters being sent to the vehicle owners.

The difference can be put down to a number of reasons but generally fall into the following categories:-

HIRE = Hire vehicle for which letters are not issued.

INCORRECT = Where the details supplied on the return do not match with the Police National Computer details. Letters not issued.

DISPUTE LETTER = Where somebody has disputed either the speed the vehicle was travelling or their car was not in the vicinity.

RTS = Letter returned as not known at this address.

Below are the CSW figures supplied by Norfolk Police for 2021.

2021 Figures Norfolk

Month	Nil Returns	Total Returns	Active Teams	Total Vehicles	Total Letters Sent	Total Rejected
January	Lockdown					
February	Lockdown					
March	0	29	24	279	251	28
April	14	211	59	1861	1553	287
May	18	250	64	2519	2064	418
June	12	250	64	2742	2319	609
July	19	229	64	2586	2230	350
August	17	208	59	2225	2006	219
September	10	204	61	1801	1615	186
October	13	184	62	1665	1395	270
November	18	189	64	1415	1268	147
December	10	84	40	606	524	82
Total 2021	131	1838	56.1	17699	15225	2596

So far for 2022 we have been advised:-

Month	Total Returns	Total Letters Sent	Total Rejected
January	1078	942	136
February	1260	1172	88

The future....

Following the Norfolk Police alignment with Suffolk and the way they operate their CSW, in late in 2021 a discussion was held about monitoring speed of vehicles on roads with a 20 mph limit and it was agreed if there was enough support for it then Norfolk would adopt the same. There was and a consultation was launched asking all the CSW teams to submit a list of sites in their parishes that they thought would be suitable. We have submitted two sites in Coltishall for assessment by the authorities and hopefully they will be approved.

The methodology for submitting our road side returns has undergone several changes over the years. From the early days of sending in the handwritten roadside report to a simple spreadsheet then to a macro enabled workbook that interfaced directly with the Norfolk Police DOME system to more recently a more swept up version that interfaces with the new Norfolk Police EROS system. The paper form we use at the roadside has also evolved, the latest version having a field where notes can be entered against a vehicle and has already been put to use when a motorist remonstrated with a CSW team.

Norfolk Police and the Safety Camera Partnership scheme will not tolerate anyone directing abuse at CSW Teams so they can probably expect a visit from the Constabulary.

The early clunky and very heavy hand held kit was replaced several years ago with a light weight, Doppler Effect microwave radar gun made by Bushnell. The 'word on the street' is that a trial is going to be held with equipment similar to what the authorities use in so much as it will have a camera to capture images of speeding vehicles.

Finally, I would like to thank all our CSW volunteers for the sterling work they do, sometimes turning out in quite appalling weather and I put a call out for anyone at all interested in finding out more or becoming a volunteer to contact myself.

Thank you.

Campbell Jones.

7 Open Forum – for the Electorate to Raise Issues, Comments, Reports, etc

There were no comments or other reports

8 Vote of thanks and close

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked everyone for coming.

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