

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORSTEAD WITH STANNINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE TITHE BARN, RECTORY ROAD, ON WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY 2019**

**Present:**, Cllrs, Mr C Jones (Chair), Mrs C Fleming, Mrs L Barrett, Mr R Jennings, Ms P Weightman, Mr A Browne, Mrs D Williams and Mr T Cain.

**In Attendance:** Suzanne Hall (Parish Clerk) and two members of the public.

**Public Forum**

- Cllr J Copplestone provided an overview of her current involvements – see report at end of these minutes.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs M Gurney.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 12 December 2018**

The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting were

**AGREED AND SIGNED**

It was noted that the GNLP complaint needs to be agreed and submitted.

**4. Planning**

**20181999** – Land off Tungate Way, Horstead, NR12 7EN - Details for Condition 2 of Planning Permission 20171941  
- Scheme for the Protection of the Retained Trees

**NO OBJECTION**

**5. Parish Clerk and Chairman**

(1) The FOI and Publication policy was

**APPROVED**

(2) Mrs Williams is to meet Chris Engelsen next week to discuss the commemorative bench.

(3) Horstead is still without a tree warden – Mr Jones to speak to John Fleetwood.

(4) The clerk to advise an enquirer that the Parish Council cannot agree to a plaque being put on a bench at the Mill as the Parish Council doesn't own them.

(5) NRIDB drains – The drains will be looked at in Spring.

**6. Finance**

**(1) Payments Received**

None

**(2) Payments for Approval**

Clerks Q3 expenses

**£60.84**

Tithe Barn – Hall hire for 2019

**£396.00**

**Proposed by Ms Weightman, seconded by Mr Cain and**

**APPROVED**

**(3) Payments for information only** – previously agreed direct debits and standing orders

Veolia - Bin Lifts in November collected 28/12/2018

**£125.34**

Payroll December 2018

**£923.78**

**(4) Payments for authorising – Neighbourhood Plan**

None.

**7. Neighbourhood Plan**

No meeting was held in December.

**8. Pond**

Mr Parkerson provided a report on the progress at the Pond:

- Overgrown areas have been cleared and trees have been trimmed – The cuttings have been piled up as a hibernation area for mammals, amphibians and reptiles.
- Bird boxes and a bat box has been installed.

**9. Horstead Mill**

- Mr Hall has started stripping the ivy. Issues are being logged as they become visible.
- Mr Jones is waiting for two further quotes for the 'heavier' work. Site visits have been carried out.
- Mr Jones has applied for a herbicide licence from the Environment Agency.
- Matched funding opportunities are being investigated.

**10. Playing Field**

Fortnightly inspections are being carried out by Mr Jones.

The PC are looking to obtain 2 'free to a good home' used Park and Ride benches for installation at the playground.

#### **11. Speedwatch and SAM2**

Speedwatch – David Pye is now co-ordinating these sessions and a new rota has been issued. A new volunteer has come forward to help.

Mr Jones is now looking after the SAM2 for both Horstead and Coltishall. Data for December and January has been circulated. It was suggested that the data be shared with a wider audience via the Marlpit. Mr Jones to find a suitable format to publish this information.

#### **12. Highways**

- Two incidents on the bridge have been reported to Highways so they can check for damage.
- Highways have said they will monitor the gully in the road by the Horstead Centre (which has now been reported by the Parish Council 3 times). If Parishioners believe this response inadequate they need to write to Tom Garrod with their concerns.
- Parishioners have reported concerns about the empty barrels etc being stored on the grass on Rectory Road outside the Recruiting Sergeant wall. Mr Jones to check who the grass area belongs to.
- Drains on Mill Road by the Mill are once again blocked resulting in flooding. Mrs Fleming is discussing this with Highways.
- Previously reported issues are being monitored.

#### **13. Police report**

No report this month.

#### **14. Training, meetings and consultations**

##### **Events attended:**

None

##### **Upcoming events:**

SNAP meeting – 17 January – Mr Jones

#### **15. Items for the Next Agenda**

Standing items for monthly meeting.

#### **16. Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

Parish council meeting: Wednesday 13 February 2019 at 6pm in the Main Hall of the Tithe Barn, Rectory Road.

### **News from Broadland District Council**

Since I became your district councillor in June 2017 there has been a repeating theme which has been echoed by local residents, and early in the New year I spoke to Paul Thomas editor of the Marlpit Magazine and he asked me to reflect on the last 18 months as your district councillor, and to comment on the medium to long term future of the area.

In my experience the primary concern of local people is the increasing volume and speed of traffic on the B1150, North Walsham to Norwich Road. I often hear of traffic becoming 'stuck' on the ancient narrow bridge in the centre of the village, with queues of traffic 'backing up' and the ensuing chaos this brings.

Residents in both parishes have problems crossing this road, for the children of 'Ling Way' in Coltishall, walking to school is a perilous one, as their route crosses the main road only 100 metres into the 30mph limit, speeding traffic entering the village hasn't always sufficiently 'slowed down,' even though new 'flashing beacons' are in place to alert motorists of possible danger. In Horstead crossing the road near the roundabout at the 'Recruiting Sergeant,' to the bus stop outside 'Randells' is similarly difficult, as there is often a constant stream of traffic in both directions, and people's patience 'wears thin' whilst waiting to get across.

Traffic is such a concern locally, the parish councils purchased a flashing SAM2 speed indicator over a year ago which records traffic data, since the 'Broadland Northway' or NDR was opened in early 2018, around 30% more traffic has been recorded on the Norwich Road at Horstead. Because the B1150 is the main aerial route to North

Walsham, traffic calming measures are not permitted by the Highways Authority, as this could impede emergency vehicles.

North Norfolk District Council has been reported to be considering building high volumes of new homes, on the west side of North Walsham in their emerging local plan. This is in addition to 200 homes in the Norwich Road area of North Walsham, which have already been built, without any additional infrastructure support from the homebuilders Hopkins and Persimmon.

To the north of Coltishall, HMP Bure remains a major employer to the region with over 400 staff, and with the continuing expansion of small & medium sized businesses at the Scottow Enterprise Park, increased levels of traffic are inevitable.

With the Greater Norwich Area predicted to be the fastest growing area in the country, over the next 25 years in terms of economic & housing growth, Broadland & South Norfolk councils are collaborating, and are due to form a specialist 'Growth Delivery Team' to manage this change and to support key infrastructure projects. The Norwich Western Link Road, dual carriage way improvements to parts of the A47 and the Long Stratton bypass, are the key infrastructure projects in the short to medium term, with work expected to commence on the western link road in the next two years, which will be mainly paid for by pooled, 'Community Infrastructure Levy' receipts from new homes.

In my view, the main B1150 roadway in the village, will not have the resilience to safely carry constantly increasing levels of traffic into the future, and any efforts to improve & upgrade the current road would be limited, and could spoil the historic integrity of the village high street.

In conclusion, my suggestion is to build a **Western Coltishall & Horstead Bypass** which would pick up any traffic from the Buxton, Lamas & Scottow areas, heading to & from Norwich and the Broadland Northway. This would obviously not be a quick fix and would take a great deal of support locally over a prolonged period to obtain, but I think it would be achievable in the medium to long term, and this could greatly improve the lives of local people.

As well as a bypass, new 'Green Infrastructure' is on my wish list, to enhance existing local green spaces, and provide a network of 'green corridors' and foot paths for recreation and biodiversity. I have always admired the River Bure at Coltishall Common & Horstead Mill, which is known as the 'gateway to the Norfolk Broads' and is an area of outstanding natural beauty. It is essential to protect these sites and mitigate the impact of future growth of the area on the natural environment.

I expect the marked growth in Tourism within the Broadland area to continue. With the recent fall in the value of sterling, and an increase in visitors from Europe, USA & Australia as well as domestic tourists, a far higher volume of visitors are now staying overnight in our region. During the summer I attended the Broads Tourism forum, where 'English Heritage' highlighted the need for more visitor 'experiences,' such as craft activities, 'getting back to nature', 'being outdoors', boating, fishing, cycling trails and walking, which are all the antithesis to our high- tech lives. The expanding visitor economy is of huge importance to our region, and will help sustain our historic towns, villages and rural economy to ensure sustainability in the coming decades.

Please contact me know if you would like to get involved in an action panel to support Bypass scheme, or would like to make comments on any of these matters.

Kind regards,

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