

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORSTEAD WITH STANNINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN  
THE TITHE BARN, RECTORY ROAD, ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024 AT 6.30PM**

**Present:** Cllrs, Mr A Browne (Vice Chair), Ms L Austin, Mr D Hales, Ms R McMaster, Ms P Weightman.

**In Attendance:** Becky Furr (Parish Clerk), District Cllr J Copplestone and one parishioner.

**Public Participation**

District Cllr Copplestone and County Cllr Whymark provided a report. Please refer to the end of these minutes for more information.

Mr Jones confirmed he had published the speedwatch data on the parish council website. He has asked the local Highways Engineer to cut the verge on Norwich Road as this is affecting the SAM2 sign.

**Main Meeting**

**1. Apologies**

Apologies from Cllr Stevenson (Chair), Cllr Boakes, Cllr Fleming, Cllr Kirby, Cllr Langberg, Cllr Tebble and County Cllr Whymark were received and ACCEPTED.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

These were APPROVED and SIGNED as a true and accurate record.

**4. Matters Arising**

None to report.

**5. Planning**

- a. BA/2024/0335/TCAA - Proposal: T1: Lime (*Tilia platyphyllos*) - Crown lift branches by 2.4 meters. Remove all suckers around stem base. T2: Lime (*Tilia platyphyllos*) - Crown lift branches by 2.4 meters. Remove all suckers around stem base. T3: Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) - Crown lift branches over Mill Road by 5 meters at Horstead Mill. NO OBJECTION. This application relates to Horstead Mill which is owned by Horstead with Stanninghall Parish Council.
- b. 2024/0291 – Change of use from agricultural to residential at Long Field House. Amendments to the original application have been submitted. This was previously objected by the parish council in March 2024 because the development is outside the settlement boundary. It was AGREED the clerk will submit a further objection with the same comments. District Cllr Copplestone agreed this would be called to a planning committee meeting.
- c. 2022/1461 – Applicant has submitted an appeal to this application. The parish council previously objected based on the development being outside the settlement boundary and due to concerns about the risk of flooding at the development is on a sloped site.

**6. Finance**

a. Payments Received and NOTED		
BDC	Precept – 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment	£18,487.50
BDC	Pride in place grant money (Qtr 3 & 4)	£2969.55
b. Payments APPROVED		
RBL	Poppy Wreath	£50.00

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B.Furr	Clerks Expenses	£36.00
Horstead Centre	Pride in place activity days	£2969.55
J.Rice	Litter picking for September	£74.36
C.Jones	SAM2 Management for September	£30.00
G.Thacker	Tree work at The Mill	£580.00
c. Payments for information only – previously agreed direct debits and standing orders		
Veolia	Horstead Mill Bin - August	£246.46
B.Furr	Salary for September 2024	£870.96
HMRC	Tax for September 2024 Payroll	£268.46
ICO	Annual Fee	£35.00
Acceptacard	QR Code	£7.94

d. To financial report and budget for Quarter 2 were REVEIWED.

**7. Highways & PROW matters**

Cllr Hales has reported the blocked drain on the entrance to Havergate to NCC Highways.

Cllr Weightman reported that the grips on Stanninghall Road need to be cleared as they are full of vegetation. The clerk will report this to Highways.

Cllr Browne had contacted the local farmer for a quote to trim the overgrown hedges along Norwich Road. However, as these are so close to the road, he did not feel it was safe for him to carry out this work. It was AGREED the clerk will report this matter to Highways.

**8. Tree and Pond matters**

None.

**9. Horstead Mill matters**

a. Quotation for willow piling river bank. Cllr Fleming has met Mr Thacker on site and will be submitting a quotation. It was AGREED the clerk will apply for grant funding from The Stobart Sustainability Fund.

b. Community Payback Scheme. Cllr Fleming and members of the Mill Working Party are meeting with the community payback scheme on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 to show where the footpaths either side of the river need to be cleared.

c. Installation of CCTV. No update to report, as we are still waiting to receive the quotations.

e. It was AGREED the clerk will obtain a quote to replace signage “no overnight parking or camping.”

**10. Play Area Matters**

a. Self-Closing Gate. Three quotes were considered. One included the cost for the gate and installation, the other two were just to supply the gate. These ranged from £1000 - £1900. It was AGREED to seek a quotation from the local handyman to compare costs.

b. Tree Work. Cllr Austrin met with Mr Thacker to quote for the tree works identified from the recent tree survey. This has not been received yet by the clerk.

**11. Bus Shelter**

It was AGREED to make an application to the parish partnership scheme to replace the bus shelter near the Recruiting Sergeant and add a new bus shelter on Norwich Road near Green Lane. It was NOTED that part of the mitigations of the North Walsham expansion will include a pedestrian crossing near the Recruiting Sergeant which could mean replacing the existing bus stop. The quotes

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ACCEPTED from Westcotec were £7422 for a 3 staggered entry bus shelter near the Recruiting Sergeant and £16,242 for a 2 bay with full end panels bus station near Green Lane. Please NOTE the second quotation is considerably higher due to the Highways work which will need to be undertaken to widen the area surrounding the bus stop.

### **12. VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025.**

It was AGREED to financially support a community event with Coltishall Parish Council and Coltishall Commons Community Trust. The amount of financial contribution will be considered when the budget for 2025/26 is APPROVED.

### **13. Joint Neighbourhood Planning with Frettenham Parish Council**

As no areas in Horstead have been identified within the GNLP for development and historically the neighbourhood plan was abandoned due to lack of interested parties, it was AGREED not to pursue a joint neighbourhood plan.

### **14. Planter on Frettenham Road**

It was AGREED the clerk will send an email to all councillors to see who would be interested in relocating the planter on Frettenham Road and setting this up.

### **15. Items for the next agenda**

Water Quality Testing at the Mill.

### **16. Next Meeting**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 6.30pm – Tithe Barn

Meeting closed at 19:19pm.

### **News from Norfolk County Council**

Perhaps it's timely to remind you that you should be getting your Covid and flu vaccinations now. I'll be booking mine as soon as I feel better.

At NCC we are currently looking at the budget for 2025/26. Unless the government make significant changes to funding we are once again looking at a funding gap of about £35m. No decisions have yet been made but some difficult choices may have to be made. Local government is pushing for longer term funding but it is likely that once again we will have a one year settlement. I'll keep you updated over the next couple of months.

Hope to see you soon.

Fran

Cllr Fran Whymark

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

County Councillor Fran & B1150 Traffic Group member Gerry Hermer & I met with Cllr. Graham Plant, and the Director of Highways at County Council when they visited the village at the end of August to discuss whether additional safety measures can be implemented, to help ease our traffic problems on B1150 in Coltishall & Horstead.

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The meeting was extremely constructive and during their visit they saw some very large articulated HGV's and Agricultural vehicles passing through the village, waiting to get across the river bridge, struggling to get around 'the island', and mounting the pavement on Station Road and they now clearly understand the challenges and issues we have. It certainly felt very threatening as we all stood on the narrow Station Road pathway as heavy vehicles thundered past, especially considering the recent spate of nasty traffic accidents which I had informed them of, plus the many photos of the ensuing traffic chaos and tailbacks these accidents had caused.

We discussed different traffic control options such as 'traffic lights' across the bridge, but these measures were very quickly dismissed as untenable when they witnessed the sheer volume of traffic, backed up by the statistics expertly collated by Campbell Jones from our traffic monitoring system, showing a staggering 95,000 vehicles a week passing through the village, and this will only become worse when North Walsham grows in population by another 40%. Cllr. Plant & the Director of Highway could clearly see our dreadful traffic situation was exacerbated by the presence of HGV's and agreed to consider excluding HGVs over 7.5 tonnes from the village by adding a weight restriction.

They realise this is a very complex situation, which will take time to fully evaluate by the Highways Network Management Team, but they need to fully understand the wider network impacts and implications, they understand the strength of local concerns and are prioritising this work, and once this is complete, I will share the findings.

Kind regards,

Cllr. Jo Copplestone

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