

## 22LHPC05b (acm) **Little Horkesley Parish Council**

### **MINUTES**

of The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
2022

Present: Chris Exley (Vice Chair)  
Hannah Taylor  
Chris Jacobs  
Susie Goldring  
Jo Petersen (Clerk)  
*Tracy Le Gry*  
*Jonathan Eddis*

#### **1. Election of the Chairman**

It was proposed by Cllr Exley and seconded by Cllr Taylor that Cllr Chris Jacobs is elected Chairman. Cllr Jacobs was duly elected.

#### **2. Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Cllr Jacobs read and signed the declaration of Acceptance of Office

#### **3. Election of Vice Chairman**

It was proposed by Cllr Goldring and seconded by Cllr Taylor that Cllr Chris Exley is elected Vice Chairman. Cllr Exley was duly elected.

#### **4. Apologies**

Lewis Barber

Darius Laws

**5.** There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests, although Councillors Jacobs, Exley, Goldring and Jonathan Eddis confirmed that they are part of the online “Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk Pylons” Action Group.

## **6. Minutes**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were agreed as an accurate record.

## **7. Public Questions**

There were four members of the public present. The proposed National Grid scheme to install 180km of 50m high pylons through East Anglia was discussed. The Parish Council was asked if they had agreed a position on the scheme and whether they would be able to facilitate in sharing information with residents of the village. The Parish Council was also asked if they could think of ways to help people act who do not have access to the internet.

## **8. Thank You**

- a) Chris Jacobs formally thanked Maria Oats for her sixteen years of service to Little Horkesley Parish Council and noted the difficult issues that had been dealt with in the village during those years.

The Chairman's report was circulated to all Councillors.

## **9. National Grid "GREEN" Pylons Scheme**

- a) This scheme had already been discussed during the Public Questions but further discussion about its impact on Little Horkesley and the surrounding area was further discussed at length.
- b) All Councillors oppose the scheme. It was agreed that Johnny Eddis would coordinate all information from opposition groups so that the Parish Council is aware of action needed.
- c) Chris Exley proposed that the Parish Council formally opposes the National Grid "GREEN" Pylons Scheme and all Councillors agreed. The Clerk will add relevant information to the website and Facebook page.

## **10. Broadband**

- a) There was nothing to report

## **11. Playground**

- a) The clerk has just received clarification from the CBC trainee paralegal regarding the required signatures from the Parish Council. She will arrange signing of the contract before the next meeting.
- b) The clerk confirmed that she is still waiting to hear from Michael Devine (Estates Manager Colchester Amphora Trading) regarding repair to the damaged fence.

- c) The clerk confirmed that she has received the contract from Danny Page regarding the grass cutting. Charges remain the same as last year.
- d) The clerk confirmed that she has contacted Paul Cutler and he will perform an inspection of the oak tree.
- e) There have been no changes to the outline plan for the future of the playground. Chris Exley has received a costed proposal from Laura Atkinson (RCCE) regarding the Housing Needs Survey. There are been no update from Ruth Newcombe on the feasibility survey.

## **12. Roads & Verges**

- a) All councillors we happy with the letter drafted by the clerk regarding cross field footpaths. The clerk will deliver copies to all relevant landowners in the parish.
- b) The incorrect route of Footpaths 15 and 16 was noted. The Parish Council has received reassurance from the landowner that these will be reinstated in the correct location next year.

## **13. Planning**

- a) Planning Application 221119 relating to the National Grid "GREEN" Pylon scheme was noted and it was agreed that the Parish Council would object to the proposal.
- b) The approval of Planning Application 220666 was noted.

## **14. Bus Shelter**

- a) Chris Jacobs and Tracy Le Grys confirmed that they would replace the cork before the next meeting.

## **15. War Memorial**

- a) Chris Exley has attempted to contact the conservation officer at CBC but has been unsuccessful. It was agreed that the Parish Council will apply for permission to repair the railings in case they require more than simply repainting. Chris Exley will submit the application

## **16. Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

- a) The clerk is waiting to hear from Darius Laws and Lewis Barber regarding funding for the event.

It was agreed by all councillors that the £721 received as a vat refund would be used towards providing refreshment and prizes for the competitions.

- b) All Councillors approved the flyer and Chris Exley agreed to print so it can be distributed to all households in the village.

## 17. Finance

- a) The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) documents for 2021/22 were circulated to all councillors prior to this meeting and reviewed at the meeting.

APPROVED: Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Report – signed by the Chair and the Parish Clerk

APPROVED: Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Report – signed by the Chair and the Parish Clerk

APPROVED: Exemption Certificate.

- b) It was agreed that the Asset Register would be updated to reflect an increase of 5% due to inflation as confirmed recommended by Gallagher insurance.  
The two new benches were added and the Street Furniture reduced by £600 as the old bench has been removed.

### ***Invoice Approval***

The following invoices were approved: None

## 18. Correspondence

None

## 19. Items for the Next Agenda

- Affordable Housing
- Pylons
- Footpaths
- Insurance
- Councillor Responsibilities (reallocating Maria's responsibilities)

..... (Chris Jacobs - Chair)

..... (Date)

**Date of the next Parish Council Meeting Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022 (Little Horkesley Village Hall)**