

HORHAM AND ATHELINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held online on January 5, 2021

PRESENT

Cllrs Elizabeth Gibson-Harries, Bill Craig, Tom Wright, Jasen Jeffrey, Paul Hambling, Rod Caird (Clerk) and two members of the public. County Councillor Guy McGregor and District Councillor Matthew Hicks were also present.

1/050121 Apologies and approvals of absence

None

2/050121 Declarations of Interest and dispensations requested

None

3/050121 Approval of the draft Minutes of the meeting held on November 12, 2020

The Minutes were approved

4/050121 Members of the public are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on the agenda. Reports may be presented by the District and County Councillors

Cllr Hicks reported that some business funding is available for companies affected by the Covid 19 lockdown provisions, as well as £500 grants for people on low incomes required to self-isolate. Home but Not Alone services are also available, as well as the Suffolk Advice and Support Service which can help people struggling with debt. Vaccine sites will be announced shortly.

Cllr McGregor noted that government control of education has not been a success. He also said that flood measures must be improved and should be reflected in the County's budget. He is in contact with bus companies concerning the use of travel vouchers on bus services.

5/050121 To discuss any issues arising from the designation of Suffolk as a Tier 4 area for coronavirus restrictions, and the readiness of Horham and Athelington's network of volunteer helpers

The list of volunteers compiled during the first lockdown is still available and will take action as needed.

6/050121 To discuss an environmental permit for Crown Chicken Limited at Denham Feed Mill, Town Farm, Denham Road, Eye, Suffolk, IP21 5DB.

Details of the application can be found at this website:

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/psc/ip21-5db-crown-chicken-limited-epr-qp3407ph-a001/>

The application at the Feed Mill is due to the fact that the facility will be increasing production to greater than 300 tonnes per day.

The consultation closes on January 15, 2021

It was agreed to support the position taken by Denham Parish Council on this application.

7/050121 To consider status of the following planning applications:

DC/20/04767 | Full Planning Application - Change of use of land to curtilage and construction of new vehicular access to highway to provide dedicated access to dwellinghouse (currently under construction via implemented planning approval DC/18/02811). | Burder House Worlingworth Road - *granted*

DC/20/04758 | Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of outbuilding/annexed accommodation (following demolition of existing). | The Homestead The Street - *granted*

DC/20/04757 | Householder Application - Erection of outbuilding/annexed accommodation (following demolition of existing). | The Homestead The Street - *granted*

The current position of these applications was noted.

8/050121 To note the statutory consultation notice for Sunnica Energy Farm in Cambridgeshire

The consultation was noted and it was felt the application was too remote for Horham to take an interest.

9/050121 To discuss continued efforts to re-establish a local bus service

It was agreed to remove this from the Agenda until after the coronavirus crisis was over, although Cllr McGregor's efforts in relation to use of vouchers was very welcome.

10/050121 To receive a Financial Report from the Clerk, including any payments due, and to consider the draft budget for 2021/22 and the precept requirement for that year

A bank reconciliation was presented showing a balance of £4,614.99. Payments were due to Community Action Suffolk (£60.00 for web hosting) and to Rod Caird £208.84 for Clerk pay).

It was decided after discussion to maintain the precept for 2021/22 at its current level of £3,000.00

11/050121 Correspondence and urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council

A resident's proposal to turn the phone box into a book exchange was greeted with enthusiasm. The Parish Council fully supported the plan to include a noticeboard, seed exchange and some shelving.

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