

HORHAM AND ATHELINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on October 17, 2019 at 7.30pm
in Horham Community Centre

PRESENT	Cllrs Elizabeth Gibson-Harries, Jasen Jeffrey, Bill Craig, Paul Hambling, Tom Wright, Jacques Groen, April Groen, Rod Caird (Clerk) and nine members of the public, including a representative of the company responsible for the design of the proposed poultry houses (Item 4 on the Agenda)
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1/171019 Apologies and approvals of absence

None

2/171019 Declarations of Interest and dispensations requested

None

It was noted that Cllr Hicks, present as a resident and near neighbour of the planning application under discussion, is Chair of the Mid Suffolk Planning Committee as well as District Cllr for this ward and Leader of Suffolk County Council.

3/171019 Members of the public are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on the agenda.

An open discussion took place about Item 4 on the Agenda. A number of concerns were raised and questions asked, but no outright opposition was expressed. It was particularly noted that the proposal is for replacement poultry houses on the same site as existing, worn-out structures.

4/171019 To consider a planning application: 19/04272 Erection of four poultry houses, store and offices (following demolition of six existing poultry houses), Homefield farm, Southolt Road, Athelington

Following further discussion it was agreed to comment as follows:

“A site visit had been undertaken by three Parish Councillors prior to the meeting.

“After discussion it was unanimously agreed to support the proposal, and to request that three conditions be imposed:

“That washouts take place only on weekdays and during normal working hours;

“That exterior security lighting should not be on continuously at any time of the day or night, and should be directed downwards rather than outwards or upwards;

“That further planting should be done around the site in order to absorb as much odour and pollution as possible.”

5/171019 Correspondence and urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council

At the meeting three payments were made, as follows: Rod Caird, Clerk pay, £202.88; HMRC, PAYE, £50.80; MSDC, error in previous bin emptying invoice, £6.00. In addition on October 6 a payment of £130.00 was made to Angela Wilkins, the previous Clerk, to cover Clerking duties and expenses incurred. Payments were made under sections 111 and 112 of the Local Government Act 1972.

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