

HORHAM AND ATHELINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held outdoors at Horham Community Centre on September 1, 2020

PRESENT	Cllrs Elizabeth Gibson-Harries, Bill Craig, April Groen, Jacques Groen, Jasen Jeffrey, Tom Wright, Paul Hambling, Rod Caird (Clerk) and five members of the public. County Councillor Guy McGregor was also present, but District Councillor Matthew Hicks was unable to attend.
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1/010920 Apologies and approvals of absence

None

2/010920 Declarations of Interest and dispensations requested

None

3/010920 Approval of the draft Minutes of the meeting held on May 5, 2019

The Minutes were approved

4/010920 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 McGregor had sent a written report. The Parish Council thanked him for his funding contribution to the speed sign, which is now installed. He noted that Covid 19 has been a major challenge both locally and nationally. He added that he was urging the County Council to develop an overall strategy to deal with the increase in HGV traffic caused by development of the chicken industry. The County is working on its response to the Sizewell C application and is likely to take the view that at present its advantages are outweighed by its drawbacks, a view shared by the MP Dr Dan Poulter. Cllr McGregor said in answer to a question that the bus voucher scheme is applicable to all private hire vehicles. Cllr Groen said this does not apply to private hire coaches or buses and it should; she and Cllr McGregorr agreed to discuss this outside the meeting. The voucher scheme is definitely an alternative to bus passes, and cannot be used alongside them.

It was agreed the Parish Council would further pursue efforts to reinstate the bus service through Horham which has been dropped for reasons of cost. It was agreed to approach Cllr Hicks, who as well as being the local District Councillor is also leader of the County Council, responsible for public transport.

Cllr McGregor also noted the County Council capital fund which may make available sums to spend on electric vehicle charging points and tree planting.

5/010920 To consider making any comments on the proposal for seven detached dwellings on land opposite Manor Park

A developer has indicated informally an interest in putting 14 homes on the site, double the number currently proposed. It was agreed to await an actual planning application before opening up a public discussion leading to whatever comments the Parish Council may wish to make. In response to comments from the public it was clearly stated that, if such an application was made, a meeting would be held which would be open to all members of the public in order to gather opinions about it.

6/010920 To note that Welcome Packs have been delivered to three new residents in the village and to consider whether any more are needed

It was felt no more welcome packs are currently needed but this would be kept under review.

7/010920 To consider whether to make any comments on land supply for housing as part of the consultation on the Joint Babergh and Mid Suffolk Local Plan

It was agreed the Parish Council has no land to contribute to this process. Landowners will make their own offers if appropriate.

8/010920 To discuss continued efforts to re-establish a local bus service

This had been discussed under Item 4 on the Agenda.

9/010920 To discuss proposals for the repainting and future use of the telephone box

It was agreed to set aside £200 from the current budget to renovate the phone box. The Clerk will source suitable paint. It was felt that it could be used to store and make available information about the village.

10/010920 To consider proposals for applications to the new County Council Capital Fund, such as The County Councillor's support for the provision of more vehicle charging points

It was agreed ideas for this would be channelled through Cllr McGregor. Tree planting and vehicle charging points were both supported.

11/010920 To receive a Financial Report from the Clerk, including any payments due, to confirm adoption of the standing orders, code of conduct, financial regulations and other statutory requirements, and to consider and approve the internal audit for 2019/20 completed by SALC.

A bank reconciliation was presented showing a balance of £3,786.36. No new payments were due. Since the July meeting the following payments had been made:

July 28, 2020	Ladywell Accountancy	701	£ 49.50	Payroll
July 28, 2020	HMRC	702	£ 101.60	PAYE
July 28, 2020	Rod Caird	703	£ 202.88	Clerk pay
August 17, 2020	Zurich Municipal	704	£ 218.96	Insurance renewal

The standing orders, code of conduct, financial regulations and risk assessment were approved and adopted. The SALC internal audit report for 2019/20 was noted and its content considered. It was agreed the Parish council should register without delay with the Information Commissioner as a data handler.

It was agreed the Clerk would find out whether Horham and Athelington was due to receive any funds under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 following new builds in the Parish. [It was subsequently established that no funds are available as proposed developments had not taken place].

12/010920 Correspondence and urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council

Parish Councillors expressed thanks to members of the public for attending the meeting. Contact details of those attending would only be retained for the length of time required by coronavirus regulations.

The suggestion that the 30mph speed limit be extended further down the Worlingworth road would be raised with Cllr McGregor. It was reiterated that if a developer comes forward with specific plan for the land opposite Manor Park then the plans would be discussed in full at a meeting open to all members of the public.

The next meeting is due to be held on Tuesday November 3. Details of the location will be decided and published nearer the time.