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**Minutes of the**

**Annual Meeting of Harling Parish Council,**

**Held in the Harling Old School Hall on Monday 20th May 2024**

**PRESENT**

Cllr P Edge (Chairman)

Cllr H Mackenzie (Vice Chair)

Cllr J Denniss

Cllr S Blades

Cllr B Copping

Cllr A Hayward

Mrs K Filby (Clerk)

Cllr W Nunn

Cllr P Wilkinson

There were no members of the public present

***Prior to the meeting Cllr Peter Wilkson, Chairman of Breckland Council, presented a Special Recognition Award for a lifetime of Service to the Community of East Harling, to Cllr Graham Jubb. Cllr Jubb was not able to attend the meeting, Cllr Edge accepted the award on his behalf. The Parish Council pass on its gratitude for the commitment and contribution Cllr Jubb has given to the Parish.***

**1. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMING YEAR**

It was duly proposed that Mr P Edge be elected as Chairman for the Parish Council for the coming year. 4/5 Councillors voted in favour. One abstained.

**2**. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMING YEAR**

It was duly proposed that Miss H Mackenzie be elected as Vice Chair for the Parish Council for the coming year. All in favour.

**3. APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED**

Cllr G Denham, Cllr Jacobs, Cllr Jubb, Cllr Mould

4. **DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PERSONAL INTEREST(S) IN ANY AGENDA ITEMS**

Item 10H –Cllr Blades

**5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23rd April**

Minutes were signed as a true and accurate record

**6**. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

No updates received on the re building of the wall in School Lane, Parish Council to make contact with Breckland Council also to expedite the repairs

**7. PLANNING**

a) Nomead House, Garboldisham Road - Upon review of the updated application the Parish Councils previous comments stand. We reiterate, we are not against development of the site but wish to see it undertaken sensitively and with good design. Previous comments for information: The Parish Council were dismayed that the original application for a landmark property on this site had subsequently became a watered down solution that they were not consulted on. Since the original application having found approval as a 1.5 storey chalet dwelling we are now faced with a proposal that dominates the site. The application is little different to the previous application that was termed a variation to the original approval. The orientation and position of the dwelling have changed, as have the design and materials proposed (in comparison to the original approval) Having fully considered the design proposed and comments made by village residents the Council consider the scale of the building excessive as it does not respond to the levels of this site and those adjoining it (the previous proposal was 1.5 storeys and this is 2 storeys high). Harling PC accept there will be a need for new housing but wish to see this done as a considered and sensitive approach. There are two options for this site. One being a modern, landmark building with great architectural merit and the other being a response that more closely reflects the local vernacular, unobtrusive and considered in design which would likely be more budget friendly. Regretfully the proposal as it stands falls into neither of these and as such the Council respectfully requests the design and overall massing is reconsidered. This is a lovely site which holds great potential for good design. As the gateway to the village the PC would like to see this potential realised. We would also request that this application is put forward for Planning Committee consideration.

**8. ACCOUNTS**

1. EON - £882.48
2. TT Jones - £801.12
3. BT - £57.15
4. Staff costs - £3694
5. Wave - £65.45
6. Carole Bailey - £160
7. Norfolk County Council – £4750
8. SP Blades - £165.60
9. HOSH - £133
10. P Garwood - £1200
11. Thurlow Nunn - £16.01
12. Newton Press - £48
13. Community Garden costs - £282
14. Notice Board company - £705 20/23

*The Parish Councillors were presented with copies of receipts of payments and bank reconciliation showing year to date spending and balances for main current account. It was explained that these figures do not include the Town Improvement Fund and Petty Cash funds.*

**9. COUNCIL RESOLVED TO RENEW THE CURRENT INSURANCE POLICY WITH GALLAGHER AT A COST OF £5929**

**10. ANNUAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2024**

Item deferred to Junes meeting due to attendance and a review of Councils budget required

**11. D DAY EVENT UPDATE BY THE CLERK**

**12. HARLING RECREATION GROUND TRUST**

The Council agreed that the Recreation ground Trust should be covering costs for the insurance premium for the Recreation Ground and resolved to invoice the Trust for £3487

**13. CLERKS REPORT/CORRESONDENCE RECEIVED**

**a.** Breckland Boundary consultation running until 15th July

**b.** Complaint regarding traffic along West Harling Road

**c.** Ongoing search for lower electricity costs, all suppliers ceased to offer fixed contracts for unmetered supplies. All non-half hourly meters to be upgraded to hourly before March 2025, after which the council may be able to transfer over to ESPO network, used by NCC.

**d.** Play safety inspection due June

**e.** Council still waiting for cost for shed removal at allotments

**f.** Breckland Local plan workshops to be held

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

25th June 2024

K Filby

Clerk

10th June 2024

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