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**Minutes of a Meeting of Harling Parish Council**

**Held in Harling Old School Hall**

**On Tuesday 25th February 2025**

**PRESENT**

Cllr P Edge (Chairman)

Cllr A Hayward

Cllr B Copping

Cllr Mould

Cllr J Jacobs

Cllr S Blades

Mrs K Filby (Clerk)

**1. APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED**

Cllr Mackenzie, Cllr Denniss, Cllr Jubb and Cllr G Denham

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 21st January 2025**

Item 11 – Precept/budget report published onto Harling Matters and Contact magazine with full details of increase

**3. MINUTES SIGNED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD BY THE CHAIRMAN**

**4. PUBLIC FORUM**

The repairs to School Lane wall was raised and concerns about the suggestion of installing metal fencing as a replacement. The Parish Council discussed the matter at great length, and concluded that as this wall sits within a conservation area, they strongly believe any solution should maintain the lane's traditional character and preserve the iconic view up the lane to the Recreation ground entrance. While they understand Breckland Council must be mindful of costs, the Council would like to propose an alternative that better respect the conservation status of the area. 07/25

If rebuilding in flint is deemed too costly, it will be suggested a sympathetic rebuild in brick that would complement the existing wall around The Beeches and property along the lane. The Council have consulted a local builder who has advised that installing footings between tree roots would be feasible, whether or not are existing. The Clerk will pass on the Council’s comments to DC W Nunn

**5. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY**

**OR PERSONAL INTEREST(S) IN ANY AGENDA ITEMS**

None declared

**6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Not present

**7. PLANNING**

a**. Nomead House, Garboldisham Road *-*** *in principle, the Parish Council has no objection to this application. However, due to the lack of actual information submitted to the planning authority regarding design details, we are unable to make an informed decision at this stage. If the applicant would submit more detailed drawings, proposed elevations, materials specifications, and other relevant design information, the Council will most certainly be able to provide a definitive assessment. We look forward to reviewing these additional details once they become available.*

**8. ACCOUNTS**

**a**) Npower - £1159.93

**b**) BT -£

**c**) Staff costs - £4148.31

**d**) Harling Old School Hall - £63

**e**) TT Jones - £1260

**f**) URM - £98.50

**g**) Clearscape - £955.01

**h)** WAVE - £593.72

**i)** Parish Online - £216

**j)** Anglian Tree Solutions - £1356

**k)** Community Garden - £25.09

**l)** EHSSC - £30

**m)** £68.84

*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*

*08/25*

**9. TRUSTEES OF HARLING RECREATION GROUND REPORT**

A comprehensive fire risk assessment of the entire building has been conducted, identifying 20 high-risk items that require attention. Following this, the Trustees met on 18th February to compile an action plan. It was agreed that quotes would be obtained for electrical and minor works, including the installation of fire doors and fire detection equipment. A meeting with the management team of EHSSC has been scheduled for 5th March to discuss the findings and next steps.

Riverside Rooms – Power to the tractor shed will be completed this week. Painting to begin on 6th April.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS UPDATE**

**a.** A water leak has been identified within the supply to the allotments, though the exact location of the faulty pipe remains unknown. A quote of £599 plus VAT has been received today from WAVE to detect the source of the leak. As this matter is considered an emergency, the RFO has approved the quote, and this decision is formally recorded in the minutes.

**b**. All Parish Councillors to set up .gov email addresses by the 1st April

**c**. A teams meeting will take place on 3rd March hosted by Breckland Council to brief all councils on devolution and local government reorganisation,

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

25th March

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