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

**Held in Harling Old School Hall**

 **On Tuesday 25th March 2025**

**PRESENT**

Cllr P Edge (Chairman) Cllr H Mackenzie

Cllr A Hayward Cllr J Denniss

Cllr B Copping Cllr G Denham

Cllr Mould

Cllr J Jacobs

Cllr S Blades

Mrs K Filby (Clerk)

Cllr S Askew

**1. APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED**

Cllr G Jubb

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 25th February 2025**

Item 10b – Councillors are progressing with the changeover to gov.uk email addresses despite many issues with the system

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

**4. PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr R Simms, Chair of EH Football Club spoke to the Parish Council on his plans to improve the clubs membership, facilities, funding opportunities. As Trustees of the Recreation Ground, Parish Council members offered their support to Mr Simms.

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

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

 Cllr Blades –item 7a and Cllr Rayner – item 12

**6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Councillor Askew spoke on the governments call for sites and urged the Parish Council to be proactive and look at suitable sites itself to put forward

 Still no date from Westcotec for the vehicle activated signage in Market Street

**7. PLANNING**

a**. PL/2025/-223/HOU – 16 The Crescent – No objections raised**

**8. ACCOUNTS**

**a**) NPOWER- £217.60

b) SCG – 48.32

**c**) Staff costs - £3060

**d**) Harling Old School Hall - £105

**e**) TT Jones - £840

**f**) URM - £43.20

**g**) R Frost - £70

**h)** Newton Press - £105

**i)** NPTS - £601

**j)** Glasdon - £747.16

**k)** Oaks CCTV - £114

**l)** Noticeboard company - £15

*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*

**9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW IN NORFOLK**

Council to defer to April’s meeting

**10. WATER LEAK AT ALLOTMENTS**

Wave (Anglian Water) could not find the water pipe on their recent visit, although a resident recalled a water pipe being found under the Poplars. Water diviners were used and the pipe was traced. The leak has now been found and will be repaired as soon as possible.

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**11. TRAFFIC CALMING GATEs**

 Two white gates had been ordered and purchased by the Parish Council through the Norfolk county Council Parish Partnership Scheme in 2024. Only one gate had been installed, with no use of traffic lights which had been quoted for. The second gate has now been placed, although it is a temporary gate and will be changed in 6-8 weeks. The Parish Council pointed out to Cllr Askew how disappointed they were with how this project has been executed and the actual install of the current gates which are not to the spec promised.

**12. BREAK IN AND THEFT AT TRACTOR SHED**

On the 14th March the tractor she was broken into and the Council’s Iseki ride on mower, one push mower, one strimmer and one battery charger were stolen. This was reported to Norfolk Police upon discovery. No further action was taken by Norfolk Police. The Council’s Insurance Brokers were notified immediately and the Clerk is dealing with the ongoing claims. Quotes for a new ride on mower have been sourced

 TNS – New Kuboto BX231 sub compact tractor - £15,675

 BenBurgess – 1026R Compact Utility tractor - £20,000

 Ernest Doe – Iseki TXGS24 £15,033

 It was proposed by Cllr Blades and 2nd by Cllr Denham to accept the quote from TNS given the better spec and longer warranty.

 The new tractor will be purchased using funds from the Town Improvement Fund, to be reimbursed once funds are released to the Council for the grounds maintenance at the Three Squirrels site.

**13. JUBILEE AVENUE**

Request received from a resident of jubilee Avenue for the council to purchase and maintain containers for the grassed roundabout. The Council agreed that it could not direct public funds to this project, and this was for residents to fund if this was a project they wanted to undertake.

**14. APPROVAL OF COUNCILS ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDITOR**

 The Council approved the appointment of Mrs C Bailey for the 2024/25 audit. PKF Littlejohn will continue to be the Councils external Auditors

**15. CLERKS UPDATE/CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

 a. Ongoing issues with BMX trails in Grigson’s Wood, the Council feel that responsibilities lie directly with Breckland council

 b. The Chairman and the Clerk recently attended a NPTS seminar, matters of devolution, local government reorganisation, insurance matters, GDPR were discussed. Also any Parish council projects over 20k, must now go out for tender and have a financial risk assessment carried out prior

 c. The Village Victory Day event plans are moving along and funding has been secured by the Clerk of £1600

 d. Concerns raised over Foulgers lorries speeds along Garboldisham Road.

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

 Tuesday 22nd April – Annual Parish Meeting

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