



# OLD HUNSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Nick Eastwell

## **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF OLD HUNSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> of SEPTEMBER 2026 FROM 6.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllrs Nick Eastwell (NE), Jane Rimmer (JR), Dawn Brooke (DB),  
Mark Roberts (MR), Lindsay Bird (LB), Paul Baisbrown (PB),  
Jonathan Barber (JB) and the Parish Clerk  
2 members of the public – part time Borough Councillor Tom de Winton

### **1. Welcome from the Chair**

- 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – The condition of the duck pond was raised as it is now becoming overgrown and the wall is coming away which is potentially dangerous. Cllr Rimmer advised it was on the Estate schedule and will check.  
It was noted that the pond level is still very low. The pond is an important potential water source in case of a local fire. The need to regularly monitor it over the autumn and winter was noted and, if necessary, to contact the fire service if rainfall remains low and the water supply in the pond is inadequate.

### **3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Ayliffe

### **4. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTERES** – None

### **5. APPROVAL OF THE CIRCULATED MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON THE 16<sup>th</sup> of July** - proposed NE, seconded JR and all in favour who attended.

### **6. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:**

- a. Pedestrian Crossing Project update – The Chairman and Clerk have been working on this with Phill Reilly the Programme Engineer at Norfolk County Council and the latest update is that the reports from the Road Safety Team have been signed off and will be issued soon. The cost is in the region of £200,000. We are advised that the crossing is still on the agenda but it is now not in the 26/27 budget and will not be installed in 2026. The hope and expectation is that it will be included in the 27/28 budget. We will continue to chase this.  
Given the proximity of the playground we anticipate that The Lodge Hotel will be concerned and we will suggest they also contact NCC directly to express concern about the delay. Cllr de Winton advised that there is always pressure before year end in March to ensure all budgets are spent and January 27 would be a good time to chase.
- b. Damaged Wall on the A149 – Cllr Eastwell noted that the wall has now been down for 2 years and 2 months. He has contacted the solicitor again but no response to date. Cllr de Winton asked to take this up as it is in a conservation area and clerk to email him with all the information. A member of the public has photos which they will send to the clerk to forward to Cllr de Winton.

**ACTION: clerk/TdW**

It was stressed that in no way is this situation the fault of the resident but down to various processes.

- c. Fencing on the football field re public right of way – Cllr Rimmer advised that temporary signs had been put up but since taken down. Cllr Rimmer to talk to the club re removing the ugly barriers and perhaps installing a gate reflecting the fact that the entrance point has been used for public access across the field for over 40 years. In addition it was noted that drivers attending training or matches and parking in the church car park will need to use this entrance to access the field. A resident raised an issue with the lighting but it is thought this has now been sorted out. Anti-social behaviour has taken place with a water hose tied and this caused a flood in the clubhouse, however, due to CCTV the culprit was interviewed by the police.

It was agreed that Cllr Eastwell and Cllr Rimmer set up a meeting with Danny to discuss the issues. **ACTION: JR**

- 7. Cllr de Winton** – Overall it has been a good summer on the coast but thought visitor numbers were down on last year. Most holiday homes had been let out.

Tennis week went well with no issues. Tom is the Borough Council Champion of the Fire Brigade and they can plug into field water access if necessary. South Lynn Fire Station is expanding and will have full time fire staff.

Local Government Reorganisation has been officially postponed. The Borough Council have spent money and time on this.

Planning changes – from the 1<sup>st</sup> of October “calling in” will cease with planning officers making decisions. There is a 2 tier policy with tier 1 being planning officer decisions and Tier 2 being committee decision (over 9 houses) Planning teams meeting next Monday with the clerk attending until 7pm and Cllr Roberts will also attend.

The call for sites has received a number of offers for sites but not all will be accepted.

Clerk advised there are none in our parish.

The NDP may need revising but Tom advised to wait. Tom had collected some swarming bees from the playground. A proposed new vicar is currently going through various checks.

- 8. County Councillor** – No Apologies but did send a short report – Appendix 1

- 9. PLANNING** To resolve any new Planning Application submissions or resolve any Planning Applications received after the compilation of this agenda:

- a. **26/01462/LDE** – This application seeks approval for the lawful development on site relating to the Store, Fenced Area A, Fenced Area B and The Canopy at Land East of Hall Cottage Church Road Old Hunstanton Norfolk. Details to be sent to Cllr de Winton to take this up with the conservation officer and enforcement. **ACTION: Clerk/TdW**

- b. Decisions:

**26/01140/F|HOUSEHOLDER:** Demolition of existing attached single-storey garage and erection of replacement single-storey side extension and rear canopy, internal alterations and associated works. |4 Hamilton Road West Old Hunstanton Norfolk PE36 6JB

**Application Permitted**

**26/01117/F|HOUSEHOLDER** - Proposed extension, outbuildings & alterations to dwelling |5 Smugglers Close Old Hunstanton Norfolk PE36 6JU **Application Permitted**

- c. Appeals –

**25/00041/TPO|2/TPO/00705** -T1 Monterey cypress, remove and replant with 12-14cm standard Scots pine. The tree to be removed is a large tree that has the majority of the crown that overhangs the two adjacent properties.

As a fast-growing species the large sail effect, not to mention the light blocking makes it unsuitable for the location. The tree has an issue in the main fork which is that of included bark, and it would be no surprise if the tree failed at this point| Hms Racehorse 1 Smugglers Close Old Hunstanton Norfolk PE36 6JU . APPEAL STILL IN PROGRESS

d. Enforcements –

**26/00420/UNOPDE**|UNOPDE - Unauthorised Operational Development| Old Hunstanton Football Club 82 Church Road Old Hunstanton Norfolk

## 10. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Clerks Report – All policies and procedures checked/updated during August and on the website.

UK Power Network have come back with a quote for over £4k to remove the power to the 2 lights. This is far too much so will continue to pay the annual electricity invoice. Working on replacements for the play ground including replacement of the 2 rockers which need replacing and a new Activity play unit. Costs are £16,851.00 ex VAT. It was agreed that we put in an application for the Councillor endorsed grant scheme via Cllr de Winton. Clerk to forward quote to Cllr de Winton. **ACTION: Clerk/TdW**

Invitation to attend the Rotary Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner for the chairman has to be declined due to a previous engagement in London.

Heacham Parish Council email received regarding shared communications but it was decided by all that the Saxon Shore meetings share communications regularly.

- b. Village Items – Seasonal Parking – Cllr Eastwell had heard no negative comments and advised that Philip Turner at the Chestnut Group, was happy to have a conversation with the local businesses regarding parking, during the period from Easter to the end of May. A parishioner has raised the recent proposed reductions of services at the QE2 hospital and clerk advised that there is a petition available with the support of James Wild MP. Cllr Brook advised that the A & E Facility was currently being extended. The part of the information board showing the tide times by the Beach Café is not working and Cllr Bamber will check and advise. **ACTION: JB**

The buck weed on the paths by the beach need clearing and Cllr Rimmer to check. **ACTION:JR**

The barriers at the bottom of Sea Lane are still in place by a completed home and look awful. Cllr Rimmer knows the owner and will speak to them. **ACTION: JR**

## 11. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

- a. SAM speed unit update – Cllr Barber produced the latest report and full details available on our website <https://oldhunstantonparishcouncil.gov.uk/traffic-analysis-report/> The statistics show a substantial increase in traffic during August of 68% with maximum speeds of 65mph and 55mph.
- b. The road sign outside the shop has now been replaced.
- c. The Rangers request for work – suggested footpath clearance of foliage on the Hunstanton Road and “sheds” on Sea Lane opposite the car park near the sub-station.

## 12. SAXON SHORE FORUM: Next meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October at Ringstead Village Hall. Cllr Rimmer to attend.

**13. PLAYGROUND:** Robert Markillie gave apologies and sent an update advising that he had met with Caitlin who has been given permission by the clerk to obtain the land registry map. The details of the neighbour who had complained about the overgrowth on their fencing sent to Mr. Markillie. Mr. Markillie and Gary Page were thanked for their continued work and dedication.

**14. FINANCES:**

- a. The bank statements, bank reconciliation and payments/receipts for July & August were approved. Proposed NE, seconded MR with all in favour.
- b. The September payments, to date, were proposed NE, seconded PB with all in favour
- c. The Local Government pay increase of 3.3% was approved by NE, seconded by JB with all in favour. This is back dated to the 1.4.26
- d. Clerk advised that the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the precept had been received.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Please advise the clerk by 8.10.26

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 15<sup>th</sup> of October from 6.00pm at the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 19.34 and the Chair thanked all for their attendance.

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September Payments to date:

| Name                  | Reason                 | Amount £            |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| C Boyden              | Salary                 | 600.43              |
| HMRC                  | PAYE                   | 200.01              |
| C Boyden              | Expenses               | 41.95               |
| BCKLWN                | Dog bin emptying       | 109.32 per month DD |
| Old Hunstanton V Hall | Hall Hire              | 24.00               |
| G Page                | Maintenance playground | tba                 |
| NALC                  | Website subscription   | 155.12              |

Signed .....

Date .....