

HALES AND HECKINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Hales Village Hall on
Monday 21st December 2015 at 7.30 pm

Present Cllr Mrs B Herring
Cllr J Herring (Chairman)
Cllr A Mason

2 members of the public

In Attendance Anne Panella, Clerk to the Council

The Chairman asked those present if anyone intended to record the meeting – there was no indication that anyone would record the meeting.

Welcome by the Chairman of the Council.

89. Cllr Herring welcomed members of the public to the meeting and introduced the new Clerk.

Apologies for absence

90. There were no apologies from Council members.

To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda

91. All Councillors have a declaration in respect of the setting of the Precept but have a dispensation in order to carry out the business of the Parish Council

Public Forum

92. No issues were raised.

Budget and Precept 2016/17

93. The meeting went through the budget figures to allocate proposed spending in the next financial year. The final figure for Precept request to South Norfolk Council was £7,485
The final budget figures are appended to this Minutes and discussion items as follows:

94. Notice Boards: the current practice of using the Notice Board in the bus shelter seems to work well. A further Notice Board may be included in any new bus shelter but the timescales are currently unknown and unlikely to happen in the next financial year but noted that funds allocated previously will be available if required

95. Grounds Maintenance: this will include cutting grass and trimming of trees at the Playing Fields and grass cutting at the Composing Site. A three year contract has been awarded from 2016/17 for all grounds maintenance within Hales & Heckingham.

96. Grass Cutting, Churchyard: included in above.

97. Play equipment and fitness area: funds are earmarked for play equipment but also suggested that fitness equipment be provided for all residents. Quotes need to be obtained and a consultation exercise conducted with residents. Grants may be available and can be match-funded plus the Section 106 monies.

Resolved: to approve the Precept request for 2016/17 of £7,485. All in agreement.

98. **Working Parties**

Traffic: to consider

- i. the erection of gates on the B1136 coming from Haddiscoe direction with speed sign attached
- ii. stickers (Please slow down in our Village) on refuse and recycling bins, particularly along Yarmouth Road and Green Lane
- iii. scarecrow in hi-viz jacket
- iv. signposts in gardens along major routes regarding speed of cars

99. Composting: allocate £500 for the financial year 2016/17

Charity Marsh: land at Nogdam End

- 100. This has a separate bank account. One receipt of annual rent; the current tenant has given notice and now left. Agreed to delegate to A Mason to negotiate with a new tenant on a grazing tenancy on the land and report to the next meeting of the Parish Council.
- 101. Up to seven payments are made per annum to comply with terms of the Charity whereby households within Heckingham with residents over the age of 65 receive £25 each December.
- 102. It was agreed that discussion is required on the possible extension of the annual payment to residents of Heckingham Park.
- 103. Telephone Kiosk: agreed not to pursue the option of adopting the kiosk as on-going maintenance costs are likely to be prohibitive.

Any Other Business

- 104. Agenda for February to include level of service from NALC.

Date of Next Meeting

- 105. Wednesday 3rd February, 7.30 pm in Hales Village Hall
Agenda Items to Clerk by 26th January.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed.....

Date..... 3rd February 2016