

**Minutes of Deopham and Hackford Parish Council Meeting
in the Gralix Hall on Wednesday 12th September 2018**

Present:

Councillor : Jacqui Phoenix Martin Skidmore
 Chris Biggs Chris Coath
 Jayne Allan

Cllr. M. Dewsbury – Norfolk County Council

Parish Clerks : Rowena Harkness (retiring) and Sarah Way (new)

Parishioners : Mark Fillingham & Helen Dawes

1. Apologies - John Chilvers, Mark Howard, Cllr. Yvonne Bendle - South Norfolk Council

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 8th August 2018 were agreed as a correct record.
Proposed Jayne Allan, seconded Martin Skidmore.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Hall Farm Barns, 1 Low Common, Deopham, Norfolk NR18 9DZ – (App. No. 2018/1403) -
erection of porch. Application has been approved

4.2 Poultry sheds east of Ivy House, Victoria Lane, Deopham (App. No. 2018/1516)
There has now been a response from NCC Highways and Historic England. Neither are
opposing the application, though Highways does highlight some issues and has concerns
about the traffic during construction. Margaret Dewsbury suggested the Parish Council
could pick up on those concerns and elaborate on them. The application is to be referred
and discussed at the Development Management Committee on October 10th. Not clear yet
whether the planning officer will be recommending approval or refusal. The Parish Council
will have the right to attend and speak for 5 minutes to outline their objections. The existing
owners, Noble, have withdrawn their permit to keep 105,000 chickens and so the new
owners – if they get the planning permission – will have to apply for a new permit.
After some discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council will make a representation to
DMC and will object on the traffic issue re the size and numbers of HGV's on unsuitable
roads. Jayne is prepared to attend and speak for the Parish Council.

5. Correspondence

5.1 E.Mail from NCC Highway Rangers saying they are coming to Deopham and asking for any
items of work we can suggest need doing. Jayne said there are some problems in Park
Lane and the Clerk asked her to let her have details by 19th September.

5.2 Other correspondence was circulated around the table.

6. Finance

6.1 The bank balances at 18/8/2018 were £1132.49 in the current account and £2,328.16 in the
deposit account. There are no outstanding cheques and so these are the reconciled
balances.

6.2 There was a discussion about increasing the amount given as a donation to High Oak
Parochial Church Council as a contribution towards the upkeep of the Church yards in
Deopham and Hackford. The current figure is £150 with the request that £75 is given to
each of the two people who carry out the work to help towards their petrol costs etc. The
Parish Clerk explained that this money is purely a contribution towards the costs and is not

meant to cover all the costs associated with the upkeep. She queried as to whether the High Oak PCC also give money towards the upkeep and pointed out that the Parish Council has no statutory obligation to fund the upkeep of the graveyards and that in fact some parishioners may not want their precept paying for something that the church should be funding. It was agreed that the Chairman will talk with the churchwardens.

7. Planning

7.1 Barn Adjacent to Hill Farm, Morley Road, Deopham, Norfolk NR18 9DG – Conversion of existing agricultural building into 2 no. residential dwellings and 2 no. new garages (App. No. 2018/1836).

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council have no comments or views.

7.2 Spring Farm, Church Lane, Hackford NR18 9HN - First floor rear extension with new double pitched roof over and minor changes (App. No. 2018/1900)

After consideration of the plans and discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council recommends approval.

7.3 Meadow Barn, Church Lane, Hackford NR18 9HN – Erection of general Purpose Agricultural Building, Stock feed, Hay & Straw – (App. No. 2018/1966) – Agricultural Determination. It was agreed that the Parish Council have no views or comments.

7.4 The Parish Clerk reported that the applications for Mill Farm, replacement dwelling and Meadow Cottage, alterations have both been approved.

8. Deopham Playing Field

8.1 The Parish Clerk reported that the football team have already asked Norse to do an additional cut of the playing field and got them to mark up the pitch rather than doing it themselves. It was agreed that as long as Norse invoiced the team and didn't expect the Parish Council to pay, then it was acceptable. They have also asked if they can pay the rent in 4 instalments instead of the 2 originally suggested. It was agreed that this would be okay – the clerk will e.mail them and suggest they pay on 1st Nov, 1st Dec, 1st Feb and 1st March.

8.2 Helen said that she had noticed there is more litter left on the field after they have used it. She asked about the possibility of a litter bin being provided. There are bins in the hut which can be used and the clerk will ask them to remind players and spectators of the need to pick up and take their litter home.

8.3 Helen reported that the Playing Field fundraising group have met and are planning for the 2019 music festival and maybe a Xmas Fayre.

8.4 Helen handed a further £32 to the Parish Clerk from the sales of plants from the funday.

8.5 It was agreed that the Parish Clerk will meet Jackie and Chris Coath at the Playing field on Saturday morning to have a look at measuring the swing seats/chains with a view to renewing them as per the discussion at the July meeting.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 The Parish Clerk reported back on the outcome of the meeting that Nigel Davis had had with Bob West about the Vicarage Road ditch/drain. Bob West did agree to clear the ditch and road but suggested that Nigel ask the Parish Council to approach High Elm Farm to ask them to take 'reasonable measures' to limit the wash-out from the fields adjacent to Vicarage Road and to clear up any build up of silt on the road.

The Parish Council were not happy with Bob West's suggestion that the Parish Council should contact the landowners. The responsibility for the maintenance of the public highway is clearly a county council role and not a Parish Council one. If he considers the

blocking of the ditch/drainage is down to the wash out from the fields and that this is causing issues on the highway it is up to him to rectify that – the Parish Council has no jurisdiction to ask the farmers to do anything. Also, if the ditch/drain is the issue why isn't it being cleaned and maintained regularly by Norfolk County Council – who have a responsibility to do so for communal drains/ditches that do not belong to individual landowners.

The Parish Clerk will e.mail Bob West.

7. Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 10th October 2018, 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm.