

HALVERGATE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Halvergate Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th December 2020, 7.00 pm via Zoom.

Present:	Charles Reader	Chairman
	Stuart Hannant	
	Tom Carter	
	Michael Mallett	
	Carol Hannant	
	Carol Simpson	
	Jessica Jennings	Clerk
	Brian Iles	County Councillor
	Grant Nurden	District Councillor
	Lana Hemsall	

1. To Consider Apologies for Absence:

Robert More

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest on the Agenda:

None

3. To Adjourn the Meeting to allow Public Participation:

Mr C. Reader adjourned the meeting to allow the following Public Participation:

3.1 Brian Iles, County Councillor

Brian reported that NCC is currently working well and better than it had been. Highways is still the best performing department, dealing quickly and efficiently with issues as they arise. Flooding is one of their biggest issues at the moment – let them know of any flooding issues in Halvergate / Tunstall. County Farms currently have 17,500 acres, 16,000 of which will always be guaranteed. Therefore there is a leeway of 1,500 for selling and development. In 2019, sold barns and land that amounted to £6.5m which has helped to finance the County. The Law department at NCC is very slow at the moment and difficult to find out what is going on. Brian announced that he will not be standing at the next election and that Lana Hemsall will stand in his place.

3.2 Grant Nurden, District Councillor

Grant introduced Lana Hemsall, as the Broadland Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Planning. He has a 2021 £500 grant for equipment to be awarded to any group meeting the criteria for receiving it. From this year's grant, there is still £90 to spend. Any unspent grants are put into the Start-up Grant Scheme. Broadland DC has started its Community at Heart Lottery (full details on BDC's website). There is also support for Broadland businesses that have been affected by Covid, with the Business Support Grant (full details on BDC's Website). BDC have been preparing the Budget for next year and how they can continue to deliver a quality service to Broadland residents post Covid. The Internal Drainage Board should be reporting on its activities within the Halvergate Marshes and sending a copy to the Parish Clerk. Grant has new contact details which can be found on the BDC website. Clerk to amend details on Parish Website too.

3.3 Lana Hemsall

Lana explained that if there are projects in the Community that need funding, the Community at Heart Lottery is a good idea. When asked by a Councillor about whether Acle's infrastructure could cope with the new houses being built, Lana said that it could. Both Acle Primary and Acle Academy have the capacity for more pupils, although the Academy needs significant investment in its facilities. The Doctors Surgery is privately run and has the funding and space to absorb further expansion. A link road will be put in from the mini roundabout across to the South Walsham Road, as part of the work done on the dualling of the A47 and the next allocation of homes, which should mean less traffic will go through Acle.

4. To Approve the Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting:

Resolved to accept the Minutes of September 23rd as a true account

4.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

None

4.2 Clerk's Report:

The Clerk reported:

- Clerk confirmed that the application for the Parish Partnership Scheme for a second SAM2 + Bluetooth data recorder has been submitted.
- Village Sign – Repairs have now been completed by Paul Pitchers. Clerk to send letter of thanks.
- The Shelroy Trust will no longer be distributing Christmas hampers, mainly due to having a lack of volunteers to deliver them. They have no plans to do them in the future. Clerk sent letter of thanks to them, thanking them for their generosity to the Parish over the years.
- Willows, Branch Road – Clerk sent e-mail to Highways to ask when they will next be cut as they are already overgrown and in need of a cut. No response as yet.

5. Correspondence of Note:

Norfolk ALC – request for a PC representative to be part of their new Co-operative structure.	Forwarded to Councillors for a volunteer. None forthcoming
Norfolk ALC Wellbeing – Q&A session with the Police & Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable, Tues 15 th December, 6.00 pm.	Forwarded to Councillors for information and to attend if desire. No-one attended.

6. Finance:

Balance as at 28.08.20 **£14,652.83**

Payments:

Mr T. Carter	Hedge Cutting, Burial Ground	£	60.00
Mrs. J. Jennings	Clerk's Fees (Aug / Sept)	£	775.80
Norfolk Parish Training	Budget Course (Clerk)	£	55.00
Mr C. Debbage	Churchyard Grass Cutting	£	250.00
Community Heartbeat Trust	Defibrillator Replacement Pads	£	99.60
Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	£	30.00
Mrs. J. Jennings	Clerk's Fees (Oct / Nov)	£	775.80

Total: **£ 2,046.20**

Receipts:

Broadland District Council Precept – 2nd Instalment £ 4,464.50

Balance as at 27.11.20 **£ 17,071.13**

7. Planning Applications:

20202269 – Chestnut Meadow Barn, The Street, Halvergate
Removal of 2 rear windows and double doors to lounge, put new lintel over bi-fold doors to open out into garden and replacements of existing rear door (listed).

No Objections – Clerk to inform BDC Planning.

8. Items for Disucssion:

8.1 Budget 2021/22

The draft Budget for the Parish Council for 2021/22 was approved by all Councillors

8.2 Precept 2021/22

Councillors voted to increase the Parish Precept by 1% - an overall increase of approximately £89.29 to £9,018 which would mean an increase of 41p for Band D households (based on a Tax Base of 218).

8.3 Village Hall Roof

Councillors discussed the two quotes received (Beighton Builders and LJ Brickley Roofing) and decided to accept the one from Beighton Builders to strip 2 rows of slates above and below the lead and replace the felt, at £750.00, excl VAT. It was accepted that there could be extra costs if woodwork repairs were necessary.

8.4 Churchyard Grass Cutting Quote

Councillors agreed to accept the quote from Mr Debbage for cutting the grass in Tunstall and Halvergate Churchyards for 2021 - £1,750 which is unchanged from 2020.

9 Items for Next Agenda / Items of Interest:

- Burial Ground – Charles Reader to confirm issue of tree in Burial Ground (making cutting of hedge difficult) and will look at documents to find out if and who donated it.
- Branch Road – ongoing concerns over state of road and use by heavy vehicles.
- Branch Road – Willows. Clerk to check next pruning date as concerns they are getting overgrown.
- Dog Fouling – an ongoing problem that needs addressing.
- Moulton/Halvergate Road – one of the laybys in a very bad condition. Clerk to contact Highways.
- Burial Ground – manner of burials.

10 Date and Time of Next Parish Council Meeting:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 26th January, 7.00 pm – Venue t.b.c but likely to be via Zoom.

The meeting was closed at 8.25 pm

Any persons wishing to speak at the Public Forum at the beginning of the Meeting, please contact Jessica Jennings, Parish Clerk at pcclerk.halvergate@gmail.com or on 701901

Signed: _____ Charles Reader, Chairman

Signed: _____ Jessica Jennings, Clerk