

Hauxton Parish Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 7 April 2021 in the Village hall

THIS MEETING WAS HELD REMOTELY UNDER THE 2020 REGULATIONS

Present: Jane Ward (JW) - Chair, Richard Geyman (RG), Sue Cook (SC), Janet Lockwood (JL) Gary Page (GP), Jill Down (JD), Caroline Ruben (CR), Pondori Kurade (PK), Pramod Mynampati (PM), Ian Sollom (IS), Hazel Hammond (HH) - RFO and John Hammond (JH) - Clerk

<u>Item</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>By</u>
1	Apologies:	None		
2	Declarations of interest:	None		
3	Public Participation	None		
4	Minutes of Parish Council meetings			
		4.1 Minutes of meeting on 3 3 2021 were approved.		
		4.2 Matters arising: none		
5	Reports from County and District Councillors			
		IS had provided his monthly report prior to the meeting and this had been circulated.		
		IS drew attention to the East West Rail (EWR) consultation where the proposed route is to the south of Harston and Hauxton, and will mean the closure of the level crossing between Hauxton and Little Shelford, possibly making this a no through road.		
		IS reminded the PC that the legislation permitting remote parish council meetings comes to and end on 6 May 2021, despite Coronavirus regulations prohibiting the use of community buildings for meetings. He advised that some councils were sending letters to Jacob Rees-Mogg, urging him to extend the legislation.		
6	Finance			
		Councillors received copies of the accounts and payments for approval before the meeting		
		6.1 The accounts were approved.		
		6.2 The list of payments (see appendix) was approved.		
		6.3 A statement of year-end reserves had been circulated prior to the meeting, and these were agreed.		
		6.4 Grants update: The RFO provided an update on the position of outstanding grants.		
		6.4 The Completion of Internal Audit report had been emailed to councillors prior to the meeting and was noted.		
7	Planning			
		Reference: 21/00788/HFUL		
		Proposal: Single storey rear extension		
		Site address: 24 The Lane, Hauxton		
		PC response: This application remained essentially unchanged from the prior approval application, to which the PC had objected. It was resolved to object to this application on the basis that it would take light from the neighbouring property.	Clerk to advise planning	JH

8 Assessment of costed-out village projects

8.1 Recreation Ground

- 8.1.1** It was agreed to use Landstructure for sowing the replacement wildflower meadow, provided the timetable remains unchanged. Clerk to obtain seed and liaise JH
- 8.1.2** It was agreed to use JDK Landscapes to re-turf the goalmouths. Clerk to purchase sports turf and place order with JDK. JH
- 8.1.3** Replanting of shrubs to be organised using volunteers when the grass re-seeding work is complete. A digger to be sought for moving the large Phormium plants. Chair to co-ordinate JW
- 8.1.4** Car park update: The clerk advised he had met with two contractors to seek solutions to the car park surface problems. An approach to the Planning Team Leader had concluded that the surface must be permeable, and a new planning application could be required before work could commence. Clerk to continue to explore options JH
- 8.1.5** Playground sweeps and inspections: The Chair advised that the Hall Manager would be responsible for playground safety inspections going forward. He would no longer undertake sweeping the sand in the toddler area, and this task should be handed back to the grass contractor. Clerk to advise contractor JH

8.2 Village Work

- 8.2.1** The Chair was in the process of obtaining quotations for repairing the bus shelter on the village green. Three quotes had been received for the roof which was the priority, but more costings were required for the sides and back. A decision will be taken when all quotes are finalised. Chair to circulate quotes when received JW
- 8.2.2** A request for more quotations to undertake refurbishment of the village sign had not resulted in quotes being obtained. It was agreed that work should be undertaken and the one supplier who had quoted should be given the work. Clerk to place order JH
- 8.2.3** Two quotations had been received to construct a football rebound wall on the sports ground, with the objective of avoiding footballers using the pavilion for this purpose, causing cladding damage. One contractor was selected. Clerk to place order JH

9 Jopling Way speeding

A discussion relating to the issues of potentially dangerous driving on Jopling Way concluded that these were caused by inappropriate driving rather than speeding. It was resolved to approach the Head Teacher and ask her to remind parents to be more cautious in this area. Chair to contact Head Teacher JW

10 Jopling Way parking

Concern had been raised about some residents parking and whether certain areas were suitable. Chair agreed to check. Chair to investigate JW

11 Progress reports/feedback

11.1 East West Rail - update

Neighbouring villages were contributing to a fund for legal advice on whether to pursue a judicial review. The Chair was waiting to see the response from others before proposing a level of contribution. Chair to propose to councillors before proceeding JW

It was agreed to consider canvassing residents views on election day if this is permitted. Clerk to clarify with SCDC JH

It was agreed to consider erecting notices on High Street pointing out that the road could be closed under the EWR proposal. Chair to coordinate JW

- 11.2** The Riddy has been designated one of only a few Cambridgeshire Chalk Streams. Greenbelt have been advised by the Chair.
- 11.3** Opus Energy at the pavilion:
The longer running issue over excessive 'Availability Charges' had been resolved, and the invoices had been corrected and back-dated. As a result the monthly charge had been reduced by approx 60%.
- 11.4** Sports Committee:
Spring work on the pitches (vertidrainage, fertiliser application and re-seeding) had been completed. The new static cricket practice net with all-weather surface, and security gate had been installed. Wind-break screening and 6m high ball-stop netting had been installed at the tennis courts.
Work to repair the biodigester was to be completed within the week. It was noted that the system requires emptying annually to prevent future problems.
PK reported that 17 matches had now been booked on the cricket square and the new practice net was well booked. It was noted that the PC had reversed their decision taken in December 2020 relating to coaching of juniors at Hauxton.
GP had agreed to make the cricket scoreboard

Scoreboard to be made GP

12 Correspondence

A resident had emailed the Chair regarding grass cutting on the recreation ground

Clerk to respond

JH

13 Matters for future discussion

None

14 Future meetings

- 14.1** Annual Parish Assembly: to be held on 26 May as a remote video conference meeting

Clerk to publish

JH

- 14.2** Future meetings

The next PC meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and take place on 5 May as a remote video conference meeting under the 2020 regulations

The PC meeting on 2 June cannot be held as a remote meeting due to the expiry of the 2020 regulations on 6 May 2021. Location to be decided with respect to Covid Regulations for use of public buildings.

Clerk/Chair to decide

JW/JH

- 14.3** As Sole Corporate Trustee of the Village Hall Charity, the PC decided to hold the Charity AGM remotely on 28 April 2021.

Clerk to publish date

JH

APPENDIX

Name	Description	£ inc. VAT
Harston & District Warden's Sch	Donation	300.00
Orbital Fasteners	Plate for tennis gate	11.43
Jones & Sons Control Supplies	Bird spikes	69.78
Agrovista Amenity	Grass seed & fertiliser (cricket square)	138.38
Opus Energy	Sports ground 20/6/2020 - 18/2/2021	1,221.21
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Alarm Maintenance	Six monthly service fire alarm	117.60

Alarm Maintenance	Six monthly service intruder alarm	132.00
Merlin Mica Hardware	Screws & white spirit tennis courts	7.74
The Sign Shed	Football sign sports ground	30.21
Amazon	Basket ball net	12.99
Amazon	Speaker plugs	12.99
Gopak	Staging and trolley	6,492.01
SmartAV	AV installation	1,068.00
Net World Sports	Cricket cage	964.73
McVeigh Parker	Cricket gate for cage	277.32
JTM Plumbing	Cricket insulation	59.69
Scotsdales	Cricket post mix	47.94
Net World Sports	Cricket glue & pegs	197.91
Net World Sports	Cricket stumps & gauge	177.88
Scamblers	Service of mower	180.05
Minuteman Press	March newsletter	187.20
CPC	Uninterrupted power supply for WiFi	113.34
Ebuyer	Printer for VH	288.99
Fibregrid	Panels for biodigester	142.63
Connected Distribution	Speakers	2,511.60
Scotsdales	Gravel for VH paving area	13.98
Jason Trueman	Pavilion cleaning March	84.00
Paints4Trade	Line marking paint for basketball court	40.98
Agrovista Amenity	Grass seed & fertiliser (sports ground)	1,463.04
Mel Pooley	Vertidrain, overseed & fertiliser sports ground	800.00
RJS Landscapes	Paving & patio at the Centre	10,376.00
Councillor expenses	Sports Ground pavilion keys, cricket chain, glue	27.91
A J King	March grass cutting	456.00
HMRC	PAYE	156.80
ICO	Data Protection	40.00
Dalrod Drainage Solutions	Emptying sports ground septic tank	222.00
Kite Utility Services	Replacement of biodigester pump	988.93