

Homersfield Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Homersfield Black Swan
Tuesday 5th July 2022 at 6.00pm

Present

Chair Angela Stokes, Councillor Lucy Hammond, Councillor Jo Westgate

Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer (RFO): Sally Chapman

Also Present:

A. To receive Reports from the County & District Councillor

County Councillor Judy Cloke sent apologies.

B. Public Forum – for Members of the Public

None

MINUTES

1. To consider Apologies for Absence

None

2. To record Declarations of Interests and to consider Requests for Dispensation

None

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th May 2022

The Minutes from the Meeting held on 25th May 2022 were confirmed unanimously as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes above and not on the Agenda

None

5. Co-option to fill the Two Casual Vacancies

None

6. Finance

a) To Appoint the Internal Auditor for 2022/23 – c/f

b) To Receive the current Financial & Budget Reports and Approve the Income & Expenditure

Councillors resolved unanimously to approve the following Receipts and Expenditure.

DATE	REFERENCE	DETAILS	RECEIPTS	PAYMENT
03/05/2022	100871	Mr T Brown		£ 150.00
03/05/2022	100872	Chair's Expenses - Fuel & Folder		£ 22.72
03/05/2022	100873	Mrs L Hammond - Padlock		£ 19.99
25/05/2022	100874	Suffolk Accident Rescue Service - Grant		£ 50.00
28/05/2022	S/O	Clerk's Salary - May		£ 184.48
01/06/2022	D/D	ICO - Data Protection		£ 35.00
28/06/2022	S/O	Clerk's Salary - June		£ 184.48
05/07/2022	100875	Clerk's Expenses June-July		£ 36.70
05/07/2022	100876	Irvine Designs - Village Map		£ 200.00
05/07/2022	100877	A. Stokes - Reflective Tape		£ 8.40
		Total	£ -	£ 891.77

Signed: _____ Chair

Date: _____

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c) To Consider Wood Survey Quotations

Cllrs considered the Wood Survey quotations and requested the Clerk to contact two of the companies and ask if the surveys could be completed 18 months apart instead of annually for the same cost. Action: Clerk

d) Homersfield Bridge Oak Posts Reflective Tape

The Chair has purchased and fitted reflective tape on the posts and Cllrs agreed that a reflector on each post may also be beneficial. Action: Chair

7. To Consider Receiving Homersfield's Play Area Physical and Monetary Assets – update

a) Homersfield Community Park - Charity Number: 1193118

b) Homersfield Playing Field - Charity Number: 1066181

The Clerk advised the Charity Commission is still closing the above Charities and no progression could be made until this has been completed.

Councillors resolved not to pursue taking over the above Homersfield Play Area until they are officially closed by the Charity Commission – carried.

8. Planning Applications and Decisions

Cllrs noted the following:

Applications

a) Dove Barn Flixton Road Homersfield Harleston Suffolk IP20 0EX

Proposal: Change of Use of paddock land to provide holiday accommodation consisting two shepherds huts, one glamping pod, associated storage building, car parking and all associated works.

Ref. DC/22/0121/FUL | Application Received Wed 12 Jan 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision

Decisions

b) Flixton Park Quarry Homersfield Road Flixton West Suffolk NR35 1NN

County Council Consultation - SCC/0007/22W - Proposed erection of replacement sand and gravel processing plant (permitted development rights withdrawn by condition no. 3 attached to planning permission no. W/15/5183/CC.

Ref. No: DC/22/1093/CCC | Validated: Thu 17 Mar 2022 | Status: No objections

c) East Suffolk Council Consultation on Small Scale Housing in the Countryside

ESC is inviting comments on a new planning document which provides guidance on the development of small-scale housing, of up to five dwellings, in the countryside (ends 5th August 2022).

Councillors discussed and resolved unanimously to make 'No Comment' on this consultation.

9. Homersfield Phonebox

a) Guardian

Unfortunately, no-one has come forward to be the Guardian of Homersfield's phonebox.

10. Homersfield Wood

The Wood Working Parties would start again in autumn on the following dates:

- Saturday 24 September 2022 - 10am until midday
- Saturday 8 October 2022 - 10am until midday
- Saturday 26 November 2022 - 10am until midday

Signed: _____ Chair

Date: _____

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Cllrs received the following report from the Tree Warden:

Church Wood

The trees we planted over the winter months are doing well with only a few failures. I have weeded around them all to reduce competition and will remove the guards from dead trees soon. That will allow us to gap up over the coming winter.

Clerk to ask if any replacement trees are needed.

Action: Clerk

11. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 - update

Cllr Hammond reported:

Thank you to Tony and Helen for allowing us to 'take over' the Black Swan Garden to celebrate the jubilee. Around 40 people came (along with a life size cut out of the Queen herself) and enjoyed good company and some delicious food. Thank you to everyone who brought food and to those who helped put up the bunting to make our village look so celebratory. Sally outshone us with her baked goods and also organised a raffle in aid of the churchyard which raised £103. Lucy was kept busy at the tea urn with many people enjoying themselves so much they came back for a second cup. Debbie unveiled the jubilee plaque, which is on the village signpost, and the three children who attended were each presented with a jubilee mug. The bunting and invitations (designed by Sarah) were paid for by the Homersfield Poor Lands Charity – our thanks to the trustees.

All in all, a lovely afternoon, where the rain held off and we relished the chance to socialise.

12. Village Maintenance

a) Village Litter Pick

The next Litter Pick is on Saturday 15 October 2022 meet 10 am on the Green.

b) Ride on Lawnmower – c/f

c) Nature Reserve White Posts

The Chair confirmed she would report again the missing post.

Action: Chair

13. Correspondence

a) Suffolk Accident Rescue Service - Grant thank you letter

14. AOB (For discussion only – the Council cannot make decisions on these items unless stated on the agenda)

None

15. To Receive items for the next Agenda

None

16. To Confirm the Future Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 6.00pm
- Tuesday 1st November 2022 at 6.00pm

The meeting ended at 7:50pm

Signed: _____ Chair

Date: _____