

Hessett Parish Council

MINUTES

of the Extra Ordinary meeting on **Wednesday 1st November 2023** at **7.00pm** at Hessett & Beyton Village Hall

Present: Councillors Phil Barrett (Chair), Tim Elliot, Andrew Pearson, Margaret Shaw (Vice Chair)

In attendance: Michelle Fisher (Clerk to the Council)

011123/01 Apologies

All councillors in attendance so no apologies

011123/02 Declarations of Interest

(a) There were no Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Declared

(b) Cllr Tim Elliot declared an interest in a subsequent agenda item in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, regarding his property being one of the houses with a Riparian water way outside the front of his property, namely a water ditch.

Cllr Phil Barrett declared an Interest in a subsequent agenda item in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, namely the Planning consultation. Cllr Phil Barrett stated that he would withdraw from making any comments regarding this application as it was a neighbouring property to his home, and all Councillors agreed.

011123/03 Dispensation

(a) There were no requests for dispensation.

(b) There were no requests to be decided with regards grants for dispensation.

011123/04 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 26th September 2023 were agreed to be a true record. The Chair was authorised to sign them as such.

011123/05 Public Forum

No Issues were raised.

011123/06 Planning

Councillors considered the following planning applications made to the Local Planning Authority (MSDC) relating to Hessett:

DC/23/04896 – Fraisor, Heath Road, Hessett, IP30 9BJ

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent. Replacement of 12no x windows and 1no x French doors

DC/23/04716 – Church Cottage, The Street, Hessett, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 9AX

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Remove internal walls and fireplace to improve ground floor layout, including creation of shower room

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and replacement windows and doors to side and rear elevations as per schedule of works.

After Consultation all Councillors agreed to Support these applications noting that they would be more aesthetically pleasing.

011123/07 Heath, Hedge cutting and Maintenance

a. The Heath

Councillors Tim Elliot, Cllr Andrew Pearson and Cllr Phil Barrett visited with a contractor to consult with them on the Heath, it was decided that something needed to be done to cut back the hedge. A quote of £50.00 per hour to include provision of equipment was provided which seemed reasonable.

Councillors resolved a maximum budget of £500 for up to 9 hours work. Cllr Andrew Pearson to contact the contractor to arrange for the work to be done and will ask them to minimise any damage, it was suggested that this should wait until the land is not so wet. Cllr Andrew Pearson will update the council at the next meeting.

b. Hay Cut

Traditionally, a hay cut was done late in the season but after a two-year break from having someone to do this Cllr Andrew Pearson has found someone interested and is going to talk to them further.

The Councillors resolved that reinstating a hay cut is a good idea and agreed for Cllr Andrew Pearson to make the arrangements.

Cllr Andrew Pearson will update the PC further at the next meeting.

c. Wildlife Conservation

Cllr Tim Elliot and Cllr Andrew Pearson met with the Suffolk Wildlife Trust who agreed that a Hay cut would be an excellent idea and that this would be good done in Autumn to improve the crop for next summer. It was recommended that cut back vegetation is removed and the use of green hay which will further enhance the wildflowers already there. For ongoing hedge management, they recommended a cut on a 2-3 year rotation where possible, bearing in mind wildlife nesting so avoiding March until the end of August and ideally recommended cutting take place in February. They recommended to cut in an A shape of approximately 2-3 metres tall and a minimum of 2 metres wide.

A local farmer has offered to aid and Cllr Andrew Pearson will speak with him and update the PC at the next meeting.

Cllr Tim Elliot suggested that Hessett needs an Environmental Group for the village and will update the PC on this further at the next meeting.

011123/08 Bus Service Consultation

Bus Consultation and thoughts need to be submitted by 12th November, and Cllr Phil Barrett asked if there was anything we could do. Cllr Andrew Pearson stated that there is a Dial a ride but no one in Hessett appears to use it, as far as he is aware there is only one person that uses the service on a Wednesday. Dial a ride has picked up in Beyton so they may stop coming to Hessett. The bus service does run a bus on a Wednesday and a few people were seen using this. A joint Dial a ride with villages could be useful. Council agreed to investigate the Dial a ride and linking to other villages. Cllr Phil Barrett to register that Hessett are

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interested in Dial a ride service and continuation of a bus service.

011123/09

Flooding

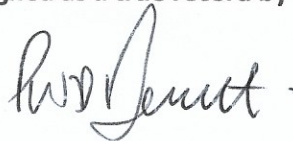
Flooding been an issue, the culvert outside the pub in particular. Vegetation may be an issue in that area. It would help if a channel the other side to help run out. The PC Agreed that the Clerk should write to all the residents which have a ditch out the front to remind them they have a responsibility to keep the ditch cleared – Riparian Ownership.

The Council agreed the following items should be added to the agenda for the next Meeting on Tuesday 28th November 2023

- Speeding
- Allotments
- Playground
- Lawn Mower repair/replacement
- Obstructions to prevent parking
- Telephone Box
- Free Trees Hedgerows Wildflowers Scheme
- The Heath

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

Signed as a true record by authority of the Council



Chair
Date

28/11/23.