

# Hemsby Parish Council



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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Parish Office, Kingsway, Hemsby

Present:

Chairman: Terry Barnes

Parish Councillors: Caz Eden, Charlotte Hill, Lesley Mogford, Pam Richmond, Keith Kyriacou, Councillor Scott Bensley, Councillor Ian Brennan

Public: ? members of the public were in attendance

Meeting Declared open at 7.00 pm

Apologies received from: Clerk: Elaine Galer, Noel Galer, County Councillor Ron Hanton, Borough Councillor James Bensley  
Absent: Councillor Tony Bowgen

## AGENDA

1. *Public Participation*
  - a. *Reports from County Councillor, Borough Councillors, and Police* – none present
  - b. *Questions/Comments from The Public* - none received
2. *Consider Apologies for Absence* – see above
3. *Receive Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda and requests for dispensations* - none received
4. *Approval of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019* - All in favour
5. *Points raised from Surgery held 21<sup>st</sup> Feb*
  - a. *Figure for turnover of Hemsby* – A discussion occurred but the figure has been mooted as an estimated £80 million. Councillor Ian Brennan had seen the figures on a spreadsheet and would be able to produce this in the future.
  - b. *Meeting for draft plan 12/2/2019* – There was a complaint that notice of the previous meeting had only been received 1 hour before the meeting. The next meeting was not open to the public. The chairman had written an email complaining of this situation.
  - c. *Speeding in village* – Councillor Charlotte Hill said that the speed sign on Winterton road was showing incorrect figures. Councillor Scott Bensley stated that the batteries that had been purchased for the speed signs were not reliable. He asked if he could buy 4 new batteries and a charger. All in agreement. A discussion occurred re the data that these signs collect.
  - d. *Car Boot tender* – Councillor Keith Kyriacou explained that an offer to hire the field on Thursdays had been accepted. It was not a bid to hold car boot sales. Other parties can hold car boot sales if they are interested. (except Thursday, Saturday and Sunday). Planning permission would be required to hold other boot sales.
  - e. *Borough Councillor – conflict of interest with position of Parish Councillor* – this was raised at the surgery and ‘doesn’t appear to be working’. Councillor Ian Brennan explained the position of the Borough Councillor and the idea of predetermination and how it works. A discussion occurred re land available for development in the village. It was thought that Councillor James Bensley had resigned from the Parish Council because of this. This reason was disputed – there was another reason he resigned from the PC – but it was not a conflict of interest. A discussion occurred re the roles and the upcoming elections. No further action to be taken.
  - f. *Photocopier* – The contract for the photocopier was examined. Councillor Caz Eden explained that she had tried to use the printer but didn’t have a code. The cost to surrender the photocopier was required. At the moment it saves the clerk at least an hour per week. Costs for producing the Parish magazine (it had previously been produced using the print facilities at GYBC) were discussed. It was decided to hold the decision for the new council. Councillor Charlotte Hill explained that she was not happy with ‘secret’ emails being distributed and that there was conflict within the Council. It did not feel as if the council was working together in the correct way. There was a lack of trust, both within the council, and with outside groups. Councillor Lesley Mogford discussed pressure groups and their raison d’être vs local councils. The upcoming election process and timetable were discussed.

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6. *Types of Benches to be installed* – There was discussion re the types of benches available, and the maintenance of each type. Those made from recycled plastic were felt to be easier to install and maintenance free. Councillor Caz Eden had seen some benches in a neighbouring village which she liked, but it was thought these would be higher maintenance.
7. *Verge outside chip shop* – whilst building work was being completed on the new build, cars were parking and destroying the grass verge. Dropped kerbs and tarmac were discussed.
8. *Event for Easter* - Councillor Charlotte Hill stated that she had spoken to the clerk? and was producing posters to find the eggs hidden around the village, she was to visit the school and run a competition at the school for artwork and would give cream eggs as prizes. It was pointed out that the clerk was not available, so Councillor Caz Eden offered to help.
9. *Chairman's Report* – not a lot to report. A bid to do the beach cleaning had been received for £9,800. The Parish Council is responsible for £5,000, the BID committee pay the rest. Proposed to be accepted as last years work had been outstanding by Councillor Keith Kyriacou, seconded Councillor Ian Brennan. All in favour. Councillor Lesley Mogford stated that a similar problem was around the village. He wondered if we should hire a litter picker. It was explained that the Parish Council already had a litter picker in the village. Councillor Pam Richmond explained that a large council (Chelmsford) had hired an environmental crime officer who had the ability to give out spot fines of £75/£150 for litter dropping, dog fouling etc. It was felt that with the large number of tourists visiting Hemsby, litter was inevitable. Councillor Keith Kyriacou asked if the street cleaner could ensure that the ramp at the Pavilion was cleaned in preparation for its use as a Polling station on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Councillor Charlotte Hill asked that the new council install a Christmas tree near the Parish Office.
10. *Items reported to Parish Councillors during the month* – Councillor Keith Kyriacou had received a quote for approx. £300 to repair the roof and the privacy wall on the toilet block. He proposed we accept this quote. Seconded Councillor Ian Brennan, All in favour. Councillor Charlotte Hill reported that there was an outbreak of myxomatosis in the area. She had contacted a vet and had been told that dogs can't catch this, there is a slight chance human can suffer with 'flu like symptoms if they contract this. The vet thought it was because we had a mild winter. The chairman will ask the Borough Councillors to notify GYBC. Councillor Pam Richmond had been contacted by a parishioner, who wanted her husband's ashes interred in a specific plot, near his friend. Councillor Keith Kyriacou explained that this was not the current policy. Councillor Scott Bensley proposed that this be allowed as a 'one-off', seconded Councillor Charlotte Hill. All in favour. Councillor Charlotte Hill stated that the clerk had said previously, that all councillors would be entitled to a free burial plot in the graveyard. The chairman explained that this was on hold at the moment. It was agreed to carry this decision forward to the new council. Councillor Caz Eden had received an enquiry from a parishioner who had purchased a plot next to her mother's plot about 18 years ago. She had not received a receipt. Councillor Charlotte Hill stated that she had requested the clerk to do this.

## 11. Committee/Councillors Reports

- a. *Bloomin' Hemsby* – Councillor Lesley Mogford explained that a lot of work had been undertaken down the Kingsway, but this was on hold as it was bird nesting season. Councillor Keith Kyriacou felt that, although a lot of work had been done by the clerk instigating policies and making the Council legal, from a parishioner's point of view, nothing physically had been done in the village. Councillor Leslie Mogford explained about the gateways and that the clerk had prepared a bid and put into NCC to pay for these under match funding. Councillor Charlotte Hill stated that she doesn't like the area around the Parish Office. This area had been planted but no maintenance had not been budgeted for.
- b. *Neighbourhood Plan* – Councillor Lesley Mogford explained that this was at 99% complete but could not finish as he was awaiting a decision on the Pontins site. Councillor Pam Richmond asked if bridleways were in the plan. Councillor Lesley Mogford explained that these (Permissive TRODS) were included – maps had been sent to Councillors Hill and Eden. Discussion occurred as to if the Neighbourhood Plan should be submitted as is but Councillor Mogford didn't think this was a good idea. A discussion occurred re Pontins. Councillor Caz Eden suggested that the Plan should be made be available to all councillors over the next 2 days and a decision made as to whether it should be sent in. Councillor Lesley Mogford explained that it needed to be re typed and he wasn't in a position to do this. Councillor Caz Eden offered to re type it but this wasn't accepted. Concern was raised that if Councillor Mogford didn't become a councillor at the election, all the hard work will be lost. Councillor Lesley Mogford promised that, whether if became a councillor or not, he would hand over his work to date when he felt that the Plan was ready. Councillor Caz Eden expressed concern as it appears that Councillor Mogford has been working in isolation. Councillor Charlotte Hill was also concerned. Councillor Leslie Mogford felt that he had asked for help, but it was not forthcoming. This was disputed.
- c. *Village Hall* – Councillor Keith Kyriacou explained that the toilets are being re furnished. LED lighting had also been installed.

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- d. *Playing Field / Pavilion* – Councillor Keith Kyriacou explained that a meeting had not been held – the Secretary was off sick and the Treasurer was recently returned from Australia. Councillor Ian Brennan asked if the new constitution had been written, and it was explained that the new Secretary was dealing with this.
  - e. *Patient Participation Group* – Councillor Pam Richmond stated that the next meeting was Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March
  - f. *Save Hemsby Coastline* - Councillor Ian Brennan stated that Bill Parker was leaving his position as Head of Coastal Partnership East – this was of concern as Hemsby had had a lot of support from Bill. He had left his successor a timetable of events – thinking there will be sea defences within the next 2.5 years. This included installation time of 3 months. In parallel with this planning, there is work going on on an adaptation plan. Feelings were divided on this as it was thought that work on this would deflect from sea defences. There are several potential sites identified within the village.
  - g. *School Governor's report* – Councillor Keith Kyriacou explained that the new headmaster had settled in well and had made efforts to integrate in the village.
  - h. *Risk Assessments* - these had been done for February with no identified problems. The ones for March would be sent out in the next couple of days.
12. *Position of Vice Chairman* - this would be appointed by the next council
13. *Other responsibilities vacant* - this item arrived after the recent surgery regarding the Burial Ground. It was felt that this had been answered satisfactorily at that time.
14. *Clerks Report*
- a. *Appointment of Internal Auditor* - Proposed that the auditor be appointed (as requested by the clerk) by Councillor Keith Kyriacou, seconded Councillor Lesley Mogford. All in favour.
  - b. *Bills to be paid* – As the clerk was off sick, these hadn't been prepared. Councillor Charlotte Hill expressed concern that the clerk and litter picker should not have to wait for their monies. It was agreed that these should be paid. Proposed Councillor Lesley Mogford, seconded Councillor Keith Kyriacou. All in favour
  - c. *Financial Statement for February 2019*
15. *Planning*
- a. *Applications received* – none outstanding as of 14/1/2019
    - i. *Peacehaven* – variation on original planning app. No problems with this amendment.
16. A member of the public asked about the wheel on the car park gates. Councillor Keith Kyriacou will chase again shortly.
17. Soil was building up at the Burial Ground – can this be arranged to be removed? Councillor Keith Kyriacou to look into this. Councillor Mogford suggested that the contracts with the undertakers be reviewed to include removing excess soil as this would be an ongoing problem.
18. Further comments from Members of the Public – A parishioner asked re the Harris fencing at the beach which is broken and need removing. Councillor Scott Bensley would look into this.
19. Councillor Keith Kyriacou asked when the new grass cutting contract was due to start as there was a football match in 3 weeks. Chairman Terry Barnes to liaise with the clerk.
20. Councillor Lesley Mogford asked re the fence panels on the Kingsway alongside the Barleycroft Estate. Ownership of these was discussed. Residents are complaining as these are now broken. This should be carried forward to the next council. Proposed by Councillor Charlotte Hill that a letter is sent to the resident stating that the matter is being looked into. Seconded Councillor Scott Bensley. All in favour.
- The press and public were asked to leave.

A confidential item was discussed. The meeting closed at 9pm.