



Minutes of Hillington Parish Council Meeting held on the 22nd of January 2024

From 7.30pm at the Ffolkes Arms.

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Present: Cllrs Graham Rogerson (GR), Mick Battersby (MB), Cllr Terry Kivlin (TK), Ben Wallace (BW). Members of the public 6, and Borough Councillor Alistair Beales (AB)

Welcome to all from Chairman

- 1. Apologies** – Cllrs Hill, Worsley, and the Parish Clerk
- 2. To receive questions and comments from members of the public:** None
- 3. Declarations of Interest** – none
- 4. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 28th of November 2023** - minutes deferred to March 24 meeting
- 5. Report from our County Councillor** – None
- 6. Report from our Borough Councillor** –
7. Cllr. Beales outlined some of his responsibilities as Cabinet Member for Business. Current workload is concentrated upon the two Council owned property companies set up to buy homes from the Council's own housing developments of several hundred homes. The first of these, West Norfolk Property Limited (WNPL) currently leases 74 dwellings from the Council and work is underway for the company to buy the properties from the Council as was always intended. The value of the current portfolio is some £15 million and professional advice regarding affordability and interest rates, taxation etc is underway. All the WNPL houses are let to private sector tenants to fill an identified shortage of good quality homes to rent in the local market. The second company, West Norfolk Housing Company (WNHC) is a social housing and affordable homes business with a current portfolio of some 47 homes. Work is also going on to enable WNHC to buy these homes which are currently leased. With additional homes under construction which will be added to the portfolio of both companies, the Council is looking to offer a circa £50 million loan facility to the companies for purchase of the existing and forthcoming homes. Cllr. Beales also referred to the 226 homes Florence Fields development (contract value £52 million) which is under construction near the Kings Lynn Academy School at Gaywood.
- 8. Correspondence and Communications**
 - a. Hillington Crosses – Cllr Beales has a received a response from the Borough Council and will forward the information to GR.
 - b. Highways issues – speeding on the A148 – no update

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c. Email from a new resident regarding historical information – advised that we do not have a historical society in the village.

d. NALC membership – defer to March meeting.

8. PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications:

23/02242/F - New Dwelling (redesign from previous Approved Applications 20/00175/F and 22/02096/F) at Land West of 30 Station Road Hillington. The developer and two objectors were present, and the following objections were agreed:

1. The proposed development is to build a large house within a few metres of the boundary to two small bungalows, with small gardens. In our opinion this will cause significant overshadowing and loss of light, especially as the development is due South of one of the bungalows and South West of the other.

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2. Nearby neighbours are concerned that the development will overlook their properties leading to significant loss of privacy. Proposed TK, seconded GR and all in favour of objecting.

Decisions: No new decisions

9. FINANCE:

- a. To approve the Financial Reports for November & December including bank reconciliations and payments/receipts. Proposed by TK, seconded by BW and all in favour.
- b. To approve payments for January as sent out by the clerk. Proposed BW seconded by MB and all in favour.
- c. To formally approve the draft budget and 5% precept increase – proposed TK, seconded MB and all in favour.
- d. To review and approve the third quarter financial report – approved by all

10. Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting – none at this time

11. To confirm the date of the next meeting on the 26th of March 2024 from 7.30pm at The Ffolkes Arms.

Meeting ended at 7.59pm

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PAYMENTS MADE NOVEMBER 2023

Salary	£ 145.40
HMRC	£ 96.40
ECS	£ 16.50
BCKLWN election charge	£ 54.60
Poppy Wreath (paid by clerk)	£ 22.85

PAYMENTS MADE DECEMBER 2023

Salary	£ 145.40
HMRC	£ 96.40
ECS	£ 16.50
NORFOLK BEFRIENDING DONATION	£ 100.00

PAYMENTS APPROVED JANUARY 24

Salary	£ 145.40
HMRC	£ 96.40
ECS	£ 16.50

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Date