



HILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Hillington Parish Council Meeting held on the 26th November 2024 at the Ffolkes Arms

Parish Clerk: Caroline Boyden Tel: 07368 861696 e-mail: clerk@hillington-pc.gov.uk

Present: Cllrs Graham Rogerson (GR), Terry Kivlin (TK), and Jane Hill (JH)

4 Members of the public

County Councillor Stuart Dark (SD)

1. Welcome from the Chairman

2. Apologies – Cllrs Battersby, Worsley, Wallace and Beales

3. To receive questions and comments from members of the public:

The Hillington Ladies Christmas fair raised £329, which was excellent.

The Church meeting had a good turnout of around 30 but very cold. The Church is very short on funds and has a considerable shortfall.

4. Declarations of Interest – none

5. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 24th of September 2024 – Proposed GR, seconded TK and all in favour who attended that meeting.

6. Report from our County Councillor – Following recent reports in the press, the new government has a different view to the County Deal and looking at a Mayor for Norfolk/Suffolk and unitary ideas. However more information is required with no clear direction as yet.

The recycling centre booking system is now up and running, which should stop queuing traffic and people fly tipping due to long waiting times. Leaflet to be put on the noticeboard with the telephone number for people with no internet access.

A member of the public raised concerns that local businesses are being affected by increased charges for trade waste. Cllr Dark advised that certified waste collection business should be used, and non-registered businesses charge and then fly tip waste. The new highways engineer will start on the 3rd of December.

Sandringham Estate – plans for concerts are in place for next August and we have been invited to attend a meeting on the 9th of January 2025 along with other neighbouring parishes. More local people will be used to ensure that departing visitors take the most direct route home. JH mentioned that the Flower Show has always used local people including staff.

The introduction of the safety camera has resulted in reduced speed, but concerns raised that some vehicles speed up when clear of the camera.

In his first year as Chair of the County Council, SD has been celebrating the work of volunteers which, in the main, remains unrecognized. He thanked the parish councillors for their dedication, time and effort.

Questions: will the statistics from the safety camera be available – no.

A crossing is urgently needed at the garage.

7. Report from our Borough Councillor - I am holding a meet the Leader and new Council CEO meetings in every ward. There are 35 wards so it's a big logistical undertaking and big chunk of time so it's only 90 minutes I am afraid. My visit will be last as I have arranged the meetings to start with those back bench councillors who would be unlikely to meet with the CEO or Leader as frequently as others. Sometime in spring 2024. Format is entirely up to the ward councillor, and I am suggesting that all seven parish councils in my ward send a representative and we arrange a Q&A of matters of concern that Leader and CEO can try and answer to take away. Would that be of interest to you please?

8. Correspondence and Communications

a. Hillington Crosses – GR advised that the survey has been completed and should be available soon. The clerk confirmed that the CIL income can be used for this work.

b. Highways issues – Clerk raised the request for a sign on the A149 verge to direct to the Church and SD has asked Jason Moorse to liase directly with the contact. Email from a resident regarding speeding was passed to SD.

c. Clerks Report – Working on the 25/26 draft budget/precept and attended training on GDPR.

d. Safety Camera – as in item 6

e. Sandringham Events Consultation – as in item 6

9. PLANNING MATTERS:

To include any new applications plans and those received subsequent to the publication of this Agenda:

Applications-

24/02049/A – replacement car park sign at the Ffolkes Arms – support was approved for this as it will ensure visibility when dark – proposed GR, seconded TK and all in favour.

Decisions- None

10. FINANCE:

a. To approve the Financial Reports for September and October including bank reconciliations and payments/receipts. Proposed by GR, seconded by TK and all in favour.

- b. To approve payments for November as sent out by the clerk. Proposed GR seconded by TK and all in favour.
- c. To approve the public sector pay increase from 1.4.25 (£1.10ph) – proposed GR, seconded TK and all in favour.
- d. To review the 1st draft budget for 25/26 – agreed that 5% precept increase would be correct and both budget and precept agreed. Proposed GR, seconded TK and all in favour.

11. Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting –
Sandringham Events update
Hillington Crosses update

The date of the next meeting will be on the 28th of January 2025 from 7.30pm at The Ffolkes Arms.

Meeting ended at 8.08pm

PAYMENTS FOR OCTOBER 2024

Salary	£ 133.88
HMRC	£ 89.20

PAYMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2024

Salary	£ 202.28
HMRC	£ 135.20
Wreath	£ 19.98