

**HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON 18th June 2019 at 7.00pm.**

Present: Cllrs J West (Chairman), R Alexander, H Brewis, P Barham, P Baker and C Carr. C Hibbert (Clerk).
One member of the public.

Apologies: N/A.

The filming statement was taken as read.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Noted and accepted.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No points raised.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

3.1 No declarations of interest received;

3.2 No dispensations granted in relation to any identified pecuniary interests.

4. MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 16th MAY 2019.

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting dated 16th May 2019 were **APPROVED** and signed as a true and accurate record.

5. TO CONSIDER

5.1 Co-option of Councillor; the co-option of a resident, GR, to fill the seat remaining vacant following the May 2019 elections was discussed and **APPROVED** in principle, subject to completion of formalities.

5.2 Footpaths; it was **AGREED** that a working party would meet to clear the Market Path footpath which has become overgrown. The need for any volunteers to adhere to appropriate safety procedures was highlighted. The meeting heard that part of the footpath has eroded making it difficult to use. It was **AGREED** to consider this matter further at the next meeting after allowing those present the opportunity to inspect the affected site.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND NOTIFICATIONS

6.1 Planning application DC/19/1075/FUL installation of asphalt tennis court complete with coloured chain link fencing to perimeter of the court at Hawstead Place Farm, Horsecroft Road, Hawstead IP29 4AB. The meeting considered the application and concluded that its likely impact on surrounding property would be minimal – **UNANIMOUS SUPPORT.**

6.2 TPO 333 (2002) 10 no sycamore (T1-10 on plan and A1 on order) coppice at Little Owl, The Pound, Hawstead. This application is an amended version of an earlier application considered by the Council on 15 November 2019. The meeting considered the application and in particular; (i) the lack of any professional advice in support of these proposals; (ii) comments from the tree warden that any trees removed should be replaced with native species; (iii) impact on the landscape of any tree work within the TPO area; (iv) the impact of works on visibility of oil tank at site. It was **AGREED** that a comment to the effect that; (1) this application would benefit from a deferment so that professional clarification as to the justification for the proposed works could be sought; and (2) any landscape impact of works on trees within the TPO should be carefully considered with mitigating conditions imposed, if appropriate.

7. AOB

Those present resolved to deal with the following matters:-

7.1 Replacement defibrillator batteries – £223.20 inc VAT and delivery – Community Heartbeat Trust Ltd **APPROVED** Cheque no 99.

7.2 Mowing

A quote from Frizell had been received to flail and collect grass (which cannot be taken for hay) from the Green at £500 plus VAT per cut. No other quotes had been received due to the specialist

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nature of the equipment involved. It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that one such cut for July would be authorised for the time being, with the need for further cuts to be kept under review.

8. CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY

The Chair reported that; (i) three Councillors had attended a new Councillor briefing on 10 June 2019; (ii) Councillors were requested to focus on identifying objectives for their new term of office; (iii) an informal meeting to discuss future projects and firm up on roles and responsibilities will be called after the next meeting; (iv) appointment of a vice chairman will be considered at the next meeting; (v) a dangerous highway bend near Melpost, Whepstead Road will be considered at the next meeting; and (vi) construction works causing a nuisance at Pinford End will be considered at the next meeting.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 18th July 2019 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

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