

Lessingham and Hempstead with Eccles Parish Council

Action points from the virtual Parish Council meeting, which concluded on 9th February 2021. Due to Coronavirus and the need to maintain social distancing, the business of the Parish Council is being conducted remotely, with decisions made by email or telephone. These notes include any comments and views on agenda items received by the clerk by 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th February 2021.

Commenting: Cllr White
Cllr Henderson
Cllr Reynolds
Cllr Cull
Cllr Holden
Cllr Bennett

Others: Cllr Shires (NNDC)
Cllr Price (NCC)
Nicky Debbage – Parish Clerk

1. Apologies and approval of absence

No apologies.

2. Declaration of Interests / requests for dispensations

No declarations.

3. To approve as accurate minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council

The minutes of the virtual meeting held on 12th January 2021 were approved as a true record.
Proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Henderson

4. Matters Arising

The clerk confirmed that she had sent the SAM2 figures to the Police and to other parishes. The response from the police was positive and PC Tom Gibbs responded that he will look to do some enforcement on Ingham Road where the worst speeding incidences were recorded. PC Gibbs also confirmed that Highways would consider accident statistics when investing in more permanent speeding controls / traffic calming measures and, as there were none along this stretch, success was unlikely. Figures from Beach Road, Sea Palling for August showed that there were on average 1205 vehicles per day, with the highest number recorded being 2788 in one day but there were no incidences of speeding. The SAM2 had been passed back to Hickling.

5. Progress and information reports

Cllr Henderson raised a number of issues with flooding on local roads: Church Lane outside Hempstead Church (two potholes); flooding on High Road (the last bed on the road leading to The Star). Cllr Henderson had sent photos showing the flooding on High Road where issue seems to be that the ditch on one side of the road is full and water is flowing onto the road and looking under the

drain cover it appears that the pipe that goes under the road from the ditch to the drain is at least partially blocked and needs rodding. The flooding is across the width of the road and perhaps requires a warning sign on the bend to alert drivers. The ditch on the opposite side of the road (which is supposed to take the water away) is only half full and flowing fine.

Councillor Cull also raised issues with Star Hill where it looks as if there are yet again breaks in the water mains. There is also still a large build-up of water on the sharp bend after Church Farm towards Happisburgh. This has been reported before and there is a sign after the bend asking motorists to test their brakes, however vehicles travelling towards Happisburgh generally swing out to the other side of the road to avoid the large puddle and are blind to vehicles coming the other way. Unless this is approached cautiously (from either direction), there is a possibility of an accident there at some point.

Action – Clerk to request Highways Ranger inspects these issues

6. Public participation

There were no issues raised by members of the public (beyond those in the correspondence folder / on the agenda)

7. Resignation of Councillor & vacancy on the Council

Cllr White reported that he had received a letter from Cllr Moore resigning from the PC. Cllr White had thanked Cllr Moore for the work he has put in (particularly with the PC's Facebook page and the SAM2) and had tried to persuade him not to retire, but sadly without success.

8. Planning a.) PF/20/2621 - Barn End, Moat Farm - pond, greenhouse & PV panels, b.) RV/20/2661 - Sea Scape, Beach Road, Eccles – removal of condition to allow year-round occupancy, c.) PF/20/2660 – Sea Surge, Hedgehog walk, Eccles – extension, d.) PF/21/0109 - Sea Song, Bush Drive - demolition & replacement dwelling, e.) PF/21/0043 - The Old Kit Bag, Beach Road - demolition & replacement dwelling

The PC has received five planning applications this month, this backlog is due to the Planning IT system being changed. Cllr White expressed some concerns regarding Sea Song and the impact on the neighbouring property Wavelea, as the windows may be very close and also the garage being right by the road.

9. Correspondence for information/discussion

The full set of correspondence had been circulated to councillors.

10. Finance

The following payments were authorised:

- Clerk's Salary - £104 (cheque number 100985)
- HMRC PAYE - £26 (cheque number 100986)

The Chair proposed these payments be agreed, seconded by Cllr Henderson

11. AOB - agenda items for next meeting

Finalise any financial matters for 2021/22