

HEDLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Prior to the Council meeting there was a meeting of some 24 residents, County Councillor Horncastle and the Parish Council members with apologies from Cllr Douglas. The notes from this meeting have been summarised separately and are on the website.

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12th July 2021 at 7.30pm in The Feathers

Present: Cllrs Watkins, Speak, Barnes, Renwick and Wolters. Monica Anderton, Clerk was in attendance. John Dixon, Heather Cruddis and Mr Craig Ross from GF White re Item 5.

1. **Apologies:** County Cllr Horncastle; Cllr Douglas (who arrived for the latter part of the meeting).

2: **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Barnes – as a resident closely affected by Item 5.

It was agreed at this time to take Item 5 so that Mr Ross could leave afterwards.

5. **Planning application for a new access road (21/02408/FUL) at Hedley East Farm:** Mr Ross explained the thinking to date that access for the 4 housing units already granted was poor via the Village Green and all the tests required by NCC on visibility and safety could not be met without taking over a large part of the Green. He agreed to forward the NCC response to the testing carried out by GF White. The current application will overcome this and ultimately they expect all vehicular traffic to the farm and the development to be via the road with only pedestrian access over the Green. A number of questions had arisen from the public meeting prior to this one which are available to see on the website: they include: How does this application relate to the new development as it specifically states it is for new Farm access; (Mr Ross explained the staged approach to the development and agreed to provide more information for the residents); What is wrong with the existing access – it is below NCC adoptable road status; Why can't the other accesses be upgraded – they are tracks not proper paths capable of being upgraded as opposed to a potentially adoptable road; Concerns were expressed by a number of residents about loss of privacy, pollution, who would look after the shielding strip. For more information see the notes on the website. Once the information had been given, Mr Ross and the applicants left the meeting for the Council to discuss its' response to the application. A site visit would be held as well before finalising their decision which will be available on the NCC website through the planning Portal.

3. **Minutes** from the meeting of 14th June 2021: These were **approved** as a true record.

4. **Matters arising:** a) Information from the Land Registry is still ongoing;

b) Siting of possible waste bins for both dog waste and general waste is in hand with the County Council who are checking the possible site;

c) Camping Days: it has been established that the 56 allowable days for wild camping do not have to be continuous but can relate to only days on which tents are used;

d) Community Plan: it was agreed that this would continue in September after the holiday break when residents can be asked what they would like the Council to be able to provide. It was also agreed to explain to residents exactly what powers the Parish Council has, and hasn't got. It was noted there were several options for future funding of events/projects when they may be decided on.

e) Bank of Scotland: The £50 for the complaint has been banked. A follow up survey by BoS on how the complaint was handled was told – not very well;

e) Hedley House – The large damaged coping stones on the walls have not been touched. This will be followed up again;

5. **Planning:** See above

6. **County Councillor Report:** None

7. **Correspondence:** Circulated as emails: weekly E News from NALC; Covid information from various sources, including CAN E-news.

8. **Finance:** a) Balance as at 30th June 2021 is £5336.16

b) The following payment was authorised:

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149.89

c) To note that VAT of £118.39 has been reclaimed

9. **Information received:** None to date

10. **AOB:** ~ The Gardener will begin weed spraying this week; Cllr Speak would also talk to the owner of a piece of untidy grassland;

~ Hedley East Farm would be asked to deal with overflowing waste again; and also to note the damage to the Village Green which they would be asked to restore themselves – or for their other users to do so.

11: **Date of next meeting:** 13th September 2021 at 7.30pm

Chair:

Date: