

**Heacham Parish Council
LIGHTING AND WATCHING COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 3rd APRIL 2025 AT 7 PM
HELD AT OLD FRIENDS HALL**

MINUTES

PRESENT Cllrs P Rawlinson (Chair) J Dear, D Lewis, I Morrison, T Parish, R Pritchard and D Rawnsley (Ex Officio).

APOLOGIES Cllrs P Sutton and J Pomeroy.

Declarations of Interest

Please indicate if there are any interests which should be declared. A declaration of an interest should indicate the nature of the interest (if not already declared on the Register of Interests) and the agenda item to which it relates. If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared, the Member should withdraw from the room whilst the matter is discussed.
None.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the 6th February 2025 were agreed and signed as a true record.
Proposed: T Parish. Seconded: R Pritchard accepted unanimously.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Rawnsley said that he had been contacted by Snettisham Parish Council regarding their dissatisfaction with the recycling centre. Cllr Rawlinson said that he had been to the recycling centre 3 times recently and there was no one there and that it was a long drawn out process to book a 15 minute window. It is tedious to have to put your address and car registration number in every time. The operatives there seem to be having an easy time. All calls (if you ring) go elsewhere which is very cumbersome. There are hundreds of spaces in the booking diary. Do we ask the public if they have had issues? Has fly tipping gone up? The amount of garden bins has increased. Do we assume that rubbish is going into the non-recycle bins?

Cllr Morrison suggest we ask:

1. Is it being used?
2. Is fly tipping an issue?
3. Has waste increased in these sites?

Cllr Morrison asked if we can ask for data and suggest other Councils do the same? We should ask on behalf of Heacham residents. Cllr Parish says that black bin stuff goes to an incinerator in Suffolk.

The booking system is too long and drawn out.

Cllr Morrison is to compose a letter to be sent to those Parish Councils that Cllr Rawnsley had previously contacted.

Action point: Clerk to write to Cllr Chenery – Cllr Morrison to help.

4. REPLACEMENT OF 2 SEATS FOR A149 BY VILLAGE SIGN.

This was done last year.

5. WAR MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS – UPDATE.

We are not going to do this but leave it to age gracefully with the population.

6. REQUEST FOR DOG BIN ON COLLEGE DRIVE.

Cllr Parish says that the Councils have complained about the rise in cost of emptying the dog bins, this rise was announced after the precepts were set. The cost of emptying the bins has increased significantly and the cost of emptying litter bins has also increased. Some areas have no dog bins just litter bins for all waste. We need to set a sum aside to cope with an increase each year.

Cllr Rawlinson thought that a dog bin on College Drive had appeared on old minutes and so was not discussed.

7. REQUEST FOR BUS SHELTERS ON LODGE ROAD – Ministry of Transport bids availability.

It was asked if there was room. It was suggested that we ask Cllr Chenery to ask someone to have a look to see if it is possible.

Action point: Can we write to Highways and ask for cost of shelters for our elderly folks on any road.

Could this be done and ready for our Parish Meeting?

8. NOTICE BOARDS FOR JUBILEE CLINIC AND OFH – update.

Notice boards have all been put up by Cllr Pritchard.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

		Upgrade of mast in School Road	No Observations
25/00445/F	High View, 1A Robin Hill	Proposed single storey flat roof extensions, internal alterations and proposed render system to existing dwelling.	No Observations

AOB

a) A149 Lynn Road – no one knows if this is going to be developed.

b) The caravan is still there on South Beach and is dangerous as there is metal sticking out. There will be lots of visitors here soon. The former owners should be made to take it away, Cllr Parish says the Borough Council says that it is sorted.

Action point: Clerk to chase this please.

9. NEXT MEETING

Meeting ended 20.00hrs

Next meeting to be held on Thursday 1st May 2025 7pm in the Old Friends Hall.

.....Chairman

.....Date