

HOPTON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minute of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17 April 2023 commencing at 7.15pm at Hopton Village Hall, Station Road, Hopton-on-Sea NR31 9BE.

Present: Parish Cllrs: Jan Windsor-Luck (Vice Chairman), Keith Bradley, Yvonne Bradley, Pam Oakes, John Tonks. Also present: County/Borough Cllr Carl Annison, Julie McNair, Officer of the Council and appx. 15 members of the public.

The Vice-Chairman pointed out housekeeping matters.

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs. Sue Hacon and Jenny Spencer.

2. To receive declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda.

Cllr. Oakes declared a personal and pecuniary interest in item 7.b) planning application number 06/23/0186/HH as this relates to her own property. Cllr. Oakes will leave the room when item 7.b) is discussed.

3. To welcome Janice Barr, Great Yarmouth Lions Club, donating cheque to the Parish Council in support of the Skateboarding, BMX, Scooter event being held on 19 August 2023.

Cllr. Windsor-Luck welcomed Janice Barr to the meeting and accepted a cheque for £200 from the GY Lions Club in support of the Skateboarding, BMX, Scooter event. The Parish Council thanked Janice and the GY Lions for their very kind donation. A round of applause followed. Janice and Richard Barr then left the meeting.

4. Public Forum.

No matters were raised.

5. Amendment to Minute 13 March 2023 Planning Application 06/23/0136/HH relates to number 16 Geneva Gardens (not number 6). To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting held 13 March 2023.

It was proposed by Cllr. Tonks and seconded by Cllr. K. Bradley to agree the amendment and confirm both sets of Minutes. This was unanimously agreed.

6. To receive County and Borough Councillors' Reports.

County/Borough Cllr. Annison advised that following the Borough Elections in May, he hoped to be at the Parish Council meeting next month.

7. To consider the Clerk's reports.

a) **Correspondence.** As listed and circulated.

b) Planning applications.

6/23/0249/HH Proposed rear and side extension, removal of existing roof, raising of eaves and new roof over entire dwelling to form accommodation in roof space and demolition of garage at 20 Warren Road Hopton. No objection by the Planning Committee.

06/23/0231/HH Proposed two storey side extension with balcony, porch extension and garage conversion. Construction of new detached garage (revised plan) at Farside Sidegate Road. No objection by the Planning Committee.

Cllr. Pam Oakes declared a personal and pecuniary interest and left the room before this item was read out.

06/23/0186/HH Erection of 4.4m garden wall to enclose Victorian style kitchen garden
Location: Hopton Manor Hall Road. No objection by the Planning Committee.

06/23/0220/F Haven Warren Road. Additional 110 bases and associated works. See also Minute of October 2022. See item 8 below.

06/21/0213/O Hybrid planning application relating to Links Road development. See item 9 below.

Permissions Granted by GYBC:- None.

Planning Permissions Refused by GYBC: None.

Cllr. Oakes returned to the room.

c) Finance. To agree April 2023 invoices for payment and bank reconciliation statement as at 31 March 2023 year end.

Seven payments and two direct debits from the business current account totalling £2,972.89. It was proposed by Cllr. Oakes and seconded by Cllr. Y. Bradley to approve the list of payments and bank reconciliation statement. This was unanimously agreed.

8. To consider planning application 06/23/0220/F re: additional 110 bases at Haven site. (Reference Minute 10 October 2022 refers).

The following comments were raised by residents/caravan/lodge owners at the 10 October 2022 meeting.

a) With 110 new bases, split 50/50 between ownership and holiday rentals, this will bring a considerable amount of additional traffic through the village. Change over days are already a nightmare, which coincides with school times. With 200 new homes being built (Lowestoft Road), on land owned by NCC, the traffic at the A47 junction is causing congestion already. The Parish Council's SAM2 data shows that some 65,500 vehicles passed along Station Road heading East in a three week period last summer. When SAM2 was facing West, a similar number of vehicles travelled during that period. The air quality will considerably lessen.

b) There will be an impact on mains water and the sewerage system, both of which are affected at present and will only get worse. The water pressure in the village lowers at weekends and in high season.

c) We acknowledge potential job opportunities for local people. However, lack of staff at present to cope with holidaymakers.

d) The loss of the golfing facilities is a blow for owners.

e) The infrastructure is not in place to deal with the development.

f) The existing copse should be protected and well away from caravans to ensure wildlife remains.

g) Emergency vehicles trying to get on site, traffic jam for ambulances and fire engines.

Additional comments raised 17 April 2023:

h) Parking is currently on one side of Station Road, making it effectively a single track road, with the possibility of an additional 200 vehicles using the road on changeover days and when holidaymakers go off-site.

i) Facilities on site are already stretched to the limit. There are not enough staff to deal with existing holidaymakers/owners.

- j) Why are Segways being run through a nature reserve.
- k) Why are two or four person cycles being ridden on Warren Road when this is a Highway. The Parish Council has requested this application be referred to GYBC Development Control Committee. The Parish Council will upload the date to social media when it is known. It was proposed by Cllr. Windsor-Luck and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to submit the above comments to GYBC Planning. This was unanimously agreed. Several members of public left the meeting.

9. To consider planning application 06/21/0213/O Land South of Links Road and East of Lowestoft Road Hopton-On-Sea NR31 9AN Hybrid planning application seeking: (1) Full planning permission for construction of food retail store and associated infrastructure, electricity substation, drainage, two points of access from Links Road, parking and off-site highways works. (2) Outline planning permission for up to 240 dwellings, a 60-bed housing-with-care scheme, associated infrastructure, drainage, and open space; comprising full details of vehicular access to Links Road, with all other details of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping reserved for future determination. (Reference Minute 14 June 2021 refers).

The following comments were made by residents at the 14 June 2021 meeting:

- a) The application includes a food retail store in a location not designated for one in the Local Plan. Beacon Park was chosen as the preferred location for a food store. The Inspector who considered the Local Plan accepted that Beacon Park was the preferred location.
- b) The location of the proposed joint access to the development and the food retail store to the A47/Links Road junction would lead to major congestion, causing difficulties for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. Ambulances from the nearby operational centre could also encounter more delays. The application acknowledges these overall risks for the longer term but from the outset road users would encounter higher risks than at present.
- c) Links Road is not adequate for the extra traffic which would be generated and existing volumes already cause difficulties for drivers accessing and emerging from the side roads serving residential areas, schools and the seafront. There are already speeding problems that require traffic calming measures.
- d) The scale of the housing development is too large for the area and is not in keeping with the properties in the area.
- e) Lack of green space.
- f) Why is this development designated Gorleston rather than Hopton-on-Sea.

Additional comments made 17 April 2023:

- g) Impact on air pollution, environment and mental health.
- h) The proposal to develop a residential care home/assisted housing element would be welcome. However, leave the green space alone for general use.
- i) Shops in the High Street will suffer if a Lidl opens.
- j) Parts of Great Yarmouth are ripe for development, why not re-purpose wasted space in Great Yarmouth.

Borough Cllr. Annison made a comment regarding Beacon Park and proposed development of a local centre, and shops adjacent to the Persimmon Homes development. The link road (new road to Bradwell) is funded privately. There is provision for a primary school in the 10 year plan. NCC decide when the school is built.

The Parish Council has requested this application be referred to GYBC Development Control Committee. The Parish Council will upload the date to social media when it is known. It was proposed by Cllr. Windsor-Luck and seconded by Cllr. Y. Bradley to submit the above comments to GYBC Planning and object to the planning application. This was unanimously agreed.

The remaining members of the public left the meeting.

10. To consider a new litter bin in the larger passing point on Longfulans Lane.

GYBC Environmental Health have now taken over responsibility for litter bins. A request has been sent for costings for a new or recycled litter bin and annual emptying charge. Due to handovers from GYB Services to GY Services there is a delay in obtaining a quotation. Following a full discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Tonks and seconded by Cllr. K. Bradley not to purchase a litter bin for Longfulans Lane because it is highly unlikely that car drivers would stop to put litter in the bin, and those already parked up eating takeaways are also unlikely to use the bin. It would be a waste of money at this location. The proposal was unanimously agreed.

11. To consider matters relating to the Millennium Garden.

a) Update following tree works, Talking Elm Tree Services.

Oak tree works have been carried out satisfactorily.

b) Anti-social behaviour – persistent removal of stones.

The constant vandalism is a concern because the Parish Council has a duty of care to members of the public. Part of a wall has been eroded by young people (some have been seen and spoken to) removing lime mortar and stones. If this behaviour continues it will leave the overhanging part of the wall in an unstable condition. The Clerk has contacted Great Yarmouth Preservation Trust for assistance. A survey/assessment needs to be carried out. A response is awaited. Additional notices will be displayed. This item will be on the May 2023 Agenda for further discussion/information.

12. To consider matters relating to the Recreation Ground/Pavilion.

a) Update: Hawthorn Tree, east side near the children's play area.

Tree work has been carried out satisfactorily.

13. To discuss content of A7 advert for Party in the Park brochure.

The Hopton Residents Events Committee has kindly let us have an A7 advert, free of charge, in the Party in the Park brochure. The draft advert was circulated to Cllrs. It was proposed by Cllr. Windsor-Luck and seconded by Cllr. Oakes to approve the advert as drafted. This was unanimously agreed.

14. To consider renewal of Community Action Norfolk subscription at £20 per annum.

CAN provide details of funding, some advice and general help when needed. It was proposed by Cllr. Oakes and seconded by Cllr. Y. Bradley to go ahead with the subscription at £20pa. This was unanimously agreed.

15. Deposit of Minutes and other documents to Norfolk Records Office for archiving.

Minutes from 1995 to 2021, annual returns, copies of Village News and other documents depicting the history of the village have been lodged at the Norfolk Records Office. These

documents can be accessed by residents or anyone interested by searching the catalogues at NRO website www.archives.norfolk.gov.uk Papers not required to be stored have been shredded.

16. To consider replacing perspex and locks on the noticeboards.

The perspex needs replacing, along with a separate lock on each noticeboard. The noticeboard on Coast Road should be replaced first, followed by Links Road and Station Road noticeboards. Cllr. Tonks advised the cost to replace the perspex and locks is £150 for three noticeboards.

It was proposed by Cllr. K. Bradley and seconded by Cllr. Oakes to go ahead with repairs. This was unanimously agreed.

17. To receive updates from previous Minutes.

a) Signing of Deed of Covenant/Licence to Assign re Doctor's surgery.

The document has been signed as per approval of the Parish Council at the last meeting.

b) Village Litter Pick 1 April 2023.

Around 15 people took part. Sixteen bags of rubbish collected from various parts of the village.

c) Community Payback Team.

The Placement Officer has advised that the work suggested would not keep a team of 8 occupied for 5/6 weeks. It has been suggested that the Parish Council team up with the Cutting Crew at St. Margaret's Church so that work in the village can be co-ordinated, every week rather than every two weeks at present. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. K. Bradley and seconded by Cllr. Y. Bradley to approach the Placement Officer to obtain more details and progress. This was unanimously agreed.

18. Project Bid submitted to GYBC Planning re Expenditure of Developer Contributions towards Open Space.

The project bid to upgrade the play area at St. Clare Court has been submitted to GYBC. We await the outcome.

19. Essential Update Seminar.

Following the Clerk's attendance, notes have been circulated to all Cllrs. The seminar was very informative and professional.

20. To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Hopton-on-Sea Parish Council.

Monday 15 May 2023, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. Confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed

Dated

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