

HOPTON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minute of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9 August 2021 commencing at 7.00pm at Hopton Village Hall, Station Road, Hopton-on-Sea.

Present: Parish Cllrs: Chris Ward (Chairman), Jan Windsor-Luck (Vice Chairman), Keith Bradley, Yvonne Bradley, Sue Hacon, Jenny Spencer, Ruth Straughan (via Zoom), John Tonks. Also present: Julie McNair, Clerk to the Council. Three members of the public.

The Chairman pointed out housekeeping matters.

1. To welcome new Parish Cllrs. and consider apologies for absence.

The Chairman welcomed new Cllrs. Keith and Yvonne Bradley. Apology received from County/Borough Cllr. Carl Annison.

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

There were none.

3. Public Forum.

In summary: Two members of the public raised an issue regarding the proposed development of a property on Anglian Way and a neighbour dispute.

Cllr. Windsor-Luck declared a personal interest.

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council is a consultee in relation to the planning application and ultimately it is GYBC that make the decision. In relation to the neighbour dispute, this is not a Parish Council matter, however contact details have been taken and a response will be sent to the two members in the next few days.

4. To confirm the Minute of the Parish Council meeting held 19 July 2021.

It was proposed by Cllr. Spencer and seconded by Cllr. Hacon to approve the Minute as read. This was agreed.

5. To receive County and Borough Councillors' Reports.

Borough Cllr. Hacon advised that August is usually a quiet month at the Town Hall. She has a ward budget of £1,000 and will split this equally between Bradwell and Hopton. £500 will go towards the cost of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

6. To receive and consider the Clerk's reports:-

a) Correspondence. As previously circulated to all Cllrs.

b) Planning applications received.

Planning Permissions Granted by GYBC:-

06/21/0576/F Land adjacent to Sidegate Cottages Sidegate Road. Proposed single storey flat roofed extension to east/west elevation to form garden room. No objection by the Planning Committee.

06/21/0472/F Permanent retention of two existing horse stables (contrary to condition 1 of original planning permission 06/14/0573/F - requirement to remove them by October 2019 Land off Hall Road Hopton. No objection by the Planning Committee.

06/21/0642/F Proposed first floor side extension over garage and single storey rear extension 8.40 metres x 5.178 metres
2 Warren Road Hopton. With Planning Committee for consideration.

Planning Permissions Refused by GYBC: None

c) Finance. Six payments and two direct debits from the business current account totalling £2027.71. It was proposed by Cllr. Windsor-Luck and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to approve the payments and bank reconciliation statement. This was unanimously agreed.

7.To receive information regarding the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebration Event, Saturday 4 June 2022.

The following details/proposals have been received from Carole Wall:-

- Event to be held on Saturday 4 June 2022 between 12 midday and 7pm at the Recreation Ground Lowestoft Road Hopton on Sea.
- Jubilee themed fancy dress parade with vintage cars from each decade from the 1950s to a modern-day vehicle.
- Beer tent. Food stalls. Craft stalls. Face painting. Competitions.
- Marquee with music from 50’s to 00’s playing throughout the afternoon/evening.
- Traditional family games such as egg and spoon race, sack race etc.
- Plenty of flags and bunting.
- Old fashioned street style tea party with residents bringing own tables/chairs decorated on the Jubilee theme.
- Red, white and blue theme for the day.

This should be a fantastic, colourful community event where all residents can enjoy themselves.

The Chairman advised that the organisers of the event have submitted a donation request and this will be discussed by the Parish Council at the September meeting.

8.To consider purchasing Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Mugs for pupils at Hopton CE Primary Academy.

Commemorative mugs were gifted to all school pupils at the 2012 Jubilee and these were gratefully received. The Platinum Jubilee commemorative mug is now available, personalised with the Council’s name on the reverse, in bone china, at £5.55 plus VAT each. There is a discount for large orders. Likely cost is just under £1,000 for 180 mugs (in batches of 36). A response is awaited from the new Headteacher in relation to the number of pupils, and other matters. It was proposed by Cllr. Ward and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to progress this with a budget of up to £1,000. This was unanimously agreed.

It was also suggested that commemorative mugs could be purchased in bulk and sold at the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebration event on 4 June 2022. This matter is being investigated further.

9.To consider spraying and strimming the front of the Rec Ground to eradicate giant hogweed which is an irritant.

Spraying is no longer used as a form of weed killer by both NCC and GYBC. To strim the front of the Rec Ground without using weed spray first will take much longer than usual. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Tonks and seconded by Cllr. Windsor-Luck not to spray weed killer. This was unanimously agreed. A quotation will be obtained to regularly strim the area to keep it under control. This means that the poppies and other wild flowers should re-appear again next spring/summer.

10.To consider a quotation/works specification from DynoRod regarding the blocked pipe, ladies toilet, Pavilion Building.

Dyno-Rod carried out an inspection on 15 July 2021. They attempted to remove roots from the toilet pipes and the manhole, but this was unsuccessful. A works specification and quotation has been received from Dyno-Rod at £995 plus VAT to trace and locate the exact location of the toilet line connection, excavate to make access to the pipework, use electro-mechanical and high-pressure water jetting equipment to remove the roots and restore maximum bore, carry out post works CCTV survey to determine the structural condition of the pipework, install new PVC pipework, re-instate excavated area to surface level. Removal of all waste from site.

Cllr. Tonks has recently contacted Go Tankers Ltd to supply a quotation/works specification so that a comparison on price/work can be made.

It was proposed by Cllr. Ward and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to bring this item back to the agenda when a further quotation has been received. This was unanimously agreed.

11.To consider making an application under the NCC Parish Partnership Scheme for NCC to investigate the viability of a zebra crossing outside the school on Coast Road.

The 50/50 Parish Partnership Scheme is available for finance year 2022/23, with an application deadline of December 2021. Paul Sellick of NCC Highways Engineer for this area has provided some initial information. NCC would need to carry out a pedestrian crossing assessment including traffic survey and pedestrian crossing count to establish if a zebra crossing is appropriate at that location. The assessments have been Parish Partnership funded in the past. With regard to the location itself, Mr Sellick has some concerns that crossing activity outside school start/finish times would be very light (which is not desirable for a zebra crossing). However, the pedestrian surveys would confirm this (to be carried out during term time). Street lighting alterations and resurfacing the carriageway with a higher skid resistance surface is often required. Typical installation costs are up to £50,000 although the pedestrian crossing assessment would provide a more accurate estimate. It was also mentioned that formal crossings usually come with white zig zag lines which could impact on some parking.

Following further discussion, it was suggested that the existing 20mph flashing sign and lights that are switched on during school drop off/pick up times could be upgraded as they are very dim. It was also suggested that rather than a costly zebra crossing, the Parish Council could investigate whether a lollipop person could be employed to assist children and families crossing Coast Road. It was proposed by Cllr. Hacon and seconded by Cllr. Tonks that investigations would be made into upgrading the lighting, via NCC, and the cost of a lollipop person. This was unanimously agreed.

[NCC's policy is that they no longer recruit lollipop men/women and those currently in the role who retire, are not being replaced].

12.To receive updates from previous Minutes:-

a) Village Sign repairs.

Cllr. Windsor-Luck is investigating. Three residents in the village have offered to repair/repaint the sign. It was proposed by Cllr. Tonks and seconded by Cllr. Spencer to add this to the September meeting agenda when more information will be known.

b) Monthly update from the Parish Cllr. representatives on the Village Hall Management Trust.

There was no August meeting.

c) Skateboarding/BMX/Scooter Event, Saturday 14 August 2021, 10am to 2pm Recreation Ground.

A reminder has been uploaded to the Residents Facebook page and on the front cover of the August edition of Village News. This is a free event for all budding skateboarders. A few Cllrs will be needed on the day from 9.30am.

d) Community Village Litter Pick. Saturday 25 September 2021, meeting 10am car park of the Recreation Ground. Finishing 12 midday. Bags provided. Litter picks can be borrowed. Families welcome, children to be supervised.

A reminder of this community event is in Village News and will be uploaded to the Facebook page nearer the time. All welcome to join in.

13.To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Hopton-on-Sea Parish Council.
Monday 13 September 2021, 7.00pm at Hopton Village Hall. All residents welcome.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.42pm.

Signed: Dated:.....

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