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Miss H Atkin Class Teacher
Hopton Church of England Primary Academy

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If you are new to Hopton, welcome! A copy of Village News will be delivered through your door every month. It should help you keep in touch with what's going on in Hopton. If you have any queries or we can help in any way please contact Julie, Clerk to the Council on 01502 730768 or pop into the Office at the Village Hall, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm. The Parish Council's website also has information at the click of a mouse.

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We look forward to seeing you at one of the many events being held throughout the year in the village. There is also a Hopton Residents Facebook page (managed by residents).



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LITTLE FOOTPRINTS:.
every Thursday at the church 9.15 to 11.15am (term time only).

DROP IN AT THE CHURCH:
every Monday 10 to 12. All welcome.

YOUTH CLUB:
every Friday 7 - 9pm (during term time).

DECEMBER:

Saturday 9 December: Carols around the Ruin/Millennium Garden.

Monday 11 December: Parish Council meeting 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.

Wednesday 20 December: Carol Service at St. Margaret's Church at 7pm.

Sunday 24 December: Crib Service at 5pm.

Sunday 24 December: Midnight Mass at 11.30pm.

NOVEMBER:

Sunday 12 November: Service of Remembrance, 10.45 at St. Margaret's Church.

Monday 13 November: Parish Council meeting 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.

Saturday 18 November: Christmas Special Craft Fayre at St. Margaret's Church.

To find out what's on at Hopton Village Hall, view their website:
www.hopton-on-seavh.info
or phone **01502 730768** and speak to Kye to book a party or event.

Parish Council website:
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The Lite Bite lunches that take place on the first Sunday of the month have been very successful and enabled us to make a donation to the Cutting Crew for the maintenance of their equipment. People come and join us for a light lunch and make a donation. The lunches have been given and prepared by different members of the congregation. We usually sit down to eat at about 12.15.

We had a concert given by the Chorus of St Cecilia led by Matthew Hardy. It was as usual thoroughly enjoyed by the people who came but it was not as well supported as it has been in the past. Maybe because of the current economic situation.

Penny continues to help in the Early Years class at Hopton Primary. Mrs Morgan and I go into school fortnightly to take an Open the Book Assembly with the children. We have just begun to use the new materials and the children like the new style of the bible stories rewritten by Bob Hartman. One young man said that he enjoyed the new stories because you were left with a "Cliff Hanger".

Little Footprints continues to be successful

led by Pam and a team of volunteers on a Thursday morning. John, Rosie and Brenda open the doors and run the Drop In every Monday morning from 10.00 am until 12.00. We celebrated Harvest on October 1st, had a Lite Bite lunch and welcomed Archdeacon Steven who came to meet with the churchwardens and Revd Nigel. We have been quite busy and will continue to be for the next two months as Christmas fast approaches.

There are a few dates that you might like to come and celebrate or share with us at St Margarets Church Hopton On Sea. Penny will be running a craft Fayre on Saturday 18th November Christmas Craft Fayre.

Reverend Nigel Lacey will be leading us in a Service of Remembrance on Sunday 12th November @10.45.

Pam has shoe boxes for Samaritans purse, waiting to be filled. The boxes need to be returned by the 5 November for delivery to a collection centre during the week 14th to the 21st November so that they can be distributed to children around the world.

Sunday 19th November there is to be a confirmation service led by the Venerable Ian Bishop the new Bishop of Thetford. It will be a good opportunity to meet him.

Sunday 3rd December the first Sunday of Advent and also Lite Bite lunch.

Saturday 16th December Decorating the church. The theme is travel related.

Wednesday 20th December 19.00 Carol Service.

Sunday 24th December Crib Service 17.00.

Sunday 24th December 11.30 Midnight Mass.

Do come and join us, you will be welcome. **Irene** (churchwarden)



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Parish Council website:
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Meeting dates 2023:
13 November, 11 December 2023.

Meeting dates 2024:
8 January, 12 February, 11 March, 8 April, 13 May
Annual Parish Council Meeting/Annual Parish Meeting,
10 June, 8 July, 12 August, 9 September, 14 October,
11 November, 9 December.

Your Parish Cllrs are:-

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There are two Parish Cllr. vacancies that can be filled by co-option. If any residents are interested in being co-opted to the Parish Council please contact Cllr. Jan Windsor-Luck in the first instance.

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Are you celebrating an anniversary, birthday, birth of a new baby or to announce the death of a loved one?

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As we are moving into colder weather, this is just a reminder of where the grit bins are located in Hopton.

1. Hall Road, off Lowestoft Road (near old Post Office).
2. Seaview Rise, next to 7 – 8 Manor Gardens.
3. Noel Close, junction Lowestoft Road.
4. Seafields Drive, junction Lowestoft Road.
5. Warren Road, junction Station Road/Coast Road, near Turnstone.

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NEXT VISITS (WEDNESDAYS):

- 1 November
- 29 November, 27 December
- 24 January 2024, 21 February
- 20 March, 17 April, 15 May
- 12 June, 10 July

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- NOVEMBER 2023 -
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Tuesday:	Latin Rhythms 9am to 10.30am Slimming World 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Wednesday:	Pilates 9.15am to 10.15am Phoenix Karate 4.45pm to 8.15pm
Thursday:	Badminton Club 12.30pm to 1.30pm Dance Academy 4pm to 4.45pm Yoga Sculpt 6pm to 7pm Zumba 7.15pm to 8.15pm
Friday:	Matti & Mimi Music Group 9am to 11.30am Dance Academy 3.30pm to 6.30pm Youth Club 6.30pm to 9.00pm
Saturday:	Dance Academy 8.30am to 3.30pm
Sunday:	Little Kickers 9am to 11am

Small hall

Tuesday:	Matti & Mimi Music Group 9am to 12.30pm Dance Academy 4pm to 6pm Spiritualist Church 7.15pm to 10pm
Wednesday:	Matti & Mimi Music Group 9am to 12pm Dance Academy 6.30pm to 8pm Phoenix Karate Adult beginners 7.30pm to 8.30pm
Thursday:	Dance Academy 5pm to 7pm Yoga 7pm to 8pm
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HOPTON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minute of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9 October 2023 commencing at 7.30pm at Hopton Village Hall, Station Road, Hopton-on-Sea NR31 9BE.

Present: Parish Cllrs: Jan Windsor-Luck (Chairman), Sue Hacon (Vice-Chairman), Kevin Lee, Pam Oakes, John Plaskett, Jenny Spencer, John Tonks.

Also present: Julie McNair, Officer of the Council and two members of the public.

The Chairman pointed out housekeeping matters.

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Received from Parish Cllrs. Yvonne and Keith Bradley and County/Borough Cllr. Carl Annison.

2. To receive declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensation.

Cllr. Oakes declared a pecuniary interest in a planning item under 6.b).

3. Public Forum.

In Summary:

a) The ongoing matter of Warren Road was clarified. It is Norfolk County Council's responsibility to take on maintenance of most of the bridleway. The matter is being progressed.

4. To confirm the Minute of the Parish Council Meeting held 11 September 2023.

It was proposed by Cllr. Oakes and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to confirm the Minute. This was unanimously agreed.

5. To receive County and Borough Councillors' Reports.

County/Borough Cllr. Annison provided a brief written report. The street lights on Warren Road are now all working, although he has reported two more in the location since then.

6. To consider the Clerk's reports.

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

b) **Planning applications.**

06/23/0441/HH Retrospective conversion and replacement roof to conservatory incorporating a new balcony terrace to the first floor dormer window above at 98 Links Road Hopton-on-sea NR31 6JX. No objection by the Planning Committee, with a comment relating to one neighbour privacy.

06/22/1094/F Demolish existing fire damaged barn and erect a new outbuilding to be used as 3 no. storage units at Tollhouse Farm Land adjacent to Tollhouse Cottage Lowestoft Road Hopton on sea NR31 9AN. No objection by the Planning Committee.

06/23/0556/CU Proposed Change of Use of existing garden room to Beauty Salon and all associated works at Tally Ho Hall Road Hopton-on-Sea Great Yarmouth NR31 9AX. No objection by the Planning Committee.

06/23/0588/HH Proposed side & Rear Extensions, including new roof at Copperfield Sidegate Road Hopton-on-sea NR31 9AT. With Planning Committee for consideration. Cllr. Oakes declared a pecuniary interest and left the room when the following item was discussed.

06/23/0501/HH Proposed construction of single storey day room and out-door pool at Hopton Manor Hall Road Hopton-on-sea NR31 9BB. With Planning Committee for consideration. Cllr. Oakes returned to the room.

Permissions Granted by GYBC. None.

Planning Permissions Refused by GYBC. None.

c) Finance. To agree October 2023 invoices for payment and bank reconciliation statement as at 30 September 2023.

Nine payments and two direct debits from the business current account totalling £4,473.28. It was proposed by Cllr. Spencer and seconded by Cllr. Plaskett to approve the list of payments and bank reconciliation statement. This was unanimously agreed.

d) Review of RBS Notice Accounts.

The 35 day account has been opened and money deposited as previously agreed, maturing on Monday 23 October 2023.

The 95 day account required additional supporting forms and has now been opened. Money was transferred into the account as previously agreed, maturing Wednesday 9 January 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. Windsor-Luck and seconded by Cllr. Oakes to provide the Clerk/ Responsible Finance Officer with delegated power to review the accounts, renew the 35/95 day deposits and transfer funds between accounts as appropriate. This was unanimously agreed.

7. To set a date and time for a Policies & Finance Advisory Committee meeting to discuss budget/precept for 2024/25.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Tonks and seconded by Cllr. Hacon to set a date of Thursday 2 November, 10am in the Village Hall. This was unanimously agreed.

8. To consider matters relating to the Millennium Garden/Ruin.

a) **Report from GY Preservation Trust.**

The report has been received and circulated to all Cllrs. An assessment and quotations to remove the pigeon poo from the base of the tower, and re-pointing various parts of the walls, are being obtained. The assessment will advise if there are any bat movements in the tower. This item carried forward to the November 2023 Agenda.

b) **Replacement Christmas Tree.**

Various options were put forward and discussed in full. It was proposed by Cllr.

Hacon and seconded by Cllr. Spencer to source a 5/6ft pot grown tree. The cost of snow spray will also be investigated. This was agreed by majority vote. The contract gardener's offer to replace the existing tree free of charge is still available although the same problem may occur regarding the roots.

c) Possible projection of Christmas Tree onto the Ruin.

The required cabling and safety matting for the projector would be too far away from the electricity source.

d) **Donation regarding cost of electricity.**

The school has responded that £210 would be acceptable. It was proposed by Cllr. Windsor-Luck and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to make a donation towards the cost of Christmas lighting at £210. This was unanimously agreed.

e) Sponsorship of the boat.

The boat is available for sponsorship at £150 per year. A small advertising plaque can be installed in the boat. Other planters in the village are available for sponsorship at £50pa each.

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

a) **Work carried out to Silver Birch tree west side, adjacent to Field View.**

Work carried out by GY Services on 25 September 2023.

b) **Request to remove brambles north side. Quotation of £51 (3 hours).**

The request has been received from a resident where brambles are growing over the fence. A quotation of £51 has been received from the contract gardener to cut back brambles. It was proposed by Cllr. Tonks and seconded by Cllr. Spencer to approve the quotation and get the work done. This was unanimously agreed.

c) **Advice from the gardener regarding the removal of one row of existing Laurel bushes.**

The contract gardener has advised that as the laurel bushes were planted 2 years ago with established roots, to remove one row now could leave them vulnerable and a few may not survive re-planting. Other advice has also been received that provided the removal is carried out carefully to preserve roots, re-planting can be successful.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hacon and seconded by Cllr. Spencer to obtain a quote to remove one row of the existing laurels and re-plant further along heading north. This was unanimously agreed.

d) **Two trees north side of Recreation Ground.**

Work is due to be carried out on 10 October 2023 by GY Services as per their quotation agreed at the September 2023 meeting.

e) **Wave bill March to September 2023 sewerage and water charges £1,087.09.**

This is an estimated bill. An actual reading has

been taken by Hopton Harriers and this has been submitted to Wave. The actual reading is less than the estimate.

The cistern in the south room, in the back cupboard, is slowly overflowing into the drain and needs attention. A quotation will be obtained to rectify the fault.

10. To receive updates from previous Minutes.

a) **Expenditure of Developer Contributions towards Open Space. Quotations and draft Project Bid re St. Clare Court Playground.**

A draft Project Bid has been circulated to all Cllrs. along with three quotations from play equipment suppliers. Copies were also displayed in the hall. All quotes include removal and disposal of existing multi play, supply and installation of new equipment and cost of independent post installation inspection.

i. **Sutcliffe** £24,989.41 new Fort Knight Multi Play and new replacement safety matting, new Denzel Dragon Springy, new D-Shackle single Roundabout, new flat seat and chains for existing swings.

ii. **Wicksteed** £22,567.60 Option 2 new Tarzan Jungle Multi Play and repairs to existing matting, new Whizzy Roundabout. Options 1 and 3 were also available to view.

iii. **Creative Play** £25,998.00 New Fitz Multi Play and new recycled rubber-bonded mulch surfacing over existing. New Timber Adventure Trail 6. New flat seat to existing swing.

Following much discussion regarding the options, it was proposed by Cllr. Spencer and seconded by Cllr. Tonks that the preferred supplier quotation is Creative Play. This was agreed by majority vote. The second preferred choice is Wicksteed.

The Project Bid will be submitted to GYBC by the deadline of 7th November 2023. The outcome should be known by January 2024. With regard to a new see-saw at the Recreation Ground, this can be included in the next round of bids.

11. To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Hopton-on-Sea Parish Council. Confirmed Monday 13 November 2023, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at approx. 8.15pm.

These Minutes are in draft format and unconfirmed until approved at the next Parish Council meeting.

The Clerk to the Parish Council can be contacted in the following ways:-

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Office open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm (flexible).

Icebreaker questions

- What's the best, or worst, Christmas present you've ever received?
- Describe a Christmas present you wanted as a child, but never received.
- Name something about Christmas that most people like, but you hate (or at least dislike).

Quick Quiz

(answers underneath)

1. Who painted the Mona Liza?
2. Which British Prime Minister was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature?
3. Hamlet was the Prince of which Country?
4. Who wrote David Copperfield?
5. What is the name of the British artist who tied himself to the mast of a ship so he could paint a storm?
6. Who wrote Winnie the Pooh?
7. What is the title of the 4th Harry Potter book?

Answers:

1. Leonardo de Vinci. 2. Sir Winston Churchill.
3. Denmark. 4. Charles Dickens. 5. J M W Turner.
6. A A Milne. 7. Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire.



Since reopening in September Youth club has been positively buzzing. We are very pleased to welcome the new Year 5's to Youth Club, as well as welcoming back our returning members. It has been wonderful to see so many old and new faces. It was also great to see the WI dance back in action and the members giving their best moves.

We are delighted to be able to announce that this term has seen some new volunteers and a new young volunteer completing her silver Duke of Edinburgh Award, they have all helped ease the load and without them we may have had to close at short notice. With this extra support we have been able to provide a cooking assisted activity most weeks where members got to make and eat fun sweet or savoury treats, Halloween pancakes proved to be a lot of fun. Also, a big shout out and thank you to some of the parents that have been helping to pack away at the end of the night this is such a great help. However, we can never have enough support so please get in touch if you wish to volunteer.

We are looking for a new Treasurer therefore if you have any treasurer experience or good with numbers and would like to get involved, please get in touch.

Youth Club would like to reiterate and clarify some rules

- I will sign out when leaving the Club. If I choose not to sign out, the Club will not be responsible for my safety. A call to the parent/carer of the

member will be made. If a member decides to leave before 9pm also, once signed out you will not be able to re-enter or sign in again on that night.

- Bikes, scooters, roller skates/blades or skateboards are not allowed on the premises
- Respect and listen to the volunteers
- As the car park is the property of the Village Hall, members are forbidden to 'play' in this area without agreed and approved supervision from the volunteers. We would also like to include that if non-members were 'hanging around' in the car park that the Youth Club would report this to the necessary authorities, this is to ensure the safety of all members and volunteers.

To ensure a smooth and quick entry into the club on a Friday night especially now the winter nights are setting in, first time members must have

- handed in a completed form to a volunteer at the youth club or posted in the village hall post box or emailed a copy to hoptonyouthclub@outlook.com
- had approval from a volunteer that your membership has been accepted
- been advised of a start date

Members turning up at the door with their completed forms will be turned away as completed forms are required prior to their first night so that administration for the new member can be completed. We only accept new members at the start of each term.

For enrolment to start 12th January 2024, please pick up a form from the Village Hall when we are there Friday's 6:30pm till 9pm until 15th December (we are closed on Friday 27th October due to it being half term) this can also be filled out at the time or alternately email: hoptonyouthclub@outlook.com to be sent a copy. Completed forms can be returned during

Youth Club times at the Village Hall, to the inbox or posted in the Village Hall post box. If this date is missed the next membership enrolment will be for February 2024.

All forms are to be completed and returned by Friday 15th December.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer and help out on an evening, please call Liz on **07729 093748** or email: hoptonyouthclub@outlook.com, we look forward to hearing from you.

Alternatively, pop in and see us, we are open on Friday evenings at the village hall during school term times from 6:30pm till just after 9pm.

Facebook users, don't miss out on what is going on; please join the Hopton Youth Club

Facebook group:
www.facebook.com/groups/265693031523615
and keep up to date with current events.



CRIMESTOPPERS

You can call to report a crime anonymously on: 0800 555 111

Please do not use this in an emergency. Always call 999 if a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

For non-emergency please call 101 or REPORT IT on: www.norfolk.police.uk

Scam Alert - Fake messages from 'friends and family'

We are warning residents to be aware of WhatsApp messages and emails where scammers attempt to impersonate people you know in order to steal money.

A Norfolk resident has reported receiving an email from a 'friend' requesting they pay an invoice.

The resident then contacted the friend directly who confirmed they had no knowledge of the email and had not sent it.

We have also seen reports of residents receiving WhatsApp messages from a 'family member' asking to send money. The messages often state that the family member is in trouble and needs the money urgently.

Our advice if you receive a message like this is always be suspicious, especially if a request for money is involved, and try and contact the person who the message claims to be from via another known number or method.

You can report messages received to us via the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on freephone 0808 223 1133

Cold Calling Alert – Telephone cold calls regarding 'saving energy'

We are warning residents about telephone cold calls regarding 'saving energy'.

This follows reports of people being offered a cut price deal over the phone, for example £50 of electricity meter top-up for a cash payment of just £25.

The cold callers may also ask questions about the residents' property before asking for personal information including the resident's age.

Our advice is always be very wary of any approach made in a telephone cold call, never give, or confirm any personal or financial details and do not agree to someone visiting your home if approached in this manner.

You can report suspicious cold calls received to us through our partners the **Citizens Advice** consumer helpline on freephone **0808 223 1133**

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Ritson Lodge resident Kate Roberts, celebrated her **102nd** birthday in style. Ritson Lodge sent out a challenge to get 102 cards for Kate. Hopton residents, groups and businesses all helped to smash the target and 368 cards arrived for Kate. Happy Birthday.



CAROLS AROUND THE RUIN with mini Christmas Market

Saturday 9 December at the Millennium Garden (old St. Margaret's Ruin).
Coast Road Hopton-on-Sea 3pm to 7.30pm
All welcome.



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