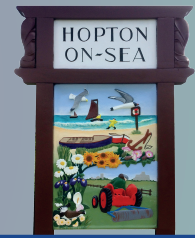


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If you are new to Hopton, welcome! A copy of Village News will be delivered through your door every month. It should help you keep in touch with what's going on in Hopton. If you have any queries or we can help in any way please contact Julie, Clerk 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.

www.hopton-on-seapc.info

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).

HOPTON BOWLS CLUB

Hopton Bowls Club are busy getting ready for the 2023 season. Exciting things are coming this year!

We are really looking forward to welcoming new members. If you are an experienced player or someone who would like to start playing. We have members with a wealth of knowledge and experience willing to share with you.

Or maybe you would like to enjoy some of our social events including: bbq's, quizzes and afternoon teas. All are welcome. Get in touch for more info, send us an email,

hoptonbowlsnorfolk@gmail.com

Or send a message and join our Facebook group:
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GYBC's new policy says that the money from developers (paid to GYBC direct), can be spent anywhere within the borough, regardless of where the development takes place. Parish Councils now have to submit details of projects for funding, in other words, bid for this money. The amount held by GYBC at present, that comes from a new housing development in the village, is £29,470. This sum could be used by another Parish if Hopton doesn't submit a project for consideration.

The money must be spent on "open space/recreational facilities" only. £29,470 is not a huge amount of money in terms of new play equipment. GYBC would hold back around 40% of the money to cover future maintenance costs for 10/15 years, so we are looking at a spend of around £17,000. There is of course the opportunity to submit a Project for more money, to

be taken out of the "pot" held by GYBC for other Parishes.

A few options have already been suggested:-

- The play area at St. Clair Court (off Julian Way) is in need of updating with new equipment.
- A concrete table tennis table with steel "net" at the Recreation Ground to enhance the existing play facilities.
- A tennis court (subject to location/space).

What do you think of these options? Do you have recreational ideas that the village would benefit from? Please let us know.

GYBC have set a deadline for Projects/Bids of 7 April 2023. We would therefore need to have your ideas by **30 March** latest in order to obtain quotations and put together a Project/Bid.

Please submit your ideas via e-mail to:

hoptonparishclerk@hotmail.com or in writing to Hopton-on-Sea Parish Council, Village Hall, Station Road, Hopton-on-Sea NR31 9BE by **30 March** 2023 for consideration.

We appreciate your input. Thank you.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Hopton on Sea Parish Council meetings take place on the dates listed below commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Agenda is published on the Parish Council's website and on the three noticeboards in the parish. A public forum takes place during each monthly session where you can raise issues that are of concern to you.

Parish Council website:
www.hopton-on-seapc.info

Meeting dates 2023:

13 March plus Annual Parish Meeting, 3 April, 15 May Annual Parish Council Meeting, 12 June, 10 July, 14 August, 11 September, 9 October, 13 November, 11 December.

Your Parish Cllrs are:-

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

Send your entry to hoptonparishclerk@hotmail.com or drop your wording to the Office at the Village Hall by the 12th of the month, for inclusion in the following monthly edition.

FlowDown

martial arts (Nunchaku)

My name is Markus and I have just started my own martial arts (Nunchaku) channel called - FlowDown I have been practising since I was very young, and have found it a great way to detach from any problems I may have in life, and just to be in the present moment enjoying the flow.

I'm hoping to reach as many people as possible and give them a new hobby to try.



Would you like to help your community?
Have a bit of spare time?

The Parish Council Elections are being held on **4 May 2023**. There are 11 seats vacant in Hopton-on-Sea. Full training will be provided (free of charge) to elected Councillors.

Nomination packs are now available, with a strict timeframe for return to GYBC (no later than 4pm on 4 April 2023). For more information and a pack please phone Julie **01502 730768** or e-mail hoptonparishclerk@hotmail.com

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Friendly Knit & Natter Group meet once a month, at Ritson Lodge from 11am to 12.30pm. Next session 3 March. Enjoy a welcoming and friendly atmosphere, and a cup of tea. No need to knit - just natter if you prefer.

For more information about life at Ritson Lodge please visit: www.barchester.com/home/ritson-lodge-care-home or call: 01502 734000 to speak to a member of our friendly home team today.

Time to get walking again!

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

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John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Norfolk (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

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John Harris
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The players attended workshops, learnt ball mastery skills and played lots of mini matches with a short stop to break for lunch.

Harriers Chairman Rob Fossett said he had been in talks and planning the event with Norwich City CSF for the past 14 months. He commented "the club has grown since being established in March 2020. There were originally 3 teams and now we have 12 teams, 3 of which are all girls teams. There are now around 160 players in our club. There are a few spaces left to join our little penguins group. This group train on Saturday mornings 9.30 to 10.15am and it's for 2 to 5 year olds. We have great Managers and Coaches at the club who have worked hard helping the club continue to grow.

The club continues to attract players, and come this summer, we could have as many as 20 teams."

If you are looking for a new club for your son or daughter, or a team looking for a fresh challenge, or maybe you're a Manager or a Coach looking for a new challenge or someone looking at getting into grass roots football?

Please contact the club via social media or their website

www.hoptonharriersfc.co.uk

The club would also like to say a massive thank you to the local residents of the village who have been very supportive since we started, and also in these recent weeks as we continue to grow.

A huge thanks to all sponsors too. It wouldn't be possible to kit the teams out without this sponsorship. Any business interested in sponsoring a team at the club, please email hoptonharriersfc@gmail.com



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HOPTON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minute of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13 February 2023 commencing at 7.30pm at Hopton Village Hall, Station Road, Hopton-on-Sea NR31 9BE.

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

Also present: Julie McNair, Officer of the Council and 41 members of the public.

The Chairman pointed out housekeeping matters.

1.To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Yvonne Bradley, Keith Bradley, Callum Smith and Ruth Straughan. 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 person interest in item 7 in relation to area S18 on the map.

3.Public Forum.

See item 7 below.

4.To confirm the Minute of the Parish Council meeting held 9 January 2023.

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

5.To receive County and Borough Councillors' Reports.

Nothing to report at this time.

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

a) Correspondence. As listed and circulated.

b) Planning applications received.

06/23/0043/HH Proposed single storey side extension at 35 Anglian Way Hopton-on-Sea Great Yarmouth Norfolk NR31 9DB. No objection by the Planning Committee.

06/23/0074/HH Proposed erection of new extended garage; proposed two storey front/side extension with balcony; removal of hedge and replacement with 2m high fence at White Mays Cliff Lane Hopton-on-sea NR31 6JY

With the Planning Committee.

c) Finance. To agree February 2023 invoices for payment and bank reconciliation statement. Nine payments and two direct debits from the business current account totalling £3,142.71. It was proposed by Cllr. Oakes and seconded

by Cllr. Spencer to accept the Bank reconciliation statement and confirm the payments as listed. This was unanimously agreed.

7. To consider the New Local Plan "options" consultation and feedback from the Parish Council Engagement meeting at the Town Hall held on 31 January 2023. Consultation closes 17 February 2023.

The consultation period has been extended by GYBC to 27 February 2023.

Slides and plans from the Engagement Meeting attended by Cllr. Windsor-Luck and the Clerk were displayed on the walls of the hall. The Clerk has previously circulated a report to all Parish Cllrs. It was emphasised that this is the first draft and Planning Officers haven't been out to view the land at this stage. The areas in question have been put forward by land owners for potential future development. There is more land put forward than is needed for housing. Bradwell, Burgh Castle and Belton have a significant amount of land that has been put forward by landowners for housing, so it is not set in stone that all these sites in Hopton will be built on.

As is usual, the infrastructure follows the development, not the other way around. Residents can submit their comments via e-mail to plan@great-yarmouth.gov.uk or complete a comments form and send to the Town Hall by 27 February 2023. Comments forms were provided.

Many comments were made. In summary:

a) There are more sites than needed. We don't want any more housing in Hopton.

b) Want to keep Hopton a village, not merged with Bradwell, Gorleston or Corton. We are gradually becoming a Town.

c) A new school will be needed if there are more houses.

d) Hopton has already had its fair share of development over the past 10 years.

e) S59. We are losing green belt and wildlife.

f) There is already substantial traffic, one road in/out of the village.

g) S18 tourism and leisure relates to 5 caravans on private land.

h) S59 is a step too far for the village. This area should remain green land and possibly used for recreational purposes.

i) Everyone needs to fill in a comments form and send to GYBC Planning by 27 February or respond via e-mail to plan@great-yarmouth.gov.uk

It was proposed by Cllr. Hacon and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to submit comments to GYBC Planning by 27 February 2023. This was unanimously agreed.

At the close of this item, around 30 members of the public left the meeting.

8. To consider the draft Coastal Adaptation Supplementary Planning Document. Consultation closes 8 March 2023.

The draft has previously been circulated to all Parish Cllrs. No comments were raised.

9. To consider an e-mail from GYBC regarding Expenditure of Developer Contributions towards Open Space. Bid/Project Submission Form.

GYBC has a new S106 policy. This relates to money that is paid by a developer to GYBC to mitigate the effect of the development and is usually spent on recreational facilities. Not all developers are subject to these contributions. If a developer includes green space within the development, no contribution is required. GYBC's new policy says that the money can be spent anywhere within the Borough. Parish Councils have to submit details of projects for funding, in other words, bid for this money. The money held by GYBC at present, that comes from a new development in the village, is £29,470. This could be used by another Parish if Hopton doesn't submit a project for consideration. The money must be spent on "open space/recreational facilities".

The Parish Council held a meeting with GYBC last summer regarding the worn out play equipment at St. Claire Court and how best that area of green space could be used. Some new equipment would be an option.

A concrete table tennis table with steel "net" could also be an option at the Recreation Ground to enhance the existing play areas.

A tennis court was also suggested, subject to space.

A village wide consultation should be sought on these options, and seeking other alternatives. The closing date for return of project forms is 7 April 2023.

It was proposed by Cllr. Spencer and seconded by Cllr. Oakes to run a village wide consultation, using Village News, Parish Council's website, Facebook and noticeboards, and collate information including quotes, ready to complete the Project Form and submit by the deadline of 7 April 2023. This was unanimously agreed.

10. To consider matters relating to the Millennium Garden.

a) To receive tree survey report by Talking Elm Tree Services and consider a quotation for works.

The report has previously been circulated to all Cllrs. Four Oak Trees are in need of remedial work, particularly T3 which is urgent. The quotation for this work is £2,178.00 plus VAT. Other tree surgeons were approached but no responses received. Following a brief discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Hacon and seconded by Cllr. Spencer to approve the quotation and proceed with the remedial work to the four Oak trees as quickly as possible. This was unanimously agreed.

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

a) Funding options – Skateboarding, BMX, Scooter event Saturday 19 August 2023.

Application has been made to The National Lottery Awards for All for half the cost. The application has been acknowledged and can take up to 12 weeks to process. However, a group in the village has received funding for another event, and it may be that two lots of funding for Hopton is not permissible. Applications have also been submitted to various other local businesses. Item carried forward to the next Agenda.

b) Tree east side near the children's plan area.

The Hawthorn tree is badly damaged (looks as though it has been struck by lightning) and is in need of either severe cut back or dismantle and removal. A quotation has been received from Talking Elm Tree Services at £275 plus VAT to heavily reduce the tree or £475 plus VAT to dismantle and remove. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Windsor-Luck and seconded by Cllr. Oakes to dismantle and remove the tree. Voting took place with two in favour and three opposed. Proposal failed. It was further

proposed by Cllr. Hacon and seconded by Cllr. Spencer to heavily reduce the tree at a cost of £275 plus VAT. Voting took place, three in favour. Agreed by majority vote.

c) Annual renewal of E-On business flexible plan. XX

Details have previously been circulated. The plan is due for renewal 21 March 2023 for one year. There is little or no alternative available and all costs are rising. Following a brief discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Hacon and seconded by Cllr. Oakes to renew with E-On business flexible plan for a further year. This was unanimously agreed.

d) No water leak.

It appears that an overflow pipe is dripping a little. A plumber will be called to take a look and provide a quotation.

12. To consider matters relating to King Charles 111 Coronation.

King Charles 111 has suggested that commemorative mugs are not purchased as these usually end up in land fill. Alternatives might be small seed packs or recycled leather book marks. Seed packets containing dwarf sunflower seeds would be £136 for 240 packets which is sufficient for all pupils and staff at Hopton CE Primary Academy. Recycled leather bookmarks would be £237.50 for 250. Both options would have the name of the Parish Council printed on them.

Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Tonks and seconded by Cllr. Spencer to go with an order for 250 recycled leather bookmarks at £237.50 plus VAT (reclaimable). This was agreed by majority vote (four in favour, one opposed). The recycled book marks will be gifted to the school nearer the date of the Coronation.

13. To consider an e-mail from NCC re electric vehicle infrastructure in rural communities.

NCC has some funding to deliver a pilot project improving electric vehicle infrastructure in rural communities. They are seeking expressions of interest regarding hosting electric vehicle charging points. The funding project will fully fund EVCPs including site surveys, funding and installation of all apparatus. Providing financial and technical support for ongoing maintenance and running of the EVCPs through to December 2024. The EVCPs would be operated centrally, including customer telephone support, energy payments and user charges. NCC are seeking expressions of interest only at this stage, which is non-committal. Deadline for response is 24 February 2023.

Following discussion regarding the Recreation Ground car park, it was proposed by Cllr. Hacon and seconded by Cllr. Windsor-Luck to lodge an initial expression of interest only. This was unanimously agreed.

14. To receive updates from previous Minutes.

a) Application to NCC for consent to plant bulbs at the entrance to the village.

An acknowledgement has been received. Further details are awaited.

15. To consider holding the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 13 March 2023, following the usual monthly meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hacon and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 13 March 2023 following the usual Parish Council monthly meeting. This was unanimously agreed.

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

Monday 13 March 2023, 7.30pm at Hopton Village Hall, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.32 pm.

Note: Parish Council Elections to be held on 4 May 2023, and additional Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation on Monday 8 May. The Annual Parish Council meeting will therefore be held on Monday 15 May 2023.

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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Hopton-on-Sea Youth Club

After a long break due to the lack of volunteers, we have welcomed back over 40 members, both old and new. We are a non-profit group, run fully by the support of adult volunteers, who are covered by the current

DBS regulations. With most having full time jobs and families of their own, commitment to the Youth Club can be demanding. Therefore, any adult wishing to support the club, even if it's just once a month, or emergency cover or to help set-up the equipment from 6:30pm before the members arrive, we would love to hear from you.

To enrol to start 21st April 2023 please pick up a form from the Village Hall when we are there Friday's 6:30pm till 9pm until 31st March (this can also be filled out at the time) or alternately email hoptonyouthclub@outlook.com to be sent a copy. All forms are to be completed and returned by Sunday 16th April. 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 June 2023.

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.

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.

Reporting dog fouling or fly tipping

These can be reported to GYB Environmental Health using the GYBC App (download it for free) or via their website using the report-a-problem form using the following link.

<https://www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk/report-a-problem>

Thank you to the many residents who already report environmental incidents.

represent a love of sleep.

At Hopton, having the freedom to express ourselves and celebrate this as a safe school family, is of paramount importance. We asked our Year 4 pupils their views on how they expressed themselves.

Flo said "I have dressed like this because I believe everyone should dress as they would like to."

Elsa explained that "I have dressed to express my love of clothes and I like all flowers. My dress expresses my personality." Robin replied "I have dressed like this because I like colours and smart clothes. Also the feel of different textures. I wanted to express being me."

Hugo described that "I have dressed to express my kindness, respect and personality. I would like to be as clever as the teachers. I feel these qualities will help me and everyone."

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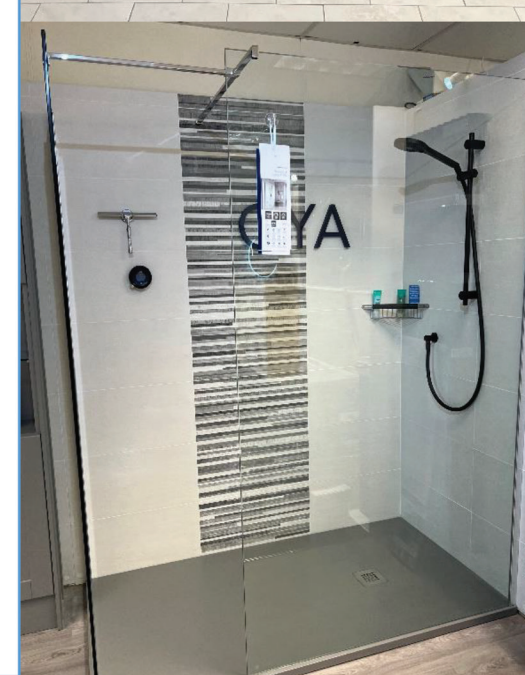
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Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week at Hopton C.E Primary Academy - Dress to Express 10/02/2023

To finish off Children's Mental Health Week in style, we asked everyone (adults too) to come to school wearing something they felt best represents them!

Children could have used colour to express themselves by wearing their favourite colour or choose a range of colours that expressed how they are feeling. They could have come to school representing something they loved or hoped to be when they are older. We encouraged the outfits to be as wild and wacky as they liked! We had such an amazing array of outfits from a future teacher to pyjamas to

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