

HOPTON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minute of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13 December 2021 commencing at 7.00pm at Hopton Village Hall, Station Road, Hopton-on-Sea NR21 9BE.

Present: Parish Cllrs: Chris Ward (Chairman), Jan Windsor-Luck (Vice Chairman), Keith Bradley, Yvonne Bradley, Pamela Oakes, Ruth Straughan, John Tonks. Also present: County/Borough Cllr. Carl Annison. Julie McNair, Clerk to the Council. Three members of the public attended.

The Chairman pointed out housekeeping matters.

1. To consider apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Sue Hacon and Jenny Spencer.

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

Cllr. Oakes declared a financial interest in item 8.b), planning application 06/21/0959/F. She will leave the room when the matter is discussed, and take no part in any discussion or voting.

3. Public Forum.

Items raised, in summary:

- a) A request has been sent to NCC to re-fill all the grit bins in Hopton. A response has been received that grit bins will be replenished on mass throughout the County once there has been a prolonged period of cold weather.
- b) The Community Plaque from Lady Dannatt MBE, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk has now been installed on the front wall of the Village Hall.
- c) An e-mail has been sent to GYBC regarding a resident's suggestion of a recycling centre in Gorleston. No response has been received.
- d) The previous enquiry regarding solar panels on the roof of the village hall – see item 8.a) below.

4. To confirm the Minute of the Parish Council meeting held 8 November 2021.

It was proposed by Cllr. Windsor-Luck and seconded by Cllr. Oakes to approve the Minute as read. This was agreed.

5. To receive County and Borough Councillors' Reports.

- a) County/Borough Cllr. Annison advised that he has e-mailed East Suffolk Council regarding planning application DC/19/2949/COU relating to Bourne Leisure and their preferred traffic route of Longfullans Lane to Coast Road. Cllr. Annison has requested a deferment of the hearing to be held tomorrow 14 December in view of the short notice. See also item 6.b) below.
- b) Cllr. Annison carried out a site visit to the Lovells development on the Lowestoft Road approximately two weeks ago with Andy Proctor, NCC. The focus is on good neighbour relationship and tidiness.
- c) The other development site on the Lowestoft Road (Noel Close junction) is a disgrace. Many complaints have been received directly and via the Parish Council. The site manager has advised that the footpath has now been cleared. The site still looks like a complete mess and regular visits will be made by the Council to ensure compliance.
- d) Hopton has been successful in their bid for a pack of mini copse trees – agenda item 7.c) below refers.

e) Highways England has been contacted regarding the many street lights that are faulty on the A47 at Hopton roundabout.

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

a) Correspondence. As circulated to all Cllrs.

b) Planning applications received:

Having previously declared a financial interest in application 06/21/0959/F, Cllr. Oakes left the room.

06/21/0885/F Conversion/alterations of existing agricultural buildings and land to create a residential dwelling with garage and garden area at Sidegate Farm Sidegate Road Hopton NR31 9AT. No objection by the Planning Committee.

06/21/0959/F Proposed erection of a two level boathouse on the decoy, in the grounds of Hopton Manor, Hall Road NR31 9BB. No objection by the Planning Committee.

Cllr. Oakes returned to the room.

Permissions Granted by GYBC:-

06/21/0826/F Stardust Amusement Arcade Warren Road Hopton. Rear extension to extend amusement arcade. Change of use of existing clubhouse to storage in connection with the amusement arcade and provision of second adult gaming area.

Planning Permissions Refused by GYBC: None

Other a): Application by a resident to fell a sycamore tree adjacent to 7 Manor Gardens (covered by Tree Preservation Order No. 2 1979), refused by GYBC as the tree is in good condition and removal is not warranted.

Other b): The Parish Council has been notified by Corton Parish Council that application DC/19/2949/COU re land adjoining Broadland Sands Holiday Park, Coast Road, Corton is due to be heard by the Planning Committee North, East Suffolk District Council tomorrow 14 December at 2pm. The Parish Council submitted comments on 12 August 2019 regarding their suggested preferred route to the site via Longfullans Lane, which is not fit for purpose as it's a single carriageway. Even though the speed limit has recently been reduced to 30mph (after many years of campaigning), the Lane only has a few passing places and the increased volume of traffic will bring additional safety problems. Cllr. Ward will be attending the meeting tomorrow, and County/Borough Cllr. Annison has sent an e-mail.

c) Finance. To agree invoices for payment and bank reconciliation statement.

Nine payments and two direct debits from the business current account totalling £2,487.36. It was proposed by Cllr. Y. Bradley and seconded by Cllr. Straughan to approve the list of payments and bank reconciliation statement. This was unanimously agreed.

7. To receive updates and consider matters relating to the Recreation Ground and Pavilion Building:-

a) Quotation from DynoRod for further works to the underground pipes at the Pavilion Building.

Following previous work carried out by DynoRod, they have identified a problem downstream and upstream from manhole 4 which is being blocked by roots. Their quotation to remedy the situation is £945.00 plus VAT. Following a full discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Ward and seconded by Cllr. Tonks to approve the quotation and have the work carried out. This was unanimously agreed.

b) Quotation from Anglia Boiler Maintenance Ltd for repairs to the hot water system at the Pavilion Building.

Of the four water heaters, only one unit is working. The parts required for the three units not working are obsolete. Anglia has suggested they re-pipe the hot water pipework so that the one working water heater provides hot water to all appliances. Also, to install one new

Stiebel Eltron Water heater which would provide hot water to the wash hand basins and leave the existing working heater to feed the showers. Quotation is £1,780.00 plus VAT. Other quotations have been sought over the past few months but no responses have been received/plumbers are too busy. Following a full discussion, and as prices are likely to increase, it was proposed by Cllr. Windsor-Luck and seconded by Cllr. K. Bradley to accept the quotation. This was unanimously agreed.

c) Application to NCC for 1 x mini copse tree pack successful. To consider community planting of the 10 trees.

Twenty trees were delivered last week and required planting as quickly as possible due to weather conditions. The contract gardener therefore planted 18 trees on the Recreation Ground and 2 at the Millennium Garden. They are saplings, and protected to some extent by spiral guards. As the trees are little more than “twigs” it is hoped that at least some will survive.

It was noted that the Parish Council can only plant trees on land owned or maintained by them, i.e. the Recreation Ground and Millennium Garden.

d) Confirmation from King Ramps, summer skatepark event to be held on Saturday 20 August 2022.

This has been confirmed as a full day on Saturday 20 August at the skatepark. It will be a fun day, and free of charge to all young people and adults attending. More information will be provided nearer the time.

e) Planting of Laurels, test strip front of Recreation Ground.

As previously agreed, the test strip has now been completed by the contract gardener. Patience is needed to allow the laurels time to grow into a sturdy thick evergreen hedge. If this strip is successful, further sections will be considered in the future. The matter to be re-visited Summer/Autumn 2022.

f) Pads for the defibrillator on the external wall of the Pavilion Building replaced.

Cllr. Tonks is due to replace the pads this week, at a cost of £37 paid from petty cash. The new expiry date is 2024.

8. To receive updates from previous Minutes:-

a) Monthly update from the Parish Cllr. representatives on the Village Hall Management Trust (VHMT).

Cllr. Windsor-Luck advised the new boiler is having some teething problems. Some party bookings have been cancelled due to the new Covid variant. Solar panels were considered by the Trustees, and three quotations obtained. Unfortunately, the initial outlay and potential return do not warrant the expenditure and it would take 10 years plus to recoup costs. Some progress has been made with GY & Waveney PCT (NHS Property Services), regarding the lease provisions with regard to maintenance of the shared car park area. Zurich has requested a valuation of the building and contents for the next renewal. Future VHMT meetings will now take place every two months.

b) Bushes/shrubs trimmed in front of the Village Sign.

This work has been carried out by GYB Services.

c) Village sign removed for repairs/restoration work.

The sign was removed last week. The work is likely to take several months.

d) Response from Highways to the many outstanding matters.

No response has been received to various e-mails and a formal letter sent on 11 November 2021. C/B Cllr. Annison is now taking the matter up with the Chairman of NCC Highways. A resident recently sent in webcam footage of the school run which clearly shows the extent of the problem with horrendous parking and some parents not taking care when crossing the road. PC Natalie Simmons has been sent a copy of the footage and has advised that she is

working with the school and NCC Safer Road Team. As yet no details have been supplied. The Parish Council has asked for a copy of the school's Travel Plan. C/B Cllr. Annison advised that there are issues with parking across every school in the County. Most of the problems are created by those driving to school, so the resolution is in their hands, to park sensibly and take care when opening car doors etc.

9. To receive SNAP meeting report of 25 November 2021.

The report, prepared by Zandra Ward, has been circulated regarding the launch of StreetSafe. Residents can go to www.norfolk.police.uk to tag any place they feel unsafe. This is a three month pilot scheme.

Cllr. Tonks suggested that the lack of street lighting might make people feel unsafe. C/B Cllr. Annison advised there is no evidence to suggest that the lack of street lighting creates anti-social behaviour. Norfolk Constabulary are consulted regarding every new development at the planning stage and they are aware that street lights are no longer installed on new developments. Mrs Ward clarified that the pilot is about where people feel unsafe, not necessarily about lack of street lights.

10. To consider a request by Cllr. Oakes to attend New Cllr. Training with Norfolk Parish Training & Support at a cost of £40.

It was proposed by Cllr. Tonks and seconded by Cllr. Straughan to retrospectively approve the training and cost. This was unanimously agreed.

11. To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Hopton-on-Sea Parish Council. Monday 10 January 2022, 7.00pm at Hopton Village Hall. All residents welcome.

Confirmed. This is subject to Government restrictions in force at the time.

The Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and closed the meeting at 7.40 pm.

Signed: Dated:.....

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