

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 Vice-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.

Signed

Dated

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.

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