

HOPTON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minute of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4 July 2022 commencing at 7.30pm at Hopton Village Hall, Station Road, Hopton-on-Sea NR31 9BE.

Present: Parish Cllrs: Chris Ward (Chairman), Jan Windsor-Luck (Vice Chairman), Keith Bradley, Yvonne Bradley, Pamela Oakes, Jenny Spencer, John Tonks. Also present: Julie McNair, Clerk to the Council and five members of the public. The Chairman pointed out housekeeping matters.

1.To consider apologies for absence.

Received from Borough/Parish Cllr. Hacon and County/Borough Cllr. Annison.

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

Cllr. Windsor-Luck declared a personal interest in item 7, application number 06/22/0400/HH, as her property is in close proximity.

3.Public Forum.

In summary:

A resident asked to speak at item 9 below.

4.To confirm the Minute of the Parish Council meeting held 13 June 2022.

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

5.To receive County and Borough Councillors' Reports.

There were none.

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

a. Correspondence. As listed and circulated.

b. Planning applications received.

06/22/0451/HH Proposed attached garage and infill to front porch at 1 Jex Way Hopton. No objection by the Planning Committee.

c. Finance. Seven payments and two direct debits from the business current account totalling £2,480.80. It was proposed by Cllr. Oakes and seconded by Cllr. K. Bradley to accept the Bank reconciliation statement and approve the payments as listed. This was unanimously agreed.

7.To consider Planning Application No. 06/22/0400/HH Ground floor rear side infill extension; First floor side and rear (wraparound) extension: Garage and new infill extension; Detached rear summerhouse - amendment to approved application 06/21/0422/F at 65 Anglian Way Hopton.

Cllr. Windsor-Luck declared a personal interest as this property is in close proximity to her own.

Much discussion took place. It was proposed by Cllr. Ward and seconded by Cllr. Spencer to object to this application as it is considered too large, overlooks neighbours, and is out of

character for the residential area. A counter proposal was put forward by Cllr. Y. Bradley and seconded by Cllr. K. Bradley not to object to this application. Voting took place on the counterproposal, three in favour, three objections, one abstention. Voting took place on the original proposal, three in favour, three objections, one abstention. As the voting was tied, the Chairman had the casting vote, and voted to object to this application on the grounds listed above.

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

- a) **Repairs to toilet seat in the ladies.** This matter is ongoing as the housing is steel.
- b) **Water pressure sinks in ladies facility.** There appears to be no mechanism to turn down the pressure. Further investigation is required.
- c) **To consider a quotation from DynoRod for a new sturdy man hole cover.** This matter is urgent for safety reasons. The quotation of £420 plus VAT was discussed. It was proposed by Cllr. Ward and seconded by Cllr. Windsor-Luck to approve the quotation. This was unanimously agreed.

9.To receive updates/feedback from previous Minutes:-

- a. Skateboarding, BMX, Scooter event Saturday 20 August 2022 10am to 4pm Recreation Ground. All resident are welcome to attend this FREE event. The day will cater for all ages. Previous events have been a success. There will be lessons, competitions and prizes supplied by King Ramps. We look forward to seeing everyone. Posters are around the village, on Facebook and Website and in Village News magazine. A resident advised there is a metal railing missing from one of the ramps and some exposed concrete. The ramps are cracked and some weeds have grown through. There is also graffiti. The skatepark is maintained by GYBC and they carry out a monthly safety inspection. These faults will be reported to them as a matter of urgency.

10.Special Motion: To receive further information and consider replacing the photocopier on expiry of the existing contract.

Further information has come to light in relation to the new contract, which was not previously advised to us in regard to costs and other matters. The existing contract requires 90 days notice. This point is not negotiable with Netbox. The company representative has been less than professional in his dealings with us.

It was proposed by Cllr. Ward and seconded by Cllr. Y. Bradley not to proceed with the new Netbox Digital contract and to give 90 days notice as required by the existing contract. This was unanimously agreed.

Information was provided in relation to the purchase of an Epson EcoTank ET-2850 all-in-one wireless at £254.99 plus VAT. The package includes sufficient ink for 14000 mono and 5200 colour pages. The printing isn't as quick as the existing machine. Ink bottles are £10 each. The machine would have a one year guarantee. The Village Hall Management Trust would contribute towards the cost of paper, ink and any maintenance. There is a Trustees meeting this week to confirm. It was proposed by Cllr. Ward and seconded by Cllr. Windsor-Luck to purchase the Epson EcoTank ET-2850 at £254.99 plus VAT. This was unanimously agreed. The machine will be included in the Asset Register.

11.To consider a donation request from The Cutting Crew for a financial donation of £130.00 towards the cost of purchasing a battery operated strimmer.

There is a correction in that the request is for a battery powered mower not a strimmer. A member of The Cutting Crew provided further details. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Ward and seconded by Cllr. Tonks that the application be approved and £130 donated to The Cutting Crew to be put towards the purchase of a battery powered mower. This was agreed by majority vote.

12.To consider correspondence from Great Yarmouth Borough Council regarding renewal of the Recreation Ground Lease and appointment of local solicitors to advise, and thereafter register the Lease.

The draft Lease is substantially in the same format as the existing one. Norton Peskett, Solicitors, Great Yarmouth have suggested £400 plus VAT as a budget. They would advise on the Lease, and once agreed and signed by all parties, would attend to registration at HMLR at an additional cost of £45. Another local firm has responded that they do not deal with commercial leases. One other firm has been asked to quote but has not responded. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Ward and seconded by Cllr. Oakes to set a budget of £450., and appoint Norton Peskett to advise on the Lease, and once agreed and signed, to attend to registration. This was unanimously agreed.

13.To consider the offer of £500 Ward Budget from Borough Cllr. Hacon and options for community use.

Cllr. Hacon has kindly offered half her Ward Budget for use in Hopton. It was proposed by Cllr. Ward and seconded by Cllr. Spencer to accept B. Cllr. Hacon's kind offer. This was unanimously agreed. It was suggested that this money could be used towards the cost of the skatepark event to be held on 20 August 2022 at the Recreation Ground.

14.To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Hopton-on-Sea Parish Council. Monday 8 August 2022, 7.30pm at Hopton Village Hall.

Confirmed.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.56pm.

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Signed: Chairman

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

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