

HOPTON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minute of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11 April 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, Sue Hacon, Pamela Oakes, Jenny Spencer, Ruth Straughan. 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 Cllr. John Tonks.

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

None.

3. Public Forum. .

- a) A suggestion was put forward to investigate the hiring/purchase of a thermal camera, that could be used by homeowners to assess heat loss. The Parish Council will look into this.
- b) The question of solar panels on the roof of the Village Hall. Contact details for the Secretary of the Village Hall Management Trust was provided, as this is not a Parish Council matter.

4. To confirm the Minute of the Parish Council meeting held 14 March 2022.

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

5. To receive County and Borough Councillors' Reports.

Borough Cllr. Hacon advised there is an on-going matter concerning a property in the village. Ward budgets will be available shortly. Hopton Borough Councillors each have £1,000 to spend (shared between Hopton and Bradwell South wards). Suggestions are welcome.

County/Borough Cllr. Annison advised there is a Norfolk Swift Response Service that supplies physical or practical support with daily tasks to anyone over 18 years of age. This is a free service. Details will be included in a future edition of Village News magazine. Highways England have repaired some of the lights on the roundabout. They will repair others as soon as they can. Julian Way and Watsons Close playgrounds are untidy. GYBC will be tidying up including grass cutting soon. Some of the white lines on Warren Road have been repainted. The white lines on Station Road and Coast Road also need re-painting. Road repairs at St. Andrews Close are in the pipeline.

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

a) Correspondence. As circulated to all Cllrs.

b) Planning applications received:

06/22/0036/CU Proposed change of use to a dental practice at Franson Caravan Park Warren Road Hopton-On-Sea NR31 9BN. No objection by the Planning Committee.

06/22/0040/HH Proposed single storey rear extension to provide attendant living

accommodation for care assistance including rear dormer window and balcony to rear at 64 Links Road Hopton NR31. No objection by the Planning Committee.

06/22/0229/HH Proposed single storey rear extension with flat roof at 8 Flowerday Close. With the Planning Committee.

Permissions Granted by GYBC:- None.

Planning Permissions Refused by GYBC: None

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

Nine payments and two direct debits from the business current account totalling £4,441.46. It was proposed by Cllr. Spencer and seconded by Cllr. K. Bradley to approve the list of payments and bank reconciliation statement. This was unanimously agreed. The financial year end balance is £46,971.46.

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

a) Repairs to the wire fence fronting the car park.

The fence has been vandalised. The Chairman reported this criminal activity to Norfolk Constabulary. Repairs have been carried out at no cost to the Parish Council. It was proposed by Cllr. Ward and seconded by Cllr. Oakes to monitor the situation over the next few months. This was unanimously agreed.

b) To consider a wildflower area in a corner of the field.

The contract gardener's advice has previously been circulated. In view of the amount of work involved, and likely cost, it was proposed by Cllr. Windsor-Luck and seconded by Cllr. Y. Bradley not to proceed with this suggestion. This was unanimously agreed.

c) To consider a report/quotations to trim a tree which is the subject of a Tree Preservation Order.

One quotation has been received to balance the tree and remove dead wood. Another quotation is expected very shortly. It was proposed by Cllr. Windsor-Luck and seconded by Cllr. Spencer to bring this back on the agenda when a further quotation is received. This was unanimously agreed.

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

a) Queen's Green Canopy. Planting of two Cherry Blossom Trees at the Millennium Garden on 11 March 2022.

The tree planting took place attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Great Yarmouth, Parish Cllrs., some pupils from the primary school and a few residents. A second plaque is now on order and should be received shortly.

b) Great British Spring Clean Saturday 2 April 2022.

Ten residents turned up for the community village litter pick. Some 19 bags of rubbish were collected. Thank you to the residents that took part.

c) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Community Event, Saturday 4 June 2022.

The Clerk previously circulated an update. All matters are proceeding according to plan.

9.To receive feedback from the Northern Parishes meeting and Parish Liaison Meeting.

Cllr. Windsor-Luck attended and advised it was a good networking event.

10.To receive a report regarding the Parish Council's new website and the proposed launch date.

The Clerk received half a day's training on 8 April. It is anticipated the new website will be completed in approximately six weeks. There is a fair amount of work involved in this project. Feedback from a few Cllrs. on the structure, layout and content of the draft website would be welcome, with official launch of the website thereafter.

11.To receive a meeting report from the Village Hall Management Trust.

Cllr. Windsor-Luck advised that bookings have increased. A new answerphone has been purchased. Pictures of how to correctly stack the tables and chairs are now shown in both halls, which will hopefully avoid any further damage. The slabs around the hall are being cleaned. No response from the Doctor's surgery regarding the car park.

12.To consider two nominated representatives for the Village Hall Management Trust year 2022/23.

It was proposed by Cllr. Ward and seconded by Cllr. Straughan that Cllr. Windsor-Luck be nominated for a further year. This was unanimously agreed. The other vacancy will be discussed when Cllr. Tonks returns.

13.To consider washing the two entrance gates to the village.

Cllrs. previously resolved to wash the gates themselves. It was proposed by Cllr. Ward and seconded by Cllr. K. Bradley that some Cllrs meet on Saturday 23 April at 10am to clean the two gates. This was unanimously agreed.

14.To receive an e-mail from the Friends of Old St. Margaret's (FOOSM) regarding the Millennium Garden.

The FOOSM have decided, as a group, to step back from volunteering at the Millennium Garden, as they are no longer able to commit to be able to continue. All the keys have been returned to the office.

The FOOSM have done a fantastic job for very many years and their hard work has been appreciated by the Parish Council, residents and holidaymakers. An e-mail sending thanks to the group has been sent.

The Contract Gardener tends the Millennium Garden on a monthly basis. However, he did not maintain the flower beds and apple orchard which was tended to by the FOOSM. The Contract Gardener will now be asked to include these areas in his schedule.

It was proposed by Cllr. Ward and seconded by Cllr. Straughan that the boat be painted red, white and blue for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with a budget of up to £100 for wood paint, and materials. This was unanimously agreed. The Clerk will contact Haven to see if they have paint left over from the painting their boat at the entrance to the village.

15.To receive correspondence and consider making a donation to Fresh Start New Beginnings – Local Children's Charity.

Correspondence was previously circulated. Some discussion took place and it was proposed by Cllr. Ward and seconded by Cllr. K. Bradley not to make a donation to the charity at this time. This was unanimously agreed.

16.To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Hopton-on-Sea Parish Council. Monday 9 May 2022, 7.30pm at Hopton Village Hall. This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Meeting. All residents welcome. Date and time confirmed.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05pm.

Signed:

Dated:.....

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