

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH MEETING OF HOPTON CUM KNETTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2019 AT 7PM, DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AT JANUARY MEETING

PRESENT: Councillors: L. Macklin (Chair), D. Faiers, A Hanks, J. Taylor, M Filler, R.Capon, R. Salter (Clerk), District Cllr C. Bull, and 8 members of public.

1 invited visitor: Su Delve, Local Police Volunteer.

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1.	Apologies: Mrs Claire Wright, Hopton Primary School and County Cllr J. Spicer	
2.	Declarations of interest: None	
3.	The draft minutes of the last meeting (7 th November) had been pre-circulated; were taken as read and approved.	
4.	<p>The November minutes were reviewed. Update on actions, not covered in the meeting –</p> <p>LM met with someone interested in joining the Parish Council. They can only attend alternate meetings which is acceptable but it is not a part time role. Cllrs Taylor and Faiers will meet with the individual and then next steps will be agreed.</p> <p>Village signs action will be carried forward as Cllr Spicer hadn't been able to progress this. There had been a query from a resident about a sign on the road in from Thelnetham. At present it is expected that this will be provided as part of the Hopton South Development.</p> <p>There is no pole on Nethergate Street, Cllr Spicer to be requested to support with funding an additional pole.</p>	<p>JT/DF</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>
5	<p>Update from invited visitor –</p> <p>Su Delve (Local Police Volunteer) advised there had been an incident of poaching locally and the Police were involved.</p> <p>There have also been incidents of hare coursing which has been raised with the Police. This has flagged up a lack of support for the Local Police Volunteers by the Police.</p> <p>If anyone sees a crime in progress including hare coursing, they should call 999. If you see evidence a crime has been committed then call 101.</p> <p>Su will update at the next meeting and the Parish Council will then consider if they need to raise the lack of support received with the Police.</p>	SD
6a	Hopton South Development – awaiting outcome of the market testing on the development. Expected late January 2020 now.	
6b	No other Planning Matters.	

7	<p>One member of public raised that the sign for the school next to Rolling Stone had fallen down. DF advised that the Council had removed the debris.</p> <p>One member of public queried as the Hopton South Development had been so long in progressing had funding been uplifted to reflect this, it was confirmed it had.</p> <p>District Councillor Actions and Updates. Knettishall Flint wall – CB is awaiting an update on whether the Countryside Stewardship Fund can be accessed for this. This is currently not considered a danger to the public so the options are limited.</p> <p>JT will approach the landowner to request coving stones are put back on.</p> <p>Longridge – no progress yet, review again in January</p> <p>Shickle Bench – CB has followed up with a local resident who has agreed to fund raise to purchase another one and they will contact the school as they have offered their help.</p> <p>CB clarified bus stop money from the development will go to the County Council and be allocated for that specific use. It was discussed that the money could retrospectively be used for the development of Crookes Land. Cllr Bull and Cllr Spicer to see if this is feasible.</p> <p>Early Learning Centre at the school – no update apart from the County Council are unlikely to find this as there is a pre-school already in the village.</p> <p>Dustbins at the shop. The green wheelie bin will be taken away.</p> <p>A resident has complained about the external lighting on the house at the very back behind the Vine. CB will follow this up and check if there is any legislation that controls the impact of external lights. Carried forward to January.</p> <p>Cllr Bull advised that a Local Plan was bring prepared, Hopton is a Local Service Centre. There will be a consultation about this in due course. There was some discussion about whether Hopton should develop a Neighbourhood Plan. A number of councils locally are doing this but it is a significant commitment of time and cost although grants could be available. It does help direct where any development should take place so it was felt it should be considered further. It was agreed to raise at the Annual Village Meeting. In the meantime contact will be made with Barningham who are developing their Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>JT</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB/JS</p> <p>CB</p>
8	<p>Crookes Land and Lease – Cllr Macklin and Cllr Taylor met with Mr and Mrs Croke and agreed a lease for the strip of land. It will be made into a Community Garden. The lease will be for 5 years so does not</p>	<p>LM</p>

	<p>need to be registered with the Land Registry. Cllr Macklin will draft and circulate before it is taken to a notary or solicitor.</p> <p>It was confirmed we would have to supply our own water or make a contribution to the Crookes to use theirs.</p> <p>Rent would be £36 per annum plus 3 bottles of wine.</p> <p>Either party can withdraw giving 6 months notice.</p> <p>It is proposed the area is called Crooked Corner.</p> <p>Sue gave an update on the plans. The bench and plinth would need to go in first. There would be year round interest with the planting and wildlife interest to. It was agreed to continue with developing these plans further.</p>	SD														
9	It was agreed by all to setup a village Facebook Group. Su will progress and talk to Graham who maintains the website about interfaces.	SD														
10a	<p>Clerks Report.</p> <p>i It was agreed the Internal Audit would be carried out by Donna Nash who has carried out the audit for Coney Weston Parish Council in previous years.</p> <p>ii The following cheques were signed –</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Clerk Salary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£335.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk Expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£13.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R Waugh Salary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£114.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D Faiers (church light)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£7.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Home from Home</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Royal British Legion</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£75.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>All Saints Church Lighting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£75.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>iii The Clerk outlined how a volunteer group had been established in Coney Weston. It was agreed that the Crookes Land Community project could be a start towards this. Appropriate risk assessments and training would need to be carried out.</p>	Clerk Salary	£335.28	Clerk Expenses	£13.05	R Waugh Salary	£114.94	D Faiers (church light)	£7.00	Home from Home	£100.00	Royal British Legion	£75.00	All Saints Church Lighting	£75.00	
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10b	<p>Chairs Report.</p> <p>Cllr Macklin provided an update on the BioMarsh tankers that have been going through the village - BioMarsh Environmental are working in Coney Weston and Hopton and contracted by Anglia Water. They are on flood reduction work and carrying both fresh and foul water. The objective of the work is to stop foul water from polluting the river. The work was contracted from 3 December and could go on into the following week.</p>															
10c	<p>Councillors Reports</p> <p>DF advised the village sign at the shop was at an angle. DF to contact Rolling Stone to see if they could help move it back upright.</p> <p>AH advised she had spoken to the Warden of Hopton Fen who was willing to come to one of the Parish Meetings to give an update.</p>	DF														
11.	<p>Date of next Parish Council Meeting Monday 13th January 2020 at 7pm in the Village Hall.</p> <p>There being no other business the meeting was closed at 20.35 hrs.</p>															