

HOPTON-CUM-KNETTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

THE VILLAGE HALL, HOPTON

MONDAY 24th APRIL AT 7.15 PM

(Draft until approved and signed)

PRESENT:

Councillor Loreen Macklin Horsfall (Chair) (LM)

Councillor Andrea Hanks (Vice Chair) (AH)

Councillor Robert Capon (RC)

Councillor Su Delve (SD)

Councillor David Faiers (DF)

Councillor Jo Hassan (JH)

Councillor Joolz Thompson (JT)

ABSENT:

Councillor Ben Shotbolt (BS)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nicholas Spring (Parish Clerk) (NS)

County Councillor Joanna Spicer (JS)

District Councillor Carol Bull (CB)

Four members of the public present.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Nicholas Spring

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1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from BS

2. Members' declarations of interests & requests for dispensations

None

3. Public participation session

The issue of potholes was raised. JS pointed out that the frequency of freezing temperatures followed by rain over the winter had caused more potholes than usual this year. Members of the public should be encouraged to use the reporting tool on the County Council website which would indicate if a pothole had already been reported and any status update. It looked as though all the significant potholes in Hopton had already been reported.

4. Reports from the County and/or District Councillor

JS said she would pursue the issue of repairs to the boardwalk. (It was subsequently reported that SCC had had to reapply to Natural England for consent to replace an existing structure due to the Special Protection Area but once this had been done, a timeframe for replacement would be provided to the Parish Council.) JS reported that she would like the County Council to recognise the achievement of the Healing Wood with a ceremony when the noticeboards were in position. Thirdly JS said she would follow up on the Knettishall footbridge but pointed out that it did come under Norfolk.

CB reported that there was no news yet from the Planning Inspectorate regarding the Thelnetham Road application while noting that the District Council had strongly objected to it. CB also informed the Council that John Griffiths, if re-elected, would be standing down as Leader of the District Council after the elections on 4th May.

5. To approve as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2023
The minutes were approved.

6. To review any action points highlighted in the minutes
None

7. Reports

SD updated the Council on the Crooked Corner and on the Village Picnic planned for the Sunday of the Coronation weekend.

JH updated the Council on the Playground site meetings which had been held and the outline proposals which had been received.

RC said he would be dealing with the planters by the Village shop.

JT updated the Council on the Community Action Plan meetings which had been held.

8. Planning

a. To consider the Parish Council's responses to any planning application consultations

DC/23/0523/P3CMA Prior Application Approval – change of use from second floor offices (class E) to two dwellings (class C3) – The Old Greyhound Barn Bury Road Hopton IP22 2NU

Whilst the Parish Council would prefer the property to continue to be designated for commercial use in some form, it was agreed that if not, then the Council had no objections to the residential plans which were preferable to those previously submitted.

b. Hopton South development update (if any)

It was noted that the District Council had confirmed that the streets would be named Sarsons Meadow and Cherry Tree Close, as proposed by the Parish Council, the former in recognition of the donor of the land and the latter referencing that The Greyhound Inn opposite the new development was once known as The Cherry Tree and where there is still a cherry tree.

9. Finances

a. Council to receive the monthly Budget Report

The report was noted.

b. Council to approve the Payments Schedule

The Payments Schedule was approved.

10. Date of next meeting: Monday 22nd May 2023

The public and press are invited to attend. If you plan to photograph, film or record the meeting please notify the Chair or Clerk in advance.