

HOPTON-CUM-KNETTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th April 2022 at 7.15 pm at Hopton Village Hall.

These minutes will be submitted for approval & signing by the Chair at the next meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 9th May 2022. If any changes are made to the minutes at that meeting, a correction will be notified on the website.

Present: Cllrs L. Macklin (Chair), A. Hanks, R.Capon, S.Delve, D. Faiers, B. Shadbolt and also Cllr Spicer (SCC) & Cllr C. Bull (WSDC)

Seven members of the public were also present.

Agenda

1. Public participation session

A number of issues were raised. In response to a query about the Village's Jubilee Celebrations, Cllr Delve noted that the programme would shortly be distributed by volunteers to all households. There was a concern expressed regarding the state of the footpath between the Old Post Office and Mill House. The fallen tree in Olive's Throat had yet to be cleared.

2. a) Reports from the County and/or District Councillor

There was nothing to add to the reports given to the preceding Annual Parish Meetings, other than Cllr Bull pointed out that the Council Tax rebate announced by the government would be processed by West Suffolk District Council.

b) Report from Hopton School

No report had been received.

3. Apologies for absence

No apologies. All councillors present.

4. Members' declarations of interests

No declarations.

5. To approve as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on [14th March 2022](#)

The minutes were approved.

6. To review any action points highlighted in the minutes of [14th March 2022](#)

There were no action points arising.

7. Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Cllr Delve reported to the Council in her capacity as a volunteer member of the steering group. A flyer would be distributed to all households in the coming days regarding the

programme of events and an article had been submitted to the Parish Magazine. In addition to the programme drawn up by the steering group, a tea dance would be held on the Friday in the Village Hall. On behalf of the Parish Council, the Chair expressed thanks to the volunteers for all their efforts.

8. Reports from

a. The Chair

The Chair reported that there had been an application to join the Council from Jo Hassan. The Council unanimously voted to co-opt Jo Hasson who then signed the Acceptance of Office.

The Chair went on to report that she had received some letters from pupils at the Primary School regarding the play equipment for older children. She would reply and it was agreed that this was a matter that the Council could look into in the future.

Finally, the Chair reported that there had been some response for the request for Village memorabilia for the years 1952 to 2022. The idea of a booklet would be reviewed in due course.

b. Councillors

Cllr Delve noted that the overhanging tree in Fen Lane had been dealt with very promptly after reporting it online. She also reported that she would be drawing up a schedule for the Vehicle Activated Speed Sign.

Cllr Hanks raised the issue of recycling and Cllr Bull said she would be submitting an article to the Parish Magazine on the subject of what can be put in which bins. Cllr Faiers referred to the news that the paper recycling container outside the Village Hall would shortly be removed as it was no longer economical. In future all paper should be recycled via the blue household bins.

9. Planning

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

Knettishall Heath Heath Road Knettishall Suffolk Ref. No: DC/21/2369/FUL - temporary container for use as office space

The Council agreed to support the application.

ii Hopton South development update (if any)

The Council had received an update from Burgess Homes regarding the Hopton South development. The outline planning permission requires 34 conditions to be satisfied from design/landscaping to surface water to roadways/footpaths and construction phase plans, to name but a few. It is hoped by the developers that this stage will be completed very shortly. Materials have been delivered to the site as they have been made available which should mean that once planning is approved, there will not be any delays incurred specifically for materials. Burgess Homes state that the aim is that the development "does not appear as a new housing estate but one which blends in with the locality, surrounding the new village green". They will be appointing one of their

senior management team to liaise regularly with the Parish Council during the build process so that any questions which arise can be answered.

10. Council to consider policy for 'bring your own devices' and councillor email addresses

The Council agreed that a policy should be drawn up and that the Clerk should arrange for councillor email addresses.

11. Finances

- Council to receive the April Financial Report

It was noted that there was a surplus for the year 2021/2022 without the need for any reserves to be used as had been budgeted. The Report was duly received.

- Council to approve the Payments Schedule

The Payments Schedule was approved.

12. Date of next meeting: Monday 9th May 2022

The meeting closed at 9pm

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