

# HOPTON-CUM-KNETTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES

Date: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
Time: 7pm  
Venue: Hopton Village Hall

Present: Cllrs L. Macklin (Chair), S.Delve, D. Faiers, R. Capon and J. Hassan.

Three members of the public were also present.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs A. Hanks, J. Spicer (SCC), C Bull (WSDC) and from N. Spring (Clerk)

2. Members' declarations of interests and dispensations

None

3. Public participation session

The planning application for 47 dwellings in Thelnetham Road was raised. Cllr Macklin reported that there was no decision yet, but that another ecological survey had been conducted.

A question was asked about the parking outside Market Weston Fen, and the large log that was in the turning space (field entrance) opposite. The log had been there for several years and was to stop unauthorized entry onto the field. It was not associated with Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

4. Reports from the County and/or District Councillor

There were no reports provided and neither councillor was present.

5. To approve as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th May

The minutes were approved and signed

6. To review any action points highlighted in the minutes

The Certificate of Exemption has been sent to the external auditor and acknowledged.

The clerk should hear from West Suffolk District Council within the next few days

regarding the vacancy on the Council. If an election has not been requested, the Council will be able to proceed to consider co-option applications at the September meeting

Stanton Surgery have a clear statement about the situation with the dispensary on their website: [www.stantonsurgery.co.uk](http://www.stantonsurgery.co.uk)

Vertas has been contacted again to confirm the 5-year contract, which is promised shortly.

The clerk has had a response from Barclays Bank regarding the problems changing the mandate which is not considered satisfactory, so will be contacting them once more.

The drain cover in Bury Road was reported and has been dealt with.

Suffolk County Council have been informed about the poor state of the boardwalk between Fen Street and Greyhound Lane.

7. Reports from:

The Chair:

Thanks had been received and thank you cards produced by some of the children in the village on the receipt of their Jubilee commemorative mugs.

Hopton Bowls Club had put in an application to upgrade their licensing status and had reported that they had used 50% of the profits raised through the Jubilee events to purchase a large BBQ that will be used for future community events.

Councillors:

Cllr Hassan reported that ensuring that all children in the village had been given Jubilee mugs proved difficult with a number of home-schooled children.

Cllr Faiers had cleaned and repainted the village signpost by the shop, and had cleaned the old telephone box.

Cllr Delve had weeded Crooked Corner and watered a number of times as the plants establish.

Cllr Macklin suggested that a job description be produced for the village litter picker which could contain a few other small tasks. Cllr Faiers said that one had been produced in the past.

8. Parish Council Nominative Trustee for Hopton Combined Charities

The Council voted to endorse Cllr Capon's renewal for a further 4-year term of office.

9. Planning

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

DC/22/0951/LB The Cedars - Application to repair the surrounding listed wall. The Council supported this application.

- b. Hopton South development update

Burgess Homes had emailed and reported that the Council had asked for "calculations to satisfy the condition for surface water solution on the existing scheme." All of Burgess Home's existing calculations for the house types have been shelved and new calculations are being undertaken.

Burgess Homes still hopes that the building will start in late summer and have offered to come to a Parish Meeting later in the year.

10. Finances

- a. Council to receive the monthly Financial Report
- b. Council to approve the Payments Schedule

The Financial Report was received and the Payments Schedule approved.

11. Date of next meeting: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September