

# HOPTON-CUM-KNETTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

The following minutes will be submitted for approval & signing by the Chair at the next meeting of the Parish Council. If any changes are made to the minutes at that meeting, a correction will be notified on the website.

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## MINUTES

Date: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
Time: 7pm  
Venue: Hopton Village Hall

Present: Cllrs L. Macklin (Chair), A. Hanks, R. Capon, D. Faiers, J. Hassan, J. Thompson and also Cllr Spicer (SCC) & Cllr C. Bull (WSDC)

Absent: Cllrs S. Delve and B. Shadbolt

Three members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Members' declarations of interests & dispensations

Cllr Capon declared an interest in Planning Applications DC/22/2176/FUL and would comment if requested as a member of the public.

3. It was noted that a Community Climate Action Plan meeting would be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January.

4. Reports from the County and/or District Councillor

Cllr Spicer reported

a) that currently there were no current plans to repair the footbridge at Knettishall.

b) that the Shepherds Grove application included a spine road to link the West & East sections of the industrial park which would take HGVs out of Stanton. There would be a roundabout on the A143 with separate planning applications for any outlets around the roundabout.

Cllr Bull reported

a) that photo ID was now required at elections and that WSDC was publicising this.

b) on the Council Tax help scheme.

c) on the issue of the water level in the area of Fen Street. The Environmental Agency had created a dam further downstream and it was being monitored. The principle was that if water meadows were restored, all water levels would be easier to manage.

5. To approve as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2022

The minutes were approved with it being noted that Cllr Spicer (SCC) & Cllr Bull (WSDC) were not present having sent their apologies,

6. To review any action points highlighted in the minutes

None

7. Reports from

- a) The Chair

Nothing to report.

- b) Councillors

Cllr Hanks

a) Further planting had taken place in the Healing Wood and also of the new hedgerow from Nethergate Street to Hopton Fen.

b) There had been a well-attended inaugural meeting for the Living History Project.

Cllr Hassan

Discussions were underway with the Village Hall Management Committee as to how the Parish Council could support them with developing the playground.

8. Planning

- a) To consider the Parish Council's responses to any planning applications

Planning Application DC/22/2125/VAR The Old Greyhound Barn. The Council had no objection to the request to remove light industrial use but would prefer it if the premises were still designated as commercial premises to provide employment in the village.

Planning Applications DC/22/2176/FUL and DC/22/2177/LB Robsons Farm Nethergate Street. The Council supported the application.

Planning Application DC/23/0058/HH Fen Street Farmhouse Fen Street. The Council supported the application with the proviso that the glazed linked extension was in keeping with the property.

- b) Hopton South update (if any)

None

9. Finances

- a) Council to receive the monthly Financial Report

The Financial Report was received.

- b) Council to approve the budget for 2023/2024

The budget was agreed.

- c) Chair & Clerk to sign the Precept Application 2023/2024

The Chair and the Clerk signed the Precept Application

- d) Council to approve the Payments Schedule

The Payments Schedule was agreed.

10. Date of next meeting: Monday 13th March 2023 at 7pm