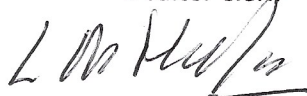


**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH MEETING OF HOPTON CUM KNETTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 18TH JANUARY 2021 AT 7PM VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING, APPROVED AT
MARCH MEETING**

PRESENT: Councillors: L. Macklin (Chair), R. Capon, A Hanks, J. Taylor, M Filler, B. Shotbolt, R. Salter (Clerk), Cllr C. Bull, Cllr J. Spicer & Su Delve

3 members of public.

		ACTION
1.	Apologies: D. Faiers & Claire Wright, Hopton Primary School	
2.	Declarations of interest: None	
3.	The draft minutes of the last meeting (14 th December) had been pre-circulated; were taken as read and approved.	
4.	Previous actions were reviewed and are completed or covered on the agenda.	
5.	<p>Mrs Claire Wright from Hopton Primary School sent her apologies but provided an update for the Parish Council – Unfortunately, the position we find ourselves in yet again means that school life has reverted to a life less ordinary with many aspects currently suspended but we are providing the children of Hopton with a strong remote provision offer.</p> <p>We are proud to report that despite the last-minute lock down from the PM at 8:00pm on 4th January, we were able to open our doors to key workers and vulnerable children on the 5th, whilst also planning remote learning for the children at home. This is down to the organisation and resilience of the dedicated staff at Hopton. As we have moved through the weeks, we have been able to deliver recorded lessons daily, whilst marking, feeding back, and setting the same curriculum the children would have been accessing if in school. Again, a testament to the hard-working team.</p> <p>We have also been able to distribute laptops and food parcels to families who require them, as well as plan live 'intervention' session with adults.</p> <p>This school closure looks slightly different for school, with lots of exposure and coverage on the quality of the remote lessons. This of course is a huge pressure on the teachers. Their wellbeing is always at the forefront of my mind. However, we are not cancelling or putting off anything that can go ahead, with our continuous 'think outside the box' attitude we are able to keep momentum in teaching and learning.</p>	
	Update from Su Delve – all Police volunteers are stood down currently.	
6.	<p>Hopton South Development – no progress, waiting an update from Pigeon. Cllr Bull advised that she has investigated regarding the recent flooding on the land. There is a flood risk strategy and surface water drainage strategy required as part of the planning permission, as well as a requirement for sustainable drainage. DC/20/2239/HH this application was supported as the build is mostly at the back of the property it was felt it would have little impact on the surrounding area.</p>	RS




7.	<p>District Cllr Carol Bull reported the Police Commissioner has a consultation open under the 28th Jan and would encourage people to respond -</p> <p>https://suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/news/pcc-proposes-more-officers-for-the-county-through-policing-precept</p> <p>W Suffolk Council are providing a grant towards the village precept.</p> <p>The planning application for 6 Nethergate Street is going to full Planning Committee in February as officer's recommendation was one of refusal and the Parish Council supported it. Applications for Orchid Meadow and Old Greyhound Barn have been withdrawn. The Parish Council had received an email from a member of the public concerned about the state of the grass and maintenance of Holme Close, plus parking on the grass areas. Cllr Bull had contacted Havebury Housing about this, and this has been followed up by the Clerk. Havebury Housing have agreed to come out and inspect the area and see what maintenance is required, this should happen this week. Two of the Parish Councillors had had a look at the situation and there were some muddy areas and the grass is long but not unexpected for this time of the year. The Parish Council will also consult with them about the parking issues too.</p> <p>Cllr Bull also advised there were new grants for village halls and she had passed this onto the village hall committee. She also clarified that under current rules whilst the pre-school was operating in the village hall it could not be used for anything else including Parish Council meetings.</p> <p>County Cllr Spicer reported that she has spoken to Anglian Water about the sewerage problems at the pumping station in Hopton and the area representative seemed to be unaware of the problem.</p> <p>She requested he visit the Hopton pumping station to see what was going on. Cllr Macklin will follow this up again.</p> <p>Cllr Shotbolt is hoping to capture some images of the flooded areas with his drone this week.</p> <p>Where work had taken place at Fen Street/Nethergate Street in recent years there had been no re-occurrence of flooding. County Farms have apologised for not clearing the ditch near Olives Throat. Work will be done as soon as ground conditions improve for machinery to be used. It was flagged that the Bowls Club building had actually flooded and photos will be sent to Cllr Spicer so she can follow this up.</p> <p>The culvert under the B1111 through the village near the development area is on the County Council's list to be cleared.</p> <p>Cllr Spicer also advised that she was busy trying to get clarity on the vaccine rollout in our area and lobbying the Health Secretary about this. Cllr Taylor advised Stanton are rolling the vaccine out to the over 80s over the next two weekends.</p> <p>A member of the public raised that the village hall car park pavement has broken down. There is also a similar issue on Nethergate Street. These need to be reported via the website and the reference number kept in case it needs to be followed up.</p>	LM
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8.	Flooding – covered in the item above.													
9.	<p>Healing Woodland update – ditches had been dug and water was running well and the area is looking good.</p> <p>2 members of the public attended the Parish Council meeting and volunteered to help with the woodland.</p> <p>It was suggested and agreed that Cllr Hanks will lead a project team and liaise with County Council officers on behalf of the Parish Council. It is hoped the County Council will make a decision about funding this in the first week of March.</p> <p>Current plans are to assess if more top soil is needed on the site. Approx 100-110 trees will be planted in the area plus a few other plants and some seating. The plan is to plant in October/November. The area needs fencing and a gate.</p> <p>Crooke’s Corner update – work is on hold here until lockdown restrictions are eased.</p>	AH/JS												
10.	The increase in cemetery fees was unanimously agreed.													
11.	<p>The proposed budget of £8199 was unanimously agreed and will be available on the website.</p> <p>The precept for FY21/22 of £7736 was unanimously agreed. This represents a 2p increase to the Band D Council Tax.</p>													
12.	Internal Auditor – it was unanimously agreed Donna Lash who carried out our audit last year will do it again this year.													
13.	<p>Clerks Report.</p> <p>i Bank Balances at 14th December 2020: Community Current Account: £10615.13 Business Premium Account (savings): £45565.62 £8675.50 Income received is 105.8% of expected income budget (£8200) £7192.47 Expenditure is 90% of expected expenditure budget (£7950)</p> <p>ii Payment Schedule for January had been pre-circulated and agreed by email. This included the following payments –</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Zoom for January</td> <td>£14.39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>46.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R Waugh Salary</td> <td>£147.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Income</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cemetery</td> <td>£30</td> </tr> </table> <p>Freedom of Information policy documents had been circulated and was agreed subject to a date change in the document. Policies next for review/re-adoption – Code of Conduct and Safeguarding Policy.</p>	Zoom for January	£14.39	HMRC	46.80	R Waugh Salary	£147.80			Income		Cemetery	£30	RS
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13b.	Chairs Report. No further updates.													
13c.	<p>Councillors Reports.</p> <p>Cllr Taylor has reported a number of potholes in the Knettishall area and surrounding roads.</p> <p>Cllr Shotbolt advised he was investigating options with the BT Community Fibre Broadband partnership.</p>													

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14.	Date of next scheduled Parish Council Meeting Monday 8 th March 2021. Historically there hasn't been a meeting in February but if there is business that needs attention one could be scheduled. There being no other business the meeting was closed at 20.30 hrs.	
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