

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH MEETING OF HOPTON CUM KNETTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 8TH MARCH 2021 AT 7PM VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING, DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED
AT APRIL MEETING**

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

1 member of public.

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1.	Apologies: Cllr B.Shotbolt & Claire Wright, Hopton Primary School	
2.	Declarations of interest: Cllr Capon regarding 10a ii the Vertas cemetery maintenance item.	
3.	The draft minutes of the last meeting (18 th January) had been pre-circulated; were taken as read and approved.	
4.	<p>Previous actions were reviewed and are completed or covered on the agenda.</p> <p>At this stage Cllr Spicer provided her update – Healing Wood – Andrea will cover this in more detail. They both hope to have a meeting with the Head of Environment at Suffolk County Council before the end of March and then confirm if SCC can fund the project.</p> <p>Emergency repairs are taking place on the Boardwalk on Tuesday. Olive’s Throat is looking much better after being cleared. There is still work to be done to clear the silt and culvert at the junction with Shortgrove Lane. The old ditch alongside the Bowls Club is due to be cleared too.</p> <p>Cllr Bull had raised about the amount of sand on the pavements at the bottom of Nethergate Street after the recent flooding and also the need for the underneath of the bridge to be checked as debris has been washed under.</p> <p>The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy recently made £1bn available to promote heat decarbonisation projects within public sector non-domestic buildings. The aim of the fund was to deliver a stimulus to the energy and heat decarbonisation sectors, supporting jobs and to deliver significant carbon savings with the public sector by making buildings more energy efficient. In Suffolk, bids totalling over £3.1m were successful for projects in seven corporate buildings and nine primary schools. Cllr Spicer was delighted to announce that Hopton Primary School was one of the winning bids and will have decarbonisation projects undertaken as part of this scheme. This will mean that the old boilers will be replaced with air source heat pumps which will produce significant carbon savings.</p> <p>Flooding on the B1111, the county council owns the pipe under the road and it is on a list for investigation.</p> <p>Sam at SWT, Knettishall Heath has got some funding to quieten the cattle grids on the main road through the Heath.</p> <p>Cllr Spicer left the meeting.</p>	

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	<p>Other actions from the previous minutes –</p> <p>Anglian Water pumping station – Cllr Macklin had not been able to contact anyone but will continue to chase this.</p> <p>RS to see if an alternative venue (High St Chapel) could be found for Parish Council meetings from June onwards if needed.</p> <p>A member of the public advised he had reported the problem with the pavement at the village hall, ref 00303511.</p> <p>Cllr Macklin will reported the break up of pavements on Nethergate Street.</p> <p>Healing Wood – 7 different households want to be involved in this project which is encouraging. It is hoped there could be volunteer days in April with upto 6 people. They need to assess what is required e.g. top soil but it will be a litter pick to begin with. A decision needs to be made regarding fencing, probably a temporary solution until hedges are established. Cllr Hanks will investigate if W Suffolk Council can help with collecting any rubbish that is gathered. Signs have been put up at the site. Cllr Taylor would like to fund a bench with a commemorative plaque on.</p>	<p>LM</p> <p>RS</p> <p>LM</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Mrs Claire Wright from Hopton Primary School sent her apologies but provided an update for the Parish Council –</p> <p>Since the Parish last meeting the announcement on the 22nd February confirmed that all children will return to school on Monday 8th March (today!)</p> <p>With every new announcement follows a set of new risk assessments, a way of life that the school has become a customised to working in. Operationally school will look similar to how it ran in the Autumn term, with staggered breaks, isolated lunches and bubbles across the classes.</p> <p>During the lockdown period we have had 28% of the children in accessing the two key worker bubbles we have. These groups are supported by adults to access the remote learning whilst also being offered the chance to have some live sessions.</p> <p>Our remote offer to the children has remained strong, a credit to the team here at Hopton, who are always so dedicated.</p> <p>We have continued to immerse ourselves with as much of the outdoor world as possible celebrating World Book Day with a set of challenges across the school, Science & Justice week, writing our entry for the ‘Hopton’s Happenings’ book and even taking part in a live ‘dinosaur talk’ with Banham Zoo.</p> <p>We have welcomed Miss Chloe Barrett to the school this term. Miss Barrett is a trainee teacher working with Miss Horsfall to gain her PGCE qualification. She is looking forward to teaching the children face to face as opposed to over a screen.</p> <p>During the lockdown we have been able to move forward with the library renovation. For those of you who know the school it is a tiny space, but we are trying our best to give it a new breath of life. The walls have been painted, lights replaced, carpet down, and we some new shelving and kindles unit the look will be complete. We have our fingers crossed this can all fall in place by the Summer term.</p>	

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	<p>Over the Easter holiday the school will be having work completed in the EYFS area, where we shall be laying a new surface. Also the school field will have a new track put down around the perimeter of the area.</p> <p>For those of you live around the village will have notice that the Willow tree at the front of the school has unfortunately needed to be felled. It died last year, and as this is the second Willow tree to die in the same spot we will be unable to replace it. We are looking into having something special made for the front of the school.</p>													
	<p>Update from Su Delve – no update on the Police Volunteer status. Crooke’s Corner is on hold during lockdown. Hoping that work can start on the slabs and bench during April. Planting will be later in the year, trellis maybe able to be done in the summer. It was recommended signs were put up when work began to let villagers know what is happening.</p>													
6.	<p>Hopton South Development – Another few months of negotiations between Burgess Homes, land owner and W Suffolk Planning are expected.</p>													
7.	<p>District Cllr Carol Bull reported that the Planning Application for 6 Nethergate Street had been approved at Committee.</p> <p>W Suffolk Hospital’s preferred site has been identified, and a Community Engagement Group is being setup. If you would like to be involved more information is here - http://hoptoncumknettishall.onesuffolk.net/news/view/165</p> <p>It is the census on 21st March.</p> <p>W Suffolk has seen a rise in fly tipping and is taking a proactive approach to dealing with this.</p> <p>The White Horse in Thelnetham has been designated a community asset</p>													
8.	<p>Flooding – already covered.</p>													
9.	<p>Healing Woodland & Crooke’s Corner update – already covered</p>													
10a.	<p>Clerks Report.</p> <p>i Bank Balances at 12th February_2020: Community Current Account: £9847.53 Business Premium Account (savings): £45565.62 £8683.00 Income received is 105.89% of expected income budget (£8200) £8029.28 Expenditure is 101% of expected expenditure budget (£7950)</p> <p>Payment Schedule for February/March had been pre-circulated and agreed by email. This included the following payments –</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Expenditure</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Zoom for February</td> <td>14.39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R Salter Salary 10p overpayment – to be rectified in next salary cheque.</td> <td>340.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R Waugh Salary</td> <td>131.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D Faiers</td> <td>4.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SALC Training</td> <td>30.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Expenditure		Zoom for February	14.39	R Salter Salary 10p overpayment – to be rectified in next salary cheque.	340.42	R Waugh Salary	131.80	D Faiers	4.50	SALC Training	30.00	
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	Expenditure for March 2021	
	Office Allowance	20.00
	Zoom for March	14.39
	SALC Training	90.00
	Ink Cartridges	32.99
	R Waugh	158.32
	Income	
	R Mitchell Fen St Pit Shooting Rights	7.50
	<p>ii A number of quotes had been obtained, from Vertas and a couple of local businesses. Vertas had also provided a 3 and 5 year quote. It was felt that Vertas offered the best value over the 5 year period and this was approved unanimously from Councillors. It was suggested a post box be installed so Vertas can leave a calling card when they have been to maintain the cemetery. RS advised there is a burial at the cemetery on 20th March.</p> <p>iii The Code of Conduct and Safeguarding Policy were re-adopted.</p>	
10b.	Chairs Report. No further updates.	
10c.	<p>Councillors Reports.</p> <p>Cllr Faiers advised the lawnmower at the Village hall had had to have an engine replaced.</p> <p>Cllr Bull advised she had funded some extra trail cameras for Suffolk Wildlife Trust.</p> <p>Su reminded people to use the facebook page and any news or interesting stories are welcome. She also raised that in a couple of places the bridleway had been partly ploughed when the neighbouring field was ploughed. This will be monitored.</p> <p>Cllr Taylor advised some of the local potholes had been filled although others needed doing.</p>	
11.	<p>Date of next Parish Council Meeting Monday 12th April 2021.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 20:20.</p>	


