

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH MEETING OF HOPTON CUM KNETTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7PM VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING, DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AT DECEMBER MEETING

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

4 members of public.

		ACTION
1.	Apologies: Su Delve & Mrs Claire Wright	
2.	Declarations of interest: None	
3.	The draft minutes of the last meeting (12 th October) had been pre-circulated; were taken as read and approved.	
4.	Previous actions were reviewed – Flint Wall – CB will follow this up to see if anything further can be done.	CB
5	Mrs Claire Wright from Hopton Primary School sent her apologies but had recorded a message for the Parish Council.	
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	<p>She provided the following update – the school is fully open. Reception have had a high intake of children and they have settled well. The school are updating their Early Years Framework Stage resources inside and outside the classroom. Due to lockdown they have had to cut back on support and volunteers within the school e.g. hearing children read. It is good to be back but does feel very different. Teachers are isolated as they are in bubbles.</p> <p>They had planned various school trips, some of which will still take place.</p> <p>They are trying to think outside the box given the current restrictions. The Harvest Festival was recorded and online for parents to watch. Remembrance will be celebrated with a few children laying a wreath at the church and the 2 mins silence will be respected in classes.</p> <p>It was good to be able to hold face to face parents’ evenings just before lockdown with risk assessments, distancing etc in place.</p> <p>The school are having virtual assemblies and every Friday a celebration assembly.</p> <p>Update from Su Delve – PCHQ had very slowly started to reinstate volunteer roles, but during lockdown all roles have been stood down once more with immediate effect. Particularly frustrating as we know there have been issues with hare coursing and dog theft over the past month.</p>	

6	<p>Planning – Cllr Filler provided an update on the Hopton South Development. He has spoken to Pigeon and they have requested an informal meeting with the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee to meet with them and the potential developer on Friday. They want to discuss a couple of issues, firstly concerning the footpath from the development through the recreation field to Thelnetham Road and secondly style changes for the houses. It was agreed Cllr Filler and Macklin will attend this meeting.</p> <p>DC/20/1732/HH There was some discussion about this. Suffolk Highways have agreed the driveway location. It was agreed that taking cars off the street was a good thing but there was concerned raised by a member of public about the old trees on the site. They do not have TPO but could be classed as ancient trees. It was agreed to support this application but to flag that if any trees are to be removed it should be checked that they are not ancient or should be preserved.</p> <p>DC/20/1841/P3QPA This is a prior approval and Cllr Bull advised that this type of application has a lot of conditions that would need to be met regarding structure, foundations etc, and is used for change of use from agricultural to a dwelling. Any work has to be completed within 3 years. It was agreed to support this at this stage and confirmed it had been used for agriculture years ago.</p> <p>DC/20/1816/HH it was agreed to support this application.</p>	<p>MF/LM</p> <p>RS</p>
7	<p>County Cllr Spicer joined the meeting at this stage.</p> <p>In the public forum a member of the public introduced himself as he is interested in joining the Council. He will meet with the Chair to take this forward. Another member of public raised that the street name plate on Holme Close has fallen down. CB will follow this up.</p> <p>Suffolk County Councillor Joanna Spicer provided the following update – the village signs are in the pipeline, expected in the New Year.</p> <p>Nethergate Street speeding is on hold for now, another survey may take place in the future.</p> <p>County Farms are due to be clearing the ditch at Olive’s Throat but this has not happened yet.</p> <p>The culvert under the B1111 is also being looked into.</p> <p>Cllr Spicer met with Suffolk Highways and the Suffolk Wildlife Trust at Knettishall Heath recently. Work is going ahead to quieten the cattle grids and make them goat proof. Various traffic calming options are being considered.</p> <p>COVID responses and support are being provided by both County and District Councils.</p> <p>Suffolk boundaries consultation - there is no change for Hopton.</p> <p>District Councillor Carol Bull advised that the decision on planning application for 2 dwellings on Common Road has been appealed.</p> <p>A leaflet will be circulated to residents as there has been contamination in the blue bins.</p> <p>The Council are busy with their COVID response particularly business grants and homeless support.</p>	<p>CB</p>
8	<p>Trees, hedgerows and verges fund/work required in the village.</p> <p>Cllr Hanks outlined the plans for the area which is a community woodland.</p>	

	<p>James Lane has offered to help with work at Greyhound Lane. The area has been left for many years and has had garden waste fly tipped there. Cllr Spicer had advised there was funding available but the web page said applications were closed. She said funding was still available once plans were confirmed further and she would follow up with a Council Officer who should be in touch. The Woodland Trust may also be able to help supply trees. It needs a gate and fencing.</p> <p>This area had been replanted some years ago and getting water to the site had been challenging.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Capon, Hanks, James Lane and Ben Shotbolt would meet to plan this work once lockdown was over.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>AH/RC</p>
9	<p>Crookes Corner – there was a discussion about the work planned for this weekend. It was agreed Cllr Macklin would talk to Cllr Faiers to see if this work could go ahead within lockdown restrictions. It has now been agreed this work will not take place until COVID regulations allow it.</p>	
10	<p>The provisional budget for 2021-22 had previously been circulated and was outlined by the RFO and Cllr Filler.</p> <p>Expenditure is £8600, this includes a pay rise for the Clerk/RFO and the litter picker. It includes increased IT costs due to paying for Zoom. Training and expenses have been separated out.</p> <p>Income is estimated at £401 so budget figure would be £8198.</p> <p>This provision budget was approved and will be finalised at the January meeting.</p>	
11	<p>The following donations for 2020-21 and Village Hall Contribution were approved -</p> <p>Royal British Legion £75</p> <p>Home from Home £100</p> <p>Church Lighting £75</p> <p>Village Hall £400</p>	<p>RS</p>
12	<p>The Standing Orders and Financial Regulations had been circulated and were re-adopted unanimously. The next policies to review are the GDPR policies.</p>	<p>RS</p>
13a	<p>Clerks Report.</p> <p>i Bank Balances at 14th October 2020:</p> <p>Community Current Account: £12767.03</p> <p>Business Premium Account (savings): £45564.48</p> <p>£8617.50 Income received is 105.9% of expected income budget (£8200)</p> <p>£5271.72 Expenditure is 66% of expected expenditure budget (£7950)</p> <p>ii Payment Schedule for November had been pre-circulated and agreed by email.</p>	
	<p>Chairs Report. A resident had asked the Chair how she could help support any families in need. The school didn't need any additional support but she was put in touch with the food bank which is supported in the village.</p> <p>A resident in the village has put together a book called A Snapshot of 2020. Its being sold in the village shop for £7. It was agreed no</p>	

	<p>funding could be provided from the Parish, District or County Council but it would be publicised where possible.</p> <p>Fly tipping had been reported on a piece of land near Mill Lane and it was uncertain who the land belonged to. The Parish Council does not own the land. Although its called common land, it isn't actually common land. It has been identified the land belongs to the Taylor family and this will be followed up.</p>	
	<p>Councillors Reports.</p> <p>Cllr Capon advised that a tree had fallen on the footpath near Greyhound Lane and he had trimmed it back so the footpath could be used. The Clerk advised she had logged it on the Suffolk County Council website.</p> <p>Cllr Filler advised the cemetery shed had been broken into a couple of weeks ago. Nothing was taken as nothing of value is stored there. The padlock has been replaced.</p> <p>Cllr Macklin advised there had been an incident of hare coursing along Fen Street, the Police were called and a number of arrests were made.</p>	
10.	<p>Date of next Parish Council Meeting Monday 14th December 2020.</p> <p>There being no other business the meeting was closed at 20.55 hrs.</p>	