

HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HEPWORTH PAVILION
THURSDAY 21 JULY 2022
7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Councillor Garry Bloomfield (GB) (Chairman)
Councillor Robin Shackleton (RS)
Councillor Marjorie MacPherson (MM)
Councillor Louise Robinson (LR)
Councillor Nicholas Bennett (NB)
Councillor Perry Penn (PP)
Councillor Justin Seldis (JS)
Councillor Helen Corris (HC)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Christopher Garman (Parish Clerk) (CG)
Nine members of public were present.

22/096 PUBLIC FORUM

- a) There were concerns raised about the proposed development at Shepherds Grove Industrial Estate and the environmental impact of the proposed development and the impact on surrounding roads and in particular with the A143 and The Street, Hepworth.
- b) There were questions asked about the proposed traffic calming project and the current situation with the proposed revised scheme was explained.

22/097 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO BOTH DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- a) County Councillor Joanna Spicer was not present and an email from her was read about the traffic calming project and the resurfacing of Weston Lane.
- b) District Councillor Carol Bull was not present.

22/098 APOLOGIES

County Councillor Joanna Spicer (JSp) had sent her apologies. Councillor Carol Bull (CB) had planned to be at the meeting but was delayed elsewhere.

22/099 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

22/100 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None.

22/101 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2022 had been previously circulated.

It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meeting.

22/102 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

22/103 VILLAGE ASSETS, TREES AND HIGHWAYS

- a) GB gave an update on the current situation with the traffic calming project following a recent conversation with JSp. There was discussion about the situation and the information gained from the Freedom of Information request and the recent traffic survey. It was recognised that the original scheme was probably not justified or achievable but there was frustration with the time taken to look at a revised scheme. It was noted that JSp was meeting with the SCC officer to look at a revised scheme on 9 August and some parish councillors will try and meet with them. The way forward was considered.

It was resolved to have an extra ordinary meeting after 9 August visit to consider the way forward with a request that JSp be present on Thursday 25 August 2022 at 7.30 pm.

- b) JSp had suggested in emails that she was on the case of the resurfacing Weston Lane but there was no indication of what would be happening and when. JSp would be asked to keep focus on this situation with the view to getting this right of way reopened fully soon.
- c) There was an update on the Quiet Lanes Suffolk project from MM. It was noted that after just meeting deadlines the project was still in Wave 4 and was now going through the legal process.
- d) The provision of a bike track with ramps was considered. MM reported that the Hepworth Recreation Ground committee has considered the request to allocate some land for this project. However, there was doubt as to whether the land needed would fit with having the football pitch. Hepworth Recreation Ground will be asked to revisit the request now there was a better understanding of what is needed. LR suggested there should be a consultation of village youngsters to get an understanding of needs.

22/104 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a) The following payments were considered for approval.
£159.98 to C Garman – Clerk's expenses April to June 2022
22.80 to SALC – payroll costs.

It was resolved to approve these payments.

- b) The revised Code of Conduct was considered.
It was resolved to adopt the revised Code of Conduct.

22/105 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Planning consultation DC/22/0987/EIASCO relating to Shepherds Grove Industrial Estate East, Sumner Road, Hepworth was considered together with the response by County Councillor Jessica Fleming which had been previously circulated.

It was resolved to respond to WSC with the same response but including specific concerns about the impact of increased traffic on the roads of Hepworth.

- b) There was an update on the planning application relating the land to the rear of 7 The Street, Hepworth.

22/106 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The email from WSC about an audit of street lighting was discussed.
- b) Other correspondence which had been previously circulated was considered and no further action was needed.

22/107 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

- a) There was discussion about organising the repairs to the culvert and clearing the drain under the bus shelter. It was suggested a working party will be organised for Saturday 24 September 2022 to undertake this work.
- b) It was noted that visibility at the junction of The Street and the A143 in Hepworth was poor due to hedge growth. CG was asked to contact the landowner.

- c) PP reported that the willow tree on Willow Green was still on the radar and should be done shortly.
- d) NB asked for the costs for the ECAP training to be added to the next agenda for approval.
- e) It was noted that help was needed for the recharging and replacing the batteries in the SID. A request will be put in the Hepworth Herald.

22/108 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting which will be on Thursday 15 September 2022 at 7.30 pm. Also, it is planned to have an extra ordinary meeting Thursday 25 August 2022 but this is subject to JSp being available.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Christopher Garman
Parish Clerk
25 July 2022

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