

THE PARISH OF HEPWORTH

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Thursday 18 May 2023 at 7.00 pm  
at Hepworth Pavilion.**

**AGENDA**

1. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 19 May 2022
2. Annual report from the Chairman of the Parish Council
3. Parish Council accounts
4. Reports:
5. Open Forum

The Parish Meeting is an opportunity for everyone to hear what has been happening during the year. It is also an opportunity for residents to express their views on any matter pertaining to the village.

Please make every effort to attend—your support is important.

Garry Bloomfield  
Chairman of Hepworth Parish Council  
10 May 2023

**HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**HEPWORTH PAVILION**  
**THURSDAY 19 MAY 2022**  
**7.00 PM**

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Christopher Garman (Parish Clerk) (CG)  
District Councillor Carol Bull (CB)

Seven members of public were present.

**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

It was agreed the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 4 April 2019 should be signed as a record of that meeting.

**2. REPORT FROM PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON**

GB read his report and copy attached.

**3. PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS**

A copy of the unaudited Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022 had been circulated and copy attached. CG summarised the significant areas.

**4. VILLAGE REPORTS**

**a) PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

Reverend Cathy Bladen was unable to make the meeting and sent her apologies. MM gave a brief report saying that the Parish Share had been paid in full for 2021 in addition to maintaining the churchyard and building, that Chris Anderson was now retiring as a Lay Elder and gave a summary of some of the fund raising events.

**b) COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

County Councillor Joanna Spicer was unable to attend and sent her apologies. CG read her report and copy attached.

**c) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

District Councillor Carol Bull presented her report and copy attached.

**d) SPEEDWATCH**

Richard Hinton gave a report on community speedwatch and talked about the statistics and efforts by the team to raise their profile as a deterrent. It was emphasised that there is a real problem and this was evidenced with various examples. It was noted a longer-term solution was needed. New members are needed and would be most welcome.

**e) HEPWORTH PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND**

MM spoke about the works undertaken to improve the facilities such as the work in the kitchen and the new curtains, the poorly attended AGM and the struggle to get adequate numbers for the committee. Existing groups were returning and new clubs were now starting to use the hall. MM talked about the financial situation with the day to day running losses being funded by the reserves.

f) HEPWORTH CHARITIES

MM spoke about the work of the charity, the source of income and how funds have been used.

g) HEPWORTH2ENJOY

Claire spoke about the work of this informal group and the support given to various village events.

h) HEPWORTH ANGELS

Maggie Morrison spoke about this small choir that sing for pleasure. A copy of the report is attached.

i) HEPWORTH HERALD

Neel Sheerer was unable to attend and sent his apologies. A copy of his report is attached.

j) COFFEE MORNINGS

There was a report on the coffee mornings that happen twice a month and based at the Pavilion.

k) ART CLUB

Wendy spoke about the work of the club which has been going 12 years and has a waiting list. There are plans for a further freeze for the Pavilion lobby and an exhibition in September.

l) CRAFTAFTERNOON GROUP

There was a report on this informal craft group which has attendees of around seven although the actual group is much larger. There is no formal tuition but mutual help. There are refreshments.

m) TEAM HEPWORTH

Claire reported that this small group of four meet weekly and improved the appearance of various areas of the village such as the work on Jubilee Corner.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Christopher Garman  
Parish Clerk  
24 May 2022

## **CHAIRMANS REPORT – HEPWORTH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MAY 2023**

This is my 2<sup>nd</sup> year as chairman of the Parish Council and Nick's first year as vice chairman, and it has been an interesting year for many reasons.

Unfortunately over the last 12 months Helen and Robin resigned as councillors, but we did manage to co-opt Hollie and Christine as new councillors, unfortunately Christine has now also resigned.

In the May elections there were not sufficient applications for a contest, so from the 9<sup>th</sup> of May all the current councillors who did apply, will continue on the Parish Council. Any vacancies we will endeavour to fulfil as soon as possible.

I would like to thank all the councillors for their help this year and to Nick for chairing the meetings that I have not managed to attend. Also I would like to thank Carol and Joanna for their help and support over the last 12 months. Also thanks to Perry for his work as Tree Warden and to the Speed Watch Team for continuing to encourage drivers to keep to the speed limits and to make the village safer. Thanks also to Neel for continuing to produce the Hepworth Herald, and for all the people that distribute it within the village, Neel has also taken over the responsibility for ensuring both the Speed indicators Devices are working in the village, and that the data is downloaded and reported to us, I believe this also helps to encourage drivers to respect the 30mph limit through the village, so thank you Neel for continuing to manage them.

Chris, our Parish Clerk, also resigned at the end of February and I would like to thank him for all the work he carried out for the Parish Council, and his help in handing over all the information to the new Parish Clerk. We were very fortunate that we had three applications for the position of a new Parish Clerk, and are pleased that Andy Osman has accepted the Parish Clerk role. Andy started on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April.

### **Over the last 12 months we have been involved with the following:**

The Queens Jubilee Celebrations

Quiet Lanes Suffolk Project – which Marjorie is still working tirelessly on with Suffolk County Council.

Traffic Calming – still ongoing

The new Proposed Planning application by Jaynic/Copart on the industrial Estate

The resurfacing of Bury Weston Lane – still ongoing

The Community Emergency Action Plan which Nick has now completed

Repair to Culvert (near village sign) which is now complete

To co-ordinate the crowning of the willow tree at Willow Green

### **The next 12 months we will be involved with the following:**

Continuing to oppose the new Jaynic/Copart development on the Industrial Estate

To hopefully get the traffic calming measures installed in the village before this summer

To ensure the resurfacing of Bury Weston Lane is completed

To finalise and get the signs installed for the Quiet Lanes Suffolk project

To plan what will happen in 2024 when the current 10 year agreement with the Hepworth Recreation Management Committee has ended.

Garry Bloomfield

Chairman Hepworth Parish Council

HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL  
STATEMENT OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2023

1			1
	INCOME		
£			£
7,201	Precept		7,561
745	Grants		1,278
0	Bank interest		0
2	Rent		0
141	VAT		172
0	Sundry		443
<u>8,089</u>			<u>9,453</u>
	EXPENDITURE		
3,787	Clerk's salary		2,885
350	Expenses		440
243	Professional fees		123
292	Insurance		408
153	Hire of hall		226
325	Donations s.137		425
0	Election costs		0
156	Training		28
304	Subscriptions		339
761	Village maintenance		251
211	New equipment		1,480
932	Events		688
21	Sundry expenses		0
172	VAT		224
<u>7,707</u>			<u>7,517</u>
	Balances at 1 April 2022		
	Bank current account	7,783	
	Less unrepresented cheques	(1,288)	
	Bank deposit account	<u>1,838</u>	8,333
	Plus income		<u>9,453</u>
			17,786
	Less expenditure		(7,517)
	BALANCES AS AT 31 MARCH 2023		<u>10,270</u>
	Represented by:		
	Bank current account:	10,270	
	Less unrepresented cheque	<u>0</u>	
			<u>10,270</u>
	Bank deposit account		0
	FUNDS HELD AS AT 31 MARCH 2023		<u>10,270</u>