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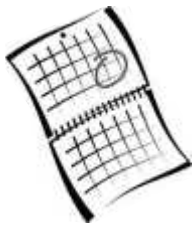
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Hepworth Art Group	Every Mon 1000-1300 »Hepworth Pavilion
Hepworth Angels	Every Mon @1930 »Hepworth Pavilion.p23
Hepworth Coffee Morning	1st & 3rd Thu @1030 »Hep. Pavilion. p20
Crafternoon Tea	2nd & 4th Thu @1400 »Hep. Pavilion. p20
Holy Communion	3rd April @0930 »St Peter's
Village Spring Clean	9th April @1000 »Hepworth Pavilion. p19
Parish Council Meeting	20th April @1930 »Hepworth Pavilion
Hep. Rec. Ground. Comm. AGM	21st April @1900 »See below
St Georges Day Fun & Games	23rd April @1900 »Hepworth Pavilion. p22
Plant & Craft Fair	24thApril @1000 »Wyken Vineyard. p20
Hepworth Quiz Night	13th May @1930 »Hepworth Pavilion. p20
Parish Council Meeting	21st May @1930 »Hepworth Pavilion (tbc)
Jubilee Celebration	2nd June »Save the date! See p24



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Device No. 1 at the A143 end of The Street

9 weeks from 17th January to 16th March 2022.

Vehicles arriving into village from the A143:

Total number of vehicles:- **28934**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **34mph**

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **1008 (34.59%)**

No. of incidents 50mph and above:- **35**

No. of incidents 40mph and above:- **408**

Highest speed recorded:- **58mph**



Vehicles leaving the village toward the A143:

Total number of vehicles:- **29835**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **34mph**

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **14760 (49.47%)**

No. of incidents 50mph and above:- **37**

No. of incidents 40mph and above:- **689**

Highest speed recorded:- **59mph**

Device No. 2 at the Barningham end of The Street

9 weeks from 17th January to 16th March 2022.

Vehicles arriving into the village from Barningham:

Total number of vehicles:- **22624**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **32mph**

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **5230 (23.12%)**

No. of incidents 50mph and above:- **12**

No. of incidents 40mph and above:- **109**

Highest speed recorded:- **54mph**

Vehicles leaving the village toward Barningham:

Total number of vehicles:- **23344**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **32mph**

Total number of vehicles speeding above 30 mph:- **6380 (27.33%)**

No. of incidents 50mph and above:- **20**

No. of incidents 40mph and above:- **177**

Highest speed recorded:- **56mph**

Along The Street:

January 2022: 3 sessions 15 vehicles logged max speed = 38 mph

February 2022: 4 sessions 17 vehicles logged max speed = 44 mph

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From the Benefice - A Time to Pray & Help

At this time of writing, the world is very concerned with the situation in Ukraine. The news is dominated with the terrible events happening since the Russian invasion. During one of the regular news bulletins, the correspondent moved inside a large Church in Kyiv, where hundreds of people were praying. Also the Church of England and Pope Francis called for a day of global prayer and fasting on Ash Wednesday, 2 nd March, so right across the world people are praying for the situation in Ukraine. It is interesting to note that throughout history in times of crisis, people are often called or prompted to pray. Today I received an email from the Bishop of St Edmundsbury pertaining to the Churches response to situation in Ukraine, and this is what he says –

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We here want to help, and prayer is our first means of doing so, and I know churches are also involved in collecting supplies for people in Ukraine. I am pleased that we have been able to secure a straightforward way to make donations from churches and individuals through teaming up with World Vision, a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee. Mark Sheard, the chief executive of World Vision, is a Lay Canon of the Cathedral and lives in Worlingworth and I am very grateful to him for expediting this straightforward means of making donations from our churches. Please send money via the link below as soon as you collect it so it benefits those who need it as quickly as possible, and that may well of course mean making multiple donations over the next weeks. This, therefore, is our Lent Appeal, and I know your churches will be generous. We are very grateful to be in partnership with World Vision who will receive our donations and handle the gift aid. Be assured that every pound goes directly to those in need. World Vision is also part of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), whose appeal is supported by the UK Government.

(If any of us would like to donate funds to the Ukraine situation, we can do it by going directly to World Vision Ukraine site).

It is interesting to note that the Bishop begins his appeal with the words “We are here to help, and prayer is our first means of doing so!” There is no doubt for me personally every day begins with prayer, as over the years I have seen and experienced so many amazing and miraculous answers to prayer! In 1988 a friend suggested that for one whole year I should keep a Prayer Diary. I believe the idea at the time was to be able to record not only the prayers being prayed, but also any answers to those prayers. This seemed to me at the time an interesting idea as very often it can be a case of praying and petitioning God on all sorts of matters and then at a later date often forgetting those prayers, and also not really recognising if and when they were answered. At the end of that year, I re-read my diary of prayer and I was really encouraged with all the answered prayer! Since then I have encouraged people who pray, to try and keep a prayer diary for 12 months and then review it after that period, I know they like me, will be truly encouraged.

I take heart from some words from the Bible – first St Paul said – “The Lord is near; do not be anxious, but in everything make your requests known to God in prayer and petition with thanksgiving. Then the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.” And finally words from the Lord Himself – “These things I have spoken to you, that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

Keith Lewis (Lay Reader)

Hepworth Weather (as measured on The Street)

:	January 2022:	Max. Temp:	14.8°C	1st
		Min. Temp:	-2.7°C	6th
		Total Rainfall:	21.5 mm	
		Wettest Day:	6mm	2nd
	February 2022:	Max. Temp:	15.2°C	16th
		Min. Temp:	-0.8°C	11th
		Total Rainfall:	60.4 mm	
		Wettest Day:	8.4 mm	20th

January 2022: A dry, rather benign month with temperatures about average, dominated by strong high pressure after the first 10 days and for the rest of the month. Frosts were frequent but only 'slight'. Very windy last day of the month.

February 2022: Remarkably mild and very stormy month. Mean temperature was 2.4°C above the average and an average wind speed of 10mph, making it the most windy month in my record. (2009) Overall, it was a wet month but with no particular heavy rainfall. Frost was infrequent with only one air frost. Notable wind gusts were 55mph from Storm 'Corrie' on the 1st ; 69 mph from Storm 'Eunice' on the 18th ; wind gusts over 60 mph from Storm 'Franklin' on the 21st. A narrow but very active 'line squall' moving south eastwards across East Anglia in the early evening of the 20th brought a gust of 75mph with torrential rain.

Kindly provided by Richard Hinton. See the latest weather and historical Hepworth weather data at <http://j.mp/HepworthWS>

PRESENT: Councillor Garry Bloomfield (Chairman) (GB), Councillor Louise Robinson (LR), Councillor Marjorie MacPherson (MM), Councillor Robin Shackleton (RS), Councillor Perry Penn (PP), Councillor Justin Seldis (JS)

From Item 22/008: Councillor Helen Corris (HC), Councillor Nicholas Bennett (NB)

IN ATTENDANCE: Christopher Garman (Parish Clerk) (CG), District Councillor Carol Bull (CB), County Councillor Joanna Spicer (JS)

Two members of public were present.

22/001 PUBLIC FORUM: There was discussion around the plans for designating Church Lane and Clay Lane as Quiet Lanes and why the other lanes could not be included.

22/002 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS: a) JS asked about the works to alleviate the flooding by the bus stop and there was discussion on how this was proceeding.

b) CB spoke about the planned changes to the collection of recycling and the consultations for transport and funding the police 101 service.

22/003 APOLOGIES: None – all councillors present

22/004 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: MM declared an interest in agenda item 11 (b). LR declared an interest in agenda item 9(a).

22/005 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS: None.

22/006 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Minutes of the meetings held on 18 November 2021 and 4 December 2021 had been previously circulated. It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meetings.

22/007 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None.

22/008 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS: There were two applicants in respect of the two vacancies. It was resolved to co-opt Nicholas Bennett and Helen Corris to the Parish Council.

22/009 VILLAGE EQUIPMENT, TREES AND HIGHWAYS: a) It was noted that there had been a further email from a resident about parking in Church Lane and concerns about a drain. A draft letter to residents was reviewed. Various options were considered. It was decided to hold off sending letters to residents and to review the situation again at the next meeting but to report the concerns about the drain to SCC.

b) MM reported on the situation with Quiet Lanes Suffolk. The comments from the public consultation were noted. It was resolved to formally apply for Clay Lane and Church Lane to be designated as Quiet Lanes and to contribute £50 towards the cost of the signage.

c) It was noted that the locality grant of £300 from CB had been received and that the materials for the fencing around the culvert would now be organised with the view to doing the work in March.

d) CG advised that Anglian Water have confirmed they do not own the land which has the willow tree that needs attention. In view that the landowner cannot be ascertained, it was decided that PP would decide what work was needed to the tree with a view to getting quotations.

e) There was discussion about the plans for the traffic calming along The Street, Hepworth and why these have come to a halt. There appears to be issues with street lighting. It was considered that the current situation was unacceptable and decided that this project needs pushing forward. It was agreed to write in strong terms to senior officers at SCC Highways to get an understanding of the issues and to have solutions to get the project moving again.

f) The plans for work at Jubilee Corner were discussed and how this will be funded. This will involve fabric to suppress weeds at £115 and a bench at £380. CB advised that funding

might be available from her locality budget.

g) There had been concerns expressed about rocks and large logs being placed on verges on the edge of the highway and the damage this could do to vehicles. It was agreed to report any concerns to SCC Highways for appropriate action.

22/010 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS: The plans for the celebrations were reviewed and it was confirmed all was on track.

22/011 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: a) The following payments were considered for approval: £40.00 to Just a Small Thing – website hosting; £80.05 to C Garman – Clerk's expenses October to December 2021. It was resolved to approve both these payments.

b) The revised draft budget for 2022/2023 with previous year comparisons had been previously circulated. There were some changes to the expenditure. There was conversation on an appropriate precept to fund the planned expenditure taking into account funds in the reserves. A precept of £7,561 was considered which would mean an increase for a Band D property of 4.18% or £1.40 pa. It was resolved to approve the revised budget for 2022/2023 and to request a precept from WSC of £7,561.

c) Draft GDPR and Website Accessibility policies had been previously circulated. It was resolved to approve these policies as presented.

22/012 PLANNING MATTERS: a) There was discussion in respect of the proposed development at Shepherds Grove, Stanton and the EIA and consultation process. It was agreed to wait until there is a formal planning application as there were currently too many unknowns.

b) CB gave an update in respect of the unoccupied derelict property known as Blacksmith Cottage, The Street, Hepworth. WSC are aware of the property and plan to take no action to try and bring it back into use. However, CB will see if WSC can encourage the owners to tidy up the grounds and appearance.

c) There were updates in respect of recent planning applications.

22/013 CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence had been previously circulated and was noted. There was concern about the recent accident in The Street, Hepworth when a pedestrian was hit by a vehicle.

22/014 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIR: a) There was discussion about the current Parish Council managed Facebook page and how it should be used. It was decided to continue to use and post when appropriate.

b) There was discussion about who should officially open the new village sign and when. Some options will be explored.

22/015 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 17 February 2022 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Christopher Garman - Parish Clerk

HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HEPWORTH PAVILION - THURSDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2022 @1930

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Christopher Garman (Parish Clerk) (CG), District Councillor Carol Bull (CB)
One member of public was present.

22/016 PUBLIC FORUM

Concern was expressed about the lack of waiting area, pavement and lighting around the bus shelter at the north end of The Street, Hepworth. There was discussion about these safety concerns and what could be done to improve the situation. Longer term there was the

vision to extend the pavements and add to the street lighting but this was subject to funding which might become available as part of the expected improvements to local infrastructure from the Shepherds Grove development. A short-term solution might be to add a further bus stop midway along The Street and this will be investigated.

22/017 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS a) JS had previously had a virtual meeting with GB and CG. JS had talked about the preliminary meeting about the Shepherds Grove development.

b) JS had advised that there had been no progress in respect of the resurfacing of the bridlepath known as Weston Way due to lack of response from the BHS.

c) JS had no more to add about the traffic calming scheme.

d) JS had asked about the flooding issues by the bus stop at the north end of The Street, Hepworth and progress. GB advised that work to the culvert under the bus stop would be done when appropriate which would then allow for digging out of the ditch.

e) CB spoke about the traffic calming plans and the street lighting from the WSC angle. It appears there has been a lack of communication between SCC and WSC as to a solution to the street lighting issues. The parish council will continue to push with the help of both CB and JS.

f) CB confirmed that a grant for £300 for Jubilee Corner would be paid.

g) CB advised that a grant might be available for the proposed work to the recreation ground trees being managed by Hepworth Recreation Ground committee.

h) CB advised that she was working with Havebury Housing to install flood prevention measures to the bungalows at the north end of The Street, Hepworth.

i) CB advised that WSC are going to work with the owners of Blacksmith Cottage, The Street, Hepworth with a view to tidying up the grounds and improving the appearance.

22/018 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Helen Corris (HC) and the reason was accepted. Also, apologies were received from County Councillor Joanna Spicer (JS)

22/019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST MM declared an interest in agenda item 10 (a). LR declared an interest in agenda item 8 (a).

22/020 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS None.

22/021 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS Minutes of the meetings held on 20 January 2022 had been previously circulated. It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meetings.

22/022 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES None.

22/023 VILLAGE EQUIPMENT, TREES AND HIGHWAYS a) The continued parking concerns in Church Lane, Hepworth were discussed. It was noted there were still difficulties. It was agreed to send the previously approved letter to residents but acknowledged that the Parish Council's powers were limited and it might be necessary for other agencies to get involved.

b) MM reported that the Quiet Lanes Suffolk formalities had now been completed and confirmation had been received that Hepworth were in Wave 4.

c) PP reported that he had received quotes for work to the willow tree on Willow Green - £1,560 to fell the tree and £750 to take the top out. It was thought UKPN might take responsibility for the work in view of the adjacent power line. UKPN will be contacted.

d) The traffic calming scheme had already been discussed at 22/017(e) above.

e) LR reported that work at Jubilee Corner was currently on hold. The fabric would be laid when a source of woodchips was available.

f) It was noted that despite reporting to SCC large logs etc are still on the road boundary in The Street, Hepworth which have potential for causing damage to vehicles.

22/024 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS a) The beacon was in course of construction and there were discussions about the location on the Recreation Ground.

b) There were discussions about the official opening of Jubilee Corner.

c) It was suggested that publicity needs to continue and a further item in the Hepworth Herald was needed.

22/025 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION a) The following payment was considered for approval. £36.00 to Hepworth Recreation Ground – hall hire. It was resolved to approve this payment.

b) The appointment of an auditor for the internal audit for 2021/2022 was considered. It was resolved to appoint Malcolm Saunders as internal auditor.

22/026 PLANNING MATTERS a) There was discussion in respect of the proposed development at Shepherds Grove, Stanton and the meeting for local parish councillors on 24 February 2022. It was agreed that GB and PP would attend and report back.

b) The situation with Blacksmiths Cottage, The Street, Hepworth was discussed at 22/017(i) above

c) Planning application DC/22/0137/HH relating to Greenfields, Church Lane, Hepworth was considered. It was resolved to advise WSC that there was no objection.

d) There was an update in respect of the recent planning applications.

22/027 CORRESPONDENCE a) There was a broad discussion about a request for bike ramps. It was difficult to take further without knowing what the ramps involved, where they could be located and costs. It was recognised that more detail as needed and perhaps Hepworth Recreation Ground committee would need to be involved.

b) There had been a discussion on safety in the area of the bus stop at 22/016 above.

c) The appropriateness of an emergency action plan for the village was considered. NB agreed to start constructing a plan.

d) Other correspondence which had been previously circulated was considered and no action was needed.

22/028 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN a) MM spoke about two projects that the Hepworth Recreation Ground committee were considering and invited feedback. The installation of CCTV was planned and this was considered appropriate in view of the recent vandalism. Work to the conifer trees and hedges was discussed and options were considered. It was agreed that the preferred option was reducing the height to around 4/5m.

b) There was talk about the official opening of the village sign, by whom and when. Various options were considered and will be explored further.

c) Concerns were expressed about the volume of litter along The Street, Hepworth.

d) There was conversation about tree planting and the free trees available. PP is going to promote accordingly.

22/029 DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 17 March 2022 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MALTINGS FARM, THE STREET, HEPWORTH - SATURDAY 5 MARCH 2022 1100

PRESENT: Councillor Robin Shackleton (RS) (Chairman) Councillor Louise Robinson (LR)
Councillor Marjorie MacPherson (MM) Councillor Justin Seldis (JS) Councillor Nicholas
Bennett (NB) Councillor Helen Corris (HC) (Minute taker)

No members of the public were present.

The meeting began with one minute silence to remember the people of Ukraine.

22/030 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Councillors Garry Bloomfield and Perry Penn and the reasons were accepted. Also, apologies were received from County Councillor Joanna Spicer and District Councillor Carol Bull.

22/031 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.

22/032 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS None.

22/033 FORMAL UNVEILING OF NEW VILLAGE SIGN There was discussion around the arrangements for the unveiling of the new village sign which is being planned for Friday

18 March 2022 at 2.30 pm. Matt Hancock MP for West Suffolk has accepted an invitation to unveil the sign. Invitations have also been sent to County Councillor Joanna Spicer and District Councillor Carol Bull. Advertising will be on the two local Facebook sites, the village website and leaflets delivered to the community. A risk assessment will be completed. It was resolved to hire the Pavilion for two hours and to have the leaflets printed.

22/034 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN None.

22/035 DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 17 March 2022 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 12.00 pm.

HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL -MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HEPWORTH PAVILION - THURSDAY 17 MARCH 2022 @ 1930

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Christopher Garman (Parish Clerk) (CG), County Councillor Joanna Spicer (JSp), District Councillor Carol Bull (CB),

Two members of public were present.

22/036 PUBLIC FORUM: There was a discussion about the possible provision of bike jumps and what these might look like in design, area needed and landscaping. CB commented that there was a similar facility elsewhere in West Suffolk and she would make enquiries. JS said he would make enquiries about the closed track at Rickinghall. It was asked if the Parish Council could be provided with a drawing showing design and size of area needed. This will be considered further at the next meeting.

22/037 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO BOTH DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS: a) JSp spoke about developments with the flood zone in The Street, Hepworth and communications with both a landowner and Havebury on how to improve the situation.

b) JSp talked about the Reclaim the Rain project and how this might affect Hepworth.

c) JSp spoke about the recent meeting with Jaynic and the proposed development at Shepherds Grove, Stanton. It was noted little more will happen until a formal planning application is submitted.

d) JSp explained the current situation with the proposed traffic calming plans for the village and the recent update from SCC. It was noted that SCC were suggesting that there needs to be a further nine street lights and that WSC had declined to fund this part of the project but SCC had agreed to do so. This would increase the project cost substantially. There were questions about the number of street lights and the affect these would have on the surrounding environment. There was concern about the need for further street lighting. There was discussion on how this can be taken forward. It was suggested the current design was probably not the best scheme and JSp would work with SCC on a review. JSp said the SCC highway engineer now responsible for the project would visit in next few weeks and JSp will make arrangements for this to happen and involve councillors. There was a suggestion that SCC should proceed with the village gateways now. There was a question about the evidence or legislation suggesting that additional street lighting was required. The desire to possibly have designated bus stops also needed to be included within the scheme.

e) It was noted that the right of way Weston Way still had not been resurfaced. JSp said she will push for action.

f) CB reported that WSC were working with the owner of Blacksmiths Cottage, The Street, Hepworth to improve the appearance.

g) CB spoke about the administration of the £150 council tax refund for properties in

Bands A to D.

- 22/038 APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Councillor Garry Bloomfield (GB) and the reason was accepted.
- 22/039 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.
- 22/040 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS: None.
- 22/041 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Minutes of the meetings held on 17 February 2022 and 5 March 2022 had been previously circulated. It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meetings.
- 22/042 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: a) NB gave an update with the preparation of the Community Emergency Action Plan. There will be a need to purchase some items. There was concern over the phasing out of telephone landlines and how this would affect communication in an emergency. It was resolved to allow NB to spend up to £100 on items for the Community Emergency Action Plan.
- b) There was a review of the arrangements for the unveiling of the village sign on Friday 18 March 2022.
- c) It was noted that the logs on the edge of the road in The Street, Hepworth had now been removed.
- 22/043 VILLAGE EQUIPMENT, TREES AND HIGHWAYS: a) The comments received in respect of the parking in Church Lane, Hepworth were noted. The feedback was appreciated and it was acknowledged that there should be considerate parking throughout the village.
- b) MM gave an update in respect of the Quiet Lanes Suffolk project. It was noted that there were still many questions about how SCC will deliver.
- c) PP gave an update on the willow tree on Willow Green, The Street, Hepworth. PP advised that the work to cut out the top will be done free. PP was asked to keep in mind the need for a risk assessment.
- d) The situation with the traffic calming project had been discussed at 22/037 (d) above. It was confirmed that a meeting was needed with the SCC highways engineer to review the project and seek answers to various questions.
- e) The situation with finding locations for designated bus stops along The Street, Hepworth had also been discussed at 22/037 (d) above.
- 22/044 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS There was discussion on progress with the celebration event planned for Thursday 2 June 2022. It was agreed there needed to be more focus at the next meeting on the timings for the event, attractions, publicity and the risk assessment.
- 22/045 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: a) The following payments were considered for approval: £22.80 to SALC – payroll; £187.20 to SALC – councillor training; £292.00 to HMRC – PAYE/NI; £1168.16 to C Garman – Parish Clerk's salary from 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022. It was resolved to approve these payments.
- b) The parish clerk's salary was reviewed. It was resolved to increase the salary by 1.75% from 1 April 2022.
- c) The income and expenditure statement for the period to 17 December 2021 with the budget was reviewed together with the bank reconciliation and bank statements. It was resolved to confirm that the bank reconciliation agreed with the bank statements.
- d) The need to replace the existing lap top computer was considered. It was agreed that CG should seek quotations for consideration at the next meeting.
- 22/046 PLANNING MATTERS: a) There was discussion in respect of the proposed development at Shepherds Grove, Stanton and the meeting for local parish councillors that was held on 24 February 2022. PP and GB had prepared a report that was noted. It was noted that the key concern from the meeting was the traffic flows and creation of rat runs for lorries and the need for possible weight limits.
- b) There was an update in respect of the recent planning applications.
- 22/047 CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence which had been previously circulated was considered and no action was needed.

22/048 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN: a) There was a conversation about a village litter pick with a suggested date of Saturday 2 April 2022.

b) The Community Emergency Action Plan should be ready for approval at the next meeting and should be an agenda item.

22/049 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 20 April 2022 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Report from the meeting hosted by Jaynic at Stanton village Hall held on the 24th February 2022 as to the master plan for Shepard's Grove.

Jaynic was represented by Nic Rumsey, Managing Director Andrew Anderson, Director Paul Sutton, Planning Director.

Representatives from Parish Councils; Wattisfield, Walsham le Willows and Stanton attended together with Joanna Spicer our Country Councillor.

We heard a brief out line of the site's history regarding planning and learnt that the 91.5 acres site was purchased by Jaynic in September 2021.

In the proposed plans for the site which would include 68 acres of land being used by an U.S.A company called Copart who specialises in re-marketing of vehicles.

This could be a variety of vehicles i.e. accident damaged from the insurance sector, fleet, lease and hire companies etc and could include cars, motorcycles, HGVs, plant, agricultural items, electric vehicles etc which are offered for sale via an online auction platform.

The road access would be from the A143 via a new roundabout serving a new road joining up with Shepards Grove west industrial estate and costing 9 million pounds, financed by Jaynic.

This will be constructed to Suffolk Highways standard's and would become under their ownership and management some time in the future.

Copart cannot operate until the roundabout is complete, although they do plan to use the emergency road for vehicles that are required to construct their site, this could be going on at the same time as the roundabout is being constructed.

The access already built off Summer road would become an emergency entrance to the site and a 5-10 meter buffer will be established around the site with a 2.4 meter fence on the inner side to the site.

The roundabout would be placed between Summer Road and the turning to Hepworth, although the distance from the Hepworth turning could not be given by the Jaynic team when asked.

There was concern raised by a Wattisfield counsellor about the likelihood of tailback traffic from the roundabout which is already experienced at the Ixworth roundabout.

The Copart enterprise could create up-to 90 full-time jobs and would be operated on a 8.00am to 5.00pm basics although staffed from 7.00am to 6.00pm.

The lorries would be loaded the day before, to depart from the premises at 5.00am

the following morning. 40 lorry transporters, will be making approximately 145 to 290 trips either way per day, which was estimated at one every 30 seconds by a Walsham le Willows counsellor.

To fulfil the 10% bio-diversity improvement required in planning guidance there would be 11 acres planted up with native trees.

Water flow from the site will be no higher than what is currently released from the site, so they would not expect any more water to flow through Hepworth or Wattisfield than currently happens.

Ground water contamination from damaged cars etc was asked about, we were told that the site has a thick layer of clay beneath it, so it is not likely that this would be a problem and the vehicles will be decontaminated before they are stored on the site at a single

The lighting on the site was also asked about, we were told that there would be lighting during working hours and dark lighting there-after.

It is envisaged the project would take 9 months to complete, when asked about CIL payment's Jaynic told us that they will be spending 9 million on the roundabout together with the road and would not like to consider paying any CIL as well. Also Janic gave the impression that they would not be asked to contribute to any other local requirements because of the high cost of the roundabout.

Jaynic also told us that they have approached garage company's and pub chains to see if there was any interest for the land earmarked as roadside commercial on the northern zone next to the A143 but as-yet there has not been any interest.

A further 10 acres would be developed for industrial use as well by Jaynic although this was not substantiated as to the type of enterprises that would be using the site.

They were also questioned about public spaces for circling, dog walking etc they told us no plans have been made for these, but now the subject has been brought up, it could be considered in due-course.

Pro's and con's to be considered?

- More job's
- 11 acres of trees to be planted
- More congestion on the A143
- Roundabout interrupting free flow of traffic on the A143
- More traffic through Hepworth
- Removal of established hedges
- Potential contamination of runoff water from site
- 9 month's of construction i.e. traffic lights etc on A143
- Creating a significant impact on the local landscape, environment for wildlife and local Community.
- The total CO2 omissions has yet to be quantified.

HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN

SATURDAY 9 APRIL 2022

10.00 – 12.00

MEET AT THE PAVILION

The previous annual village litter picks have been very successful in cleaning up the village and removing the litter that accumulates along the roads and paths.

Can you please spare a couple of hours to walk around the village and pick up litter? The more that can, the greater the area that can be covered. Limited numbers of high viz waistcoats, gloves and pickers available so please bring your own if you have them. Bags will be provided.

Thank you.

Garry Bloomfield
Chairman – Hepworth Parish Council

Crafternoon Tea (Craftea)



We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month in Hepworth Village Hall, from 2pm until 4pm.

Everyone is welcome and we have knitting, stitching, crochet, tapestry and patchwork on the go so far.

There is a bottomless supply of tea, coffee and biscuits and we charge £2 per week.

Come and give us a try.
Call Jane on 01359 250347

In aid of Stanton Woodland & Wildlife Group

Plants & Crafts in the garden at

Wyken Hall

Sunday 24th April 10am to 4pm

Craft Demonstrations - Crafts for sale

Plants Galore

Herbaceous plants, herbs, trees, fruit bushes, bedding plants and shrubs.

Artworks, garden walks & talks, music.

Admission £3, includes garden entrance
Free parking

Refreshments and lunches available

Hepworth Quiz Night

Friday 13th May 2022 at 7.30pm

Hepworth Village Hall
£2.50 per person

Teams of up to 6 people, bring your own drinks and snacks

Tea and coffee available

All proceeds to St Peter's Church

Please email ejduffield@gmail.com to reserve a table

Hepworth coffee morning



On the first and third Thursday of each month at 1030 -1200.

Come and join us for a coffee and chat, meet new people and old friends.

Just £2 a session.

TRAVELS DOWNUNDER - A REMINISCENCE

Part 7

Our last instalment left our travellers marvelling at the unexpected ways of the Australian Parliament

With Christmas soon to be upon us we left Canberra and made our way over to the coast to meet up with our son who had travelled south from Brisbane with his Australian girlfriend to spend Christmas at her parents house. Our daughter had flown out from England to spend Christmas with us as well so Christmas that year was very special for us. After Christmas we all travelled up to Sydney for New Year's Eve and the firework display from the Harbour Bridge was unbelievably spectacular. New Year's Day in Sydney was the hottest temperature I've ever endured, 47C, and it was strange to see that the Christmas decorations still showed Father Christmas with his reindeers and sleigh with fake snow everywhere.

Back on the road we followed the coast all the way round to Melbourne where the Australian Open Tennis was just beginning. The son of a friend of ours worked in an office building which overlooked Melbourne Park and the Rod Laver Arena and we were able to get a good view from there.

Our next stop was to be across The Bass Strait to Tasmania. We booked passage on the Spirit of Tasmania for the car and the caravan and settled in for the ten hour crossing. Tasmania is really beautiful, it's about the same size as the island of Ireland, and we spent a month there and really loved it. By now it was February, the middle of summer down under, so we were a bit surprised when we were setting up camp at Cradle Mountain and it started snowing.

There is lots to see and do in Tasmania but one memorable visit we made was to the historic penal colony at Port Arthur near Hobart. It's where people, mostly from Britain, were sent (transported) often for very minor offences. It is in a really beautiful setting which belies the brutality of the place. The most used form of additional punishment was solitary confinement in a tiny cell which, once the door was closed, was totally pitch black, you literally could not see your hand in front of your face. Today's visitors are given the chance to experience it for themselves and I have to say I found it very frightening even after just a minute or two. Imagine spending several days or weeks in there; the era of human rights had not yet dawned.

One evening whilst we were in Hobart we went to an open air theatre production of Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing. As you may know it is one of Shakespeare's comedies, but what we weren't expecting was that half way through, whilst one of the actors was in the middle of a long soliloquy, a kookaburra started up in a tree nearby making an almighty racket. The actor came out of character and screamed up at the kookaburra, WILL YOU SHUT UP!! , went back into character and finished his lines. It brought the house down!

Having spent a month in Tassie we again boarded the Spirit Of Tasmania and headed back to Melbourne to continue our journey.

to be continued.....

St George's Day Fun & Games

With a soup and crumble
Supper

Saturday 23rd April at 7pm

Hepworth Village Hall

£7.50 (Children £5)

Bring your own drinks

Book your Tickets from Clare Jones-Davies
(250660) or Ron Bacon (254054)



Prayer

Benefice Evening of Prayer
Monday 11th April 7.30pm
Stanton Church Rooms
and every second Monday of the month.

Please join us as we pray together
for our churches, our communities
and our world.

Tea & Coffee from 7.15pm



All Saints Church Stanton

Everyone Welcome

Sunday 24th April 2022

Refreshments served from 10.30am

Service starts at 11.00am



Is it ok to doubt? After all Thomas did!

This is an informal service with something
for everyone including:

*A bible story or reading, *Singing hymns and choruses

*A short talk suitable for everyone

*An optional interactive or craft-oriented activity

We look forward to seeing you



We are a local, informal, friendly garden club. Green Fingers meetings are held at Hinderclay Village Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1930 in the evening. Annual membership subscription is £12 and our monthly meeting fees are £2 for members (and £4 for non-members) with refreshments included. You would be most welcome to join us.

20th April

HANGING BASKET WORKSHOP With Cathy @ Hillcrest Nursery Stanton

18th May

DAY VISIT TO HOWARDS IRIS FIELDS - followed by tea & cake @
Wortham Tea Rooms (tbc)

15th June

EVENING VISIT TO WOOD FARM (Gardens & Meadow) @ Gipping

20th July

EVENING VISIT TO SUE FOULDS GARDEN @Stanton

+ much, much more.

[p] means plants will be for sale

For more information, ring Ali Carr: 01953 688112 or

Val Hobson: 01359 251977

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS

Great news for electric vehicle owners. Jiggins Trust Ixworth has installed 4 electric vehicle charging points in the car park in front of Ixworth Village Hall. These are available 24/7

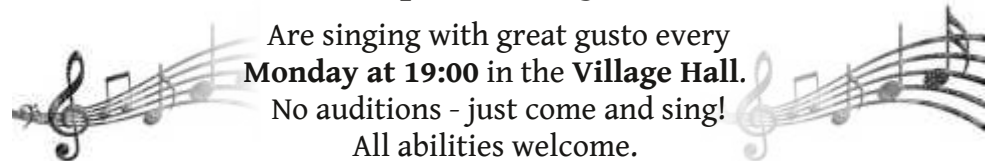
Neil Phillips (Trustee)

Hepworth Angels

Are singing with great gusto every
Monday at 19:00 in the Village Hall.

No auditions - just come and sing!

All abilities welcome.



Do join the Parish Council facebook page "Hepworth Matters" which has up to date information about local matters of interest, village events and Parish Council information.
<https://www.facebook.com/HepworthMatters/>



Thelnetham Windmill Open Days 2022

At Thelnetham Windmill we are looking forward to opening to the public again after a somewhat peculiar two years.

The mill will be open:

- Easter Monday 18th April
- Early May Bank Holiday - Monday 2nd May
- Sunday 8th May (National Mills Weekend)
- Sunday 19th June (Father's Day)
- Sunday 3rd July (Festival on the Fens - Celebrating 20 years of LOHP)
- Late August Bank Holiday - Monday 29th August
- Sunday 11th September (The Heritage Open Days)
- Sunday 9th October

Entrance fee: £5 adults, under 18-year-olds free. Children need to be accompanied by at least one responsible adult.

The mill will be open between 11am and 4pm on all days and wind permitting the sails will be turning. There will be guided tours throughout the day. The last admission for a tour is 3pm.

The vintage Ruston & Hornsby diesel engine can often be seen running on open days.

Please note access to the mill above ground floor is impossible for wheelchair users. Thelnetham windmill stands in the tranquil Suffolk countryside between Ixworth and Diss and was built in 1819 and lovingly restored to working order in the 1980s.

In 2013 ownership of the mill was passed onto the Suffolk Building Preservation Trust. The mill is now regularly maintained by highly skilled volunteers.

The site is constantly changing, and we now have a recently constructed wooden granary that will soon house a permanent display of windmill related items and bygones. We will also be selling stoneground flour ground at the mill for the first time since the mill reopened 6 years ago.

Additional attractions include the opportunity to view a vintage Ruston & Hornsby diesel engine and the neighbouring wildflower meadow.

Visitors can also enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of cake whilst sitting in the maintained grounds of the mill. We have wheelchair accessible toilet facilities on site.

For those unable to visit the mill, there is a wonderful new video of the mill at work recorded by Broadland Memories with a very atmospheric and appropriate music soundtrack by the composer Jason Farnham on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ePsbcl1kyC9g>

If you require any further information on the mill or future projects at the mill, please feel free to contact me. We also have a website <http://thelnethamwindmill.org.uk/>.

Exact location: Location Grid reference: TM 011 789. OS sheet 144. Postcode: IP22 1JZ. About 7 miles W of Diss, off A1066, in Mill Lane, Thelnetham.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION



2022

The Parish Council are planning a celebration event and the lighting of a beacon on the evening of

Thursday, 2 June 2022

to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This will be a time for all the family - the young and not so young - and there are plans for a band, bouncy castle, barbecue food and a bar. More details will follow but please save the date. It should be a fun time!

Deadline for all copy (contents and adverts) for the June 2022 edition of Hepworth Herald is 13th May 2022. Please email all requests to hepworthherald@gmail.com

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Church Lane, IP22 2PU



Time	Residents	Non-residents
0900 - 1200	£24	£30
1400 - 1700	£24	£30
1900 - 2300	£32	£40
All day	£80	£100
Hourly	£8	£10

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(prices in brackets for 1 issue)
email: hepworthherald@gmail.com

Hancocks Half Hour.

The sun shone and the new village sign was unveiled by Matt Hancock our local MP today. He commented that there were 44 village signs in his West Suffolk constituency and there are now 45 ! We think this is the first visit of an MP to Hepworth. Thanks go to Louise Robinson who had inspired the Parish Council to get a new sign and organised the sign design and manufacture with Neil Horne of H Signs. Thanks also to Andrew Swallow who built the brick plinth. Louise explained to Matt who showed great interest, the symbols on the sign and their relation to our village.

It has been a 2 year journey from inception to unveiling and we now have a sign to be proud of.



Would you like to put on an Event in Hepworth?

Many village events are supported by **Hepworth2Enjoy**. This is an engaged, friendly collective of Hepworth villagers who come together to put on village events and to help others put on village events, providing people-power, experience, and bags of enthusiasm! We now have a small budget to help events on their way. Please contact Clare (250 660) or Sue (250 037).







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