

HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HEPWORTH PAVILION
THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 24
7.30pm

PRESENT:

Councillor Garry Bloomfield (GB) (Chair)
Councillor Nicholas Bennett (NB) (Vice Chair)
Councillor Marjorie MacPherson (MM)
Councillor Perry Penn (PP)
Councillor Louise Robinson (LR)
Councillor Hollie Williams (HW)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Andy Osman (Parish Clerk) (AO)
County Cllr Joanna Spicer (JS)
District Cllr Carol Bull (CB)

Twelve members of the public were also in attendance

24/90 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

24/91 APOLOGIES

None.

24/92 PUBLIC FORUM

- a. Change to Bus Service. CB confirmed that Simmonds Buses had changed their service going through Hepworth for commercial reasons. This has resulted in the bus no longer serving The Street and only the A143 stop. Suffolk County Council have provided short term funding until December. A task group has been set up between County, District and local Parish Councils to promote use of local buses and help to create a solution to retain a bus service for local communities in the future. There is no change to school buses for pupils at catchment schools. The meeting heard examples of young people now having to walk along unlit roads with no footways to buses in Barningham or the A143.
- b. Planning. A member of the public highlighted issues with planning applications:
 - New Access from The Street. The new access built from The Street close to the A143 junction was mentioned. CB reported that West Suffolk Council Enforcement Officers had visited the site and spoken to the new owner who planned to use the field for grazing horses. West Suffolk Council were still reviewing whether the new access was permitted development.
 - Glamping Pod. The application for the Glamping Pod (DC/24/0437/FUL) had new information from a consultant that had not been considered by the Parish Council.

CB agreed to investigate this with planning officers and clarify whether the application was going to be reconsulted.

24/93 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO BOTH DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

CB reported the following:

Dumping of tyres. An increase in tyre dumping in the local area had been noticed.

Local Plan. Inspectors are currently examining the West Suffolk Local Plan and it was expected that the Plan Hearing would take place in December/January.

Recycling. Changes to kerbside recycling will come into place in 2025 and 2026 following changes to government requirements. The changes will introduce glass collection and food waste.

24/94 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 24 had been previously circulated and **it was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meetings.**

County Cllr Spicer arrived at 7.55pm

24/95 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Chair confirmed all actions from the last meeting had been completed, less the following matters arising:

Minute 24/81 18 July 24: SID Data. The Clerk reported he had circulated the SID/ANPR data comparison at the start of the meeting and would attach to the minutes. The analysis indicated that there had been no real change in speeds following the introduction of the traffic calming measures but that average speeds were below 30mph. It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to monitor speeds through the village.

Minute 24/84 18 July 24: Events Noticeboard. GB reported that the events noticeboard had arrived and would be erected next to the Parish Council noticeboard before Xmas.

Minute 24/85 18 July 24: Face to Face Meeting with West Suffolk Council. GB confirmed that a meeting with West Suffolk Council had been arranged for 19 Sep 24 to discuss concerns about how the Jaynic application at Stanton was dealt with; GB and NB were attending and would report back at the October meeting.

JS reported the following:

Weston Lane. The resurfacing work was now planned to take place before the end of the month.

Hopton Primary School. Recruitment of a new Headteacher was still ongoing.

24/96 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a. Finance Report. The meeting noted the finance report (current account balance £8,000.13, savings account balance £7,000.00 and the projected outturn at the end of the FY of approx. £3,800 current account and £7,000 savings account). The following payments were authorised:

Hepworth Hall Hire	£72.00
Gallagher Insurance	£446.83
Clerks Salary & Exps	£964.84

NB agreed to provide 2nd bank authorisation.

- b. Dog Bins. The meeting agreed to keep dog and litter bins collected by West Suffolk Council unchanged.

24/97 PLANNING MATTERS

DC/24/0864/FUL. The meeting noted that this application had been withdrawn and no longer needed commenting upon.

DC/24/1140/HH and DC24/1141/LB. The meeting agreed to supported these applications.

DC/24/1073/FUL. The meeting noted the following:

- The nature of the proposed storage is not specified and thus an assessment of visual and lighting impact cannot be made. There could be a significant visual impact with the proposed storage height of up to 15m.
- The basis of the traffic assessment is not understood and proposes to use the existing junction onto Summer Rd which is a known road safety hot spot.
- The number of jobs does not provide much local economic benefit.
- The expired masterplan is still being used to support the application.

It was agreed to OBJECT to the application on the above grounds and to indicate that visual impact could be reduced by a condition limiting storage to 5m in height.

General Planning. The meeting was concerned that planning applications seemed to be left without resolution, and this was unsettling for the local community. **CB agreed to discuss this issue with planning officers.**

24/98 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Lighting Column. The meeting agreed to recommend that the unserviceable lighting column on The Street, due to a power issue, was relocated next to the village sign.

24/99 CORRESPONDENCE

Barningham Neighbourhood Plan Consultation. The meeting agreed not to provide any comment to the consultation.

Buses. In addition to Minute 24/92, it was **agreed that LR would join the Save Our Buses task group** as the Parish Council representative. The meeting discussed how the bus issue could be highlighted locally through an item in the Herald and potentially letter drops.

County Cllr Spicer and District Cllr Bull left the meeting at 9.20pm

24/100 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

Signpost. LR highlighted a fallen signpost and **agreed to report this on the Highways Reporting Tool.**

24/101 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 17 October 24 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.27 pm.



Andy Osman
Parish Clerk
18 September 24

Attachment:

Comparison of SID/ANPR Data

COMPARISON SID DATA BETWEEN FROM 2022, 2023 AND 2024 DURING PERIOD JANUARY TO MARCH

2022				2023				2024															
23 rd January - 24 th March				23 rd January - 24 th March				23 rd January - 24 th March															
Barningham		A143		Barningham		A143		Barningham		A143													
Arriving				Arriving				Arriving															
Total	25684			Total	29286			Total	11040			Total	25259			Total	27562						
Average	27.1	mph		Average	29.4	mph		Average	26.9	mph		Average	29.3	mph		Average	26.3	mph		Average	28.8	mph	
Max	54	mph		Max	58	mph		Max	55	mph		Max	58	mph		Max	59	mph		Max	55	mph	
>30	5964	23.22%		>30	10351	35.35%		>30	3699	18.88%		>30	3618	32.77%		>30	3696	14.63%		>30	7967	28.9%	
>=40	233			>=40	768			>=40	118			>=40	178			>=40	97			>=40	401		
>=50	5			>=50	20			>=50	2			>=50	3			>=50	1			>=50	8		
>=60	0			>=60	0			>=60	0			>=60	0			>=60	0			>=60	0		
Departing				Departing				Departing				Departing											
Total	25781			Total	29440			Total	19315			Total	5327			Total	25353			Total	23295		
Average	27.7	mph		Average	30.3	mph		Average	27.5	mph		Average	30.4	mph		Average	26.4	mph		Average	30.1	mph	
Max	56	mph		Max	59	mph		Max	57	mph		Max	59	mph		Max	56	mph		Max	58	mph	
>30	7088	27.49%		>30	14699	49.93%		>30	4595	23.79%		>30	2551	47.89%		>30	4264	16.82%		>30	10507	45.1%	
>=40	377			>=40	1241			>=40	178			>=40	178			>=40	137			>=40	677		
>=50	7			>=50	24			>=50	5			>=50	4			>=50	4			>=50	17		
>=60	0			>=60	0			>=60	0			>=60	0			>=60	0			>=60	0		

Comparison between 2022 and 2024

Vehicles coming from/going to Barningham direction similar in quantity, average speeds reduced by about 1mph and % above 30mph reduced.
 Vehicles coming from/going to A143 direction has decreased, average speeds not much change, and % above 30mph slightly reduced.

COMPARISON OF ANPR AND SID DATA 3 TO 10 JUNE 2024

ANPR		SID	
Total photos	1203	Arriving	
30-34mph	1027	Total	4405
35mph+	176	Ave Speed	28.4mph
40mph+	23	Max	47mph
50mph+	0	Above 30mph	1094 24.84%
		Above 40mph	33
Fastest speed	47mph	Above 50mph	Nil

Notes:

1. ANPR located on post by Maltings Farm
2. Only records above 30mph