

# HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HEPWORTH PAVILION

THURSDAY 18 JULY 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)

### 24/77 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

### 24/78 APOLOGIES

None.

### 24/79 JAYNIC BRIEFING – SHEPHERDS GROVE

Tumi Hawkins from the Community Communications Partnership attended the meeting to act as a 'bridge' between the Hepworth community and Jaynic. She reported that there was a 'clean slate' after the recently refused planning application and was present to listen to community ideas about any future development. The Chair highlighted the historical engagement by the village on Jaynic's previous plans, over 100 attended a public consultation event. It was confirmed that the Shepherd's Grove site is allocated for employment in the local plan and a new Masterplan will be developed. The Community Communications Partnership will return to engage with the Parish Council or community in the future if needed.

### 24/80 PUBLIC FORUM

Jaynic – Shepherds Grove. Members of the public highlighted the following areas of concern in relation to any future Jaynic development:

- **Sustainable Use.** An example of sustainable use at Euston Estate was given that used a newly planted hardwood forest to provide materials for local manufacturing. Solar panels were also mentioned.
- **Traffic.** Any new development should avoid increases to HGV traffic.
- **Flooding.** Any development should not increase flood risk in the village.

- **Environment.** The existing countryside and open spaces should be protected from light and noise pollution. Fast food outlets were not wanted.

It was highlighted that the significant number of previous representations to the refused Jaynic planning application reinforce areas of concern and that Jaynic should report back what they have learnt from these to demonstrate these concerns have been heard.

#### 24/81 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO BOTH DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

JS reported the following:

Weston Lane. This was still waiting for the weather to improve.

ANPR Figures. The figures from the recent Suffolk County Council ANPR camera were available but these did not capture all vehicle speeds. It was **agreed that the Clerk would seek SID data for the same week and then share both sets of figures.**

Streetlight. The broken streetlight on The Street is still awaiting water levels in the ditch to lower to allow UK Power Networks to repair the power supply.

CB reported the following:

Duke of Marlborough Planning Application. After the Parish Council's support of this application, this will now go to the West Suffolk Council Development Control Committee for consideration.

Equation. It is understood that Equation will be submitting a full planning application for temporary use of their site following the recent refusal of the Jaynic planning application. This will come to the Parish Council for formal comment.

Change in Grant Scheme. The Community Chest is now called the Thriving Community Fund and is available at 2 levels: Community Grants (£2 to £8k) and Larger Grants (£8 to £20k). Smaller grants will still be available via the locality councillors fund.

#### 24/82 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 24 had been previously circulated and **it was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meetings.**

County Cllr Spicer and District Cllr Bull left the meeting at 8.45pm

#### 24/83 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

Minute 24/68 20 June 24: SID Data. The Clerk reported he was still awaiting SID data from April/May 23 and April/May 24.

Minute 24/74 20 June 24: Lighthouse Women's Aid. It was agreed that the **Clerk would place a poster** on the Parish Council noticeboard.

#### 24/84 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

a. Finance Report. The meeting noted the finance report (current account balance £10,174.78, 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:

None

b. Extension of Lease for Recreation Ground. The meeting agreed to amend the lease to include a mutual break option every fifth anniversary of the term and add the exclusion of security of tenure provisions. The Chair and LR agreed to be signatories on behalf of the Parish Council.

c. Events Noticeboard. The pre-production proof of the events noticeboard was agreed and **the Clerk was to progress with the order** as previously authorised.

#### 24/85 PLANNING MATTERS

West Suffolk Council Response. The meeting noted West Suffolk Council's response to the Parish Council's concerns over the management of DC/22/2190/HYB. After discussion of many gaps and potential inaccuracies in the response, it was agreed that the Parish Council should meet with West Suffolk Council to clarify these. The Chair and Vice Chair agreed to represent the Parish Council along with a member of the public who had attended both Development Control Committee meetings. The Clerk was to **arrange a date for this face-to-face meeting with West Suffolk Council**. The Clerk also **agreed to confirm any advice for councillors** to assist with the meeting.

#### 24/86 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

It was **agreed that the following highways issues would be reported** on the Suffolk County Council Highways Reporting tool:

- Visibility at junction of The Street/North Comman would be reported by the Chair.
- State of the pavement alongside the A143 would be reported by LR.
- Visibility at Clay Lane junction would be reported by HW.

#### 24/87 CORRESPONDENCE

West Suffolk Council Taxi Survey. The meeting noted the West Suffolk Council Taxi Survey.

#### 24/88 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

a. Dog Bins. It was **agreed that the Clerk would investigate the cost of West Suffolk Council taking over responsibility for the 4 dog bins** currently emptied by volunteers. The **Chair agreed to confirm location with the Clerk**.

b. Bus Shelter. The Chair reported that a section of wood required replacing before the new perspex window could be reinstalled.

24/89 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 12 September 24 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Osman', is positioned above the typed name.

Andy Osman  
Parish Clerk  
21 July 24