

A meeting of Hepworth Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on Thursday 2nd September 2021. This meeting was held in the Pavilion, Hepworth Recreation Ground. The following items were discussed:

Persons Present

Mr G Bloomfield (Chairman)	Mr R Shackleton (Vice Chair)
Mr P Penn	Mrs M MacPherson
Ms L Robinson	Mr J Seldis
Ms H Corris (Clerk)	
Cllr Spicer	
Cllr Bull	

There were 2 members of the public present

1.	Apologies None	
2.	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest	
3.	Dispensations None	
4.	Minutes of previous meetings Minutes of 8 th July 2021 and 22 nd July 2021 were signed as being a correct record	
5	Welcome to New Councillor Justin Seldis was officially welcomed to the Parish Council	
6.	Public participation and District and County Councillors reports. Support was received from a member of the public regarding the proposed traffic calming plans that have been displayed by the Parish Council. Cllr Bull update: Parish Councils are being encouraged to nominate a Tree Warden. Hepworth already has one; Cllr Perry Penn. The Queen's green canopy is a scheme that is being promoted to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Councils are being encouraged to plant trees. The celebrations will be tied in with the Festival of Suffolk and it is anticipated that more details will be released soon. Any donations to Afghan refugees are not required at the moment as it is unlikely that Suffolk will be receiving many relocations. If donations are required then there will be a specific website with details of how to donate. An anti-idling of cars campaign is being promoted. This is to raise awareness of the negative impact of idling a vehicles engine unnecessarily has on the environment. Leaflets to follow. Confirmation and reassurance was given in relation to concerns that Durrants had submitted plans to develop an area of land on North Common. This is a situation that has arisen due to	

	<p>the annual “call for land” that West Suffolk makes. There are NO plans to develop this area. Any submissions have been purely speculative and the area would be considered as unsuitable for numerous reasons. West Suffolk Council have a five- year housing plan and this area does not feature on the local plan either. Hepworth is, and remains an “infill village”</p> <p>Cllr Spicer report.</p> <p>There haven’t been any further updates in relation to the traffic calming proposals. There may be an issue with street lighting but at the moment she is waiting for a response around this. Costings so far are acceptable but not confirmed pending any alterations.</p> <p>Parish Council will assess the comments received from the community regarding the plans and discuss them further in the November meeting.</p> <p>There are no further updates regarding any progress the Floods team may have made and the ditch alongside the bus stop remains overgrown. Cllr Spicer will chase this up.</p> <p>Weston way byway is being dealt with. Liaison is taking place between Suffolk County council, the British Horse Society and the ecology team to establish the best type of surface.</p> <p>The Queens Jubilee 2022, some villages are already planning.</p> <p>Parish Council will discuss at the November meeting.</p>	<p>Agenda Item</p> <p>Agenda item</p>
7	<p>A) Village sign</p> <p>Planning consent is likely to be obtained very soon. However, the builder that was to complete the project for free is now unable to do so. Another quote will be obtained so that we have three to compare as we currently only have two.</p> <p>B) Quiet Lanes</p> <p>Clay Lane agreed in principle. Traffic surveys will take place in North Common and Market Weston Road during 2nd-16th September. If they are suitable, then a consultation period will take place for Clay Lane and North Common and Market Weston Road.</p> <p>C) Hepworth Recreation Ground</p> <p>HRG now has a fully functioning committee. An AGM has been held and a first meeting. There is a Chairman in place and representatives from the Village clubs/groups form the committee alongside elected members.</p> <p>D) Fencing around the culvert</p> <p>Four posts have now been delivered. Poles to be purchased. Chairman will obtain some quotes ready for the next meeting.</p> <p>E) Ixworth planning group meeting</p> <p>This joint meeting between Parish Council representatives did not go ahead.</p> <p>F) Village Picnic Review</p> <p>The village picnic was a great success. People said how much they enjoyed it and an email was received thanking all of those that helped make it happen.</p>	<p>LR</p> <p>GB</p>
8.	<p>Parish Clerk successful applicant</p> <p>Christopher Garman has been appointed as the new Parish Clerk and will take over on 1st October 2021. Chris was welcomed to the team.</p>	

9.	<p>Willow Tree Willow Green</p> <p>The Clerk has made enquiries regarding the Willow tree that appears to be dying off. The building alongside the tree holds a pumping unit for a septic tank. Enquires to be made with Havebury as this tree is on their land and Anglian water who own the pumping unit to establish if the septic tank is affecting the tree.</p>	Clerk
10	<p>Clerks/RFO Finance report</p> <p>A) Receipts and payments Received £165 refund from WSC planning department</p> <p>Payments</p> <p>Cheque 1029 Clerks July pay and expenses £224.56 Cheque 1030 Cllr Shackleton expenses (planning map) £22.80 Cheque 1031 Clerks August pay and expenses £224.76 Cheque 1032 Castle Capers balance £273 Village picnic live music £400 Cheque 1033 Cllr Robinson expenses (barrel posts) £325.49</p> <p>B) Bank balances Aug 2021 Saver account £1837.38 Business Account £10087.98</p> <p>C) Insurance Renewal The Insurance renewal is due in September at a cost of £291.73. This is the final payment of the three year long- term agreement and covers the amended asset list to include the Speedwatch equipment that was purchased.</p>	
11	<p>Budget review and planning for 2021/22 financial year.</p> <p>A six month expenditure review was presented and recommendations suggested for earmarking currently unallocated funds. A full Budget plan will be discussed by Council once the new Clerk is in place.</p>	
12.	<p>Queens Jubilee Celebrations 2022 This will be discussed at the next meeting</p>	Clerk
13.	<p>Correspondence received Correspondence was received regarding hedges overlapping footpaths. However, it appears that all the hedges adjoining the village footpaths have recently been cut back by residents. Blacksmiths Cottage has become overgrown again. However, the issue raised has been covered before by Cllr Bull who advised that the complaint was a civil matter between two parties. Clerk will speak to the party concerned.</p>	Clerk

14	Planning Applications At the time of the meeting no applications had been received	
15	Questions to the Chair None Chairman and Councillors made a presentation and expressed their sincere thanks to the outgoing Clerk Helen Corris for all her work over the last two years.	
16	Date and Time of Next Meeting The next meeting will be on Thursday 21st OCTOBER 2021 at 1930hrs in the Village Hall and will beheld on the THIRD Thursday of EVERY month except December from now on.	

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