

A meeting of the Hepworth Parish Council took place on Thursday 4th January 2018 at the village hall where the following Items were discussed.

Attendees:

Mr D Stannard (Chairman)	Mrs R Vernon
Cllr C Bull	Mrs N Yorke
Mr A Yorke	Mrs K Shearer
Ms L Robinson	Mr G Bloomfield
Mrs S Yeomans (Clerk)	

Members of the Public: Mrs A-M Thomas, Mr D Yeomans, Mr J Beacroft, Ms H Corris, Mrs W Summerell, Mr R Hinton, Ms C Jones-Davies, Mr N Rumsey - Jaynic Investments, Mr S Crawford - PRC Architects

1. Apologies Action

Cllr J Spicer, Mrs M Macpherson

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3. Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the Hepworth Parish Council meeting of 16 November 2017 and the Extraordinary Meeting 7 December 2017 were agreed and signed.

4. Matters Arising from previous meetings

Cllr Robinson asked if councillors were still prepared to have their photographs on the website and if so could they submit them to Cllr Shearer to be uploaded.

ALL

5. Suspension of meeting to receive reports and hear from members of the public present

Mr N Rumsey of Jaynic Investments and Mr S Crawford of PRC Architects gave a presentation on proposals for the Shepherds Grove Industrial Estate site in Stanton. The Parish Council are invited to send in their response, including those raised this evening, to the proposal within the next 2-3 weeks in advance of their preparation of a 'masterplan' for the site prior to submitting a planning application in late 2018. Details of the proposal are available on request from the Parish Clerk.

Clerk

Mrs Thomas ask for an update on the provision of a path to the bus stop and post box at the Barningham end of The Street. A Highways Engineer has been appointed and Cllr Yorke and Cllr Spicer will arrange a visit to the site when the Engineer is available.

JS/AY

Mr Yeomans requested funding for the Speed Indicator Device, a revised quote has been obtained which is £2,714.00, as the original quote is out-of-date. Speeding continues to be a concern for many parishioners.

Report from Cllr Spicer – no report available

Report from Cllr Bull

Blacksmith's Cottage update. The St Edmundsbury Enforcement Officer has visited the site and a letter was sent requesting the site be cleared up within 28 days under the Town and Country Planning Act. Non-compliance is a criminal offence. Cllr Bull to monitor.

CB

Cllr Bull has been made aware of an amount of £3,373.11 due to Hepworth Village under S106 – which is monies allocated for development (a site in Ixworth). Clerk to write to St Edmundsbury Council to claim the money and clarify what it can be used for (use is restricted and purchase of a SID is not eligible).

There is no decision on the planning application for the Duke of Marlborough site, Cllr Bull to follow it up.

6. Finance

The following accounts for payment were agreed:-

SALC, 6 Mths Payroll to 30 Sep 17 – £27.00

SALC, Councillor Training Mrs N Yorke - £120.00

HMRC, Qtr ending 5 Jan 8 - £21.60

Clerk Expenses (Nov-Dec 2017) - £50.00

Mrs N Yorke, travel expenses - £48.15

The Budget for 2018/19 was discussed. The Chairman suggested it is the Parish Council's responsibility to provide funding for a Speed Indicator Device and this was unanimously agreed. £2,000.00 to be allocated. Mr Yeomans to be informed and proceed with the order. A copy of the invoice to be sent to Cllr Bull who will donate a further £714.00.

The Budget was approved.

The Precept Application was approved and signed, Clerk to submit

Clerk
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7. Clerk's/RFO Report

1. Bank Balances @ 19 December 2018

Community (current) account £5,989.49

Business Saver account £1,828.57

2. Speed Watch Sessions - 7 Nov – 1 speeder, 17 Nov – 6 speeders, no sessions in Dec.

3. Clerk to attend a free PFK External Audit Briefing SALC on 30 January 2018 which will outline the new audit procedure for 2018.

8. Planning Applications

There were no planning applications

9. Privacy Notice, Complaints Procedure and Risk Assessment

All documents reviewed and adopted.

10. Changes to School Transport

Bring forward to the next meeting.

Clerk

11. Blacksmiths Cottage

See Cllr Bull's report above.

12. Footpaths

Representation at Public Enquiry into claimed footpath 20th March 2018 – it was decided not to send a representative.

13. Highways

Flooding has been reported on Barningham Road. Cllr Shearer advised the Council had put a drainage pipe in the ditch some years ago because of subsidence issues. The ditch cannot be dug out (the usual fix) because of the

presence of the pipe. The flooding was reported to the Council in December 17 and was flushed through. The pipe has been rodded and cleared of plastic bottles etc. Site has flooded again and has been reported as an ongoing problem. **KS**

Clerk

Clerk to write to Highways as there is still an issue, and it is believed that the that the pipe may be of insufficient diameter. **Clerk**

The speeding sign on the A143 is still not working. Clerk to report again.

14. Fund Raising for Speed Indicator Device (SID) **3/18**
The Parish Council and Cllr Bull to provide funds. See budget discussion above.

12. Battles Over – 11 November 2018
A tribute – 100 Years of Remembrance
Siting for the bonfire beacon to be decided. Bugle or trumpet player to be sourced. Notice to be put in Hepworth Herald asking for anyone with memorabilia, photos and veterans to come forward. **ALL**
KS

13. Correspondence
There was no correspondence

14. Questions to the chair
There were no questions to the Chair

13. Any other business
Cllr Robinson advised that Mr Richard Argent of WUP Doodle Ltd, has purchase a Defibrillator which will be sited on a wall in Stimsons Yard, The Street, and will available for the whole village to use. Clerk to write and thank Mr Argent. Cllr Robinson to clarify how access is gained to the machine. **Clerk**
Cllr Robinson and Cllr A Yorke to arrange a session to demonstrate using the Defibrillator, possibly to include Resuscitation Instruction. Date to be arranged for insertion in next Hepworth Herald if possible. **LR**
LR/AY

It was agreed to purchase 2 plastic Defibrillator signs, one each end of the village, and 2 plastic Defibrillator signs for the entrance to Stimsons Yard. **LR**

5 April 2018 – Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed to invite Mr D Palgrave to give a presentation on Origin and Development of Surnames, no fee but a donation to be made to The Churches Conservation Trust. Village groups to be invited to give a brief presentation. Start time of meeting agreed at 7pm. **Clerk**

On 20 November Cllr Yorke observed a 7.5 tonne delivery van doing well in excess of 30mph on The Street. The Clerk wrote to the company with a complaint. The company rang to confirm they had spoken to the driver and if it happens again disciplinary action would be taken. Clerk wrote to thank the company for their support.

	The meeting closed at 9.55 pm	
	The next Parish Council Meeting will be on 1 March 2018 2018 dates - 1 Mar, 5 Apr Annual Parish Meeting, 3 May Annual General Meeting, 5 Jul, 6 Sep and 1 Nov	

