

A meeting of the Hepworth Parish Council took place on Thursday 7th September 2017 at the village hall where the following Items were discussed.

Attendees: Mr David Stannard (Chairman) Mr Garry Bloomfield
 Cllr Joanna Spicer Mrs Rosemary Vernon
 Cllr Carol Bull Mrs Nicola Yorke
 Mr A Yorke Mrs Katherine Shearer
 Ms Louise Robinson Mrs Sue Yeomans (Clerk)

Members of the Public: Helen Corris, Jeff Beacroft, Ann-Marie Thomas, Richard Hinton

1. **Apologies** **Action**
 Mrs M MacPherson
2. **Declarations of Interest**
 There were no declarations of interest
3. **Co-Option of new councillors**
 Mrs Nicola Yorke and Ms Louise Robinson were co-opted onto the Parish Council. Declarations of Interest and Declaration of Office were completed for both.
 The Chairman welcomed both Councillors.
4. **Minutes of previous meetings**
 The minutes of the Hepworth Parish Council meeting of 6th July 2017 were agreed and signed.
5. **Suspension of meeting to receive reports and hear from members of the public present**
 Concerns were raised about the speeding on The Street and in particular HGV lorries. The Parish Council was asked to support a 3.5 ton weight limit. Cllr Spicer responded saying that this would entail the traffic being redirected to George Hill, Stanton which also has problems with HGVs. A traffic count had been conducted on Hepworth Road, Barningham 27 January – 9 February 2017 which did not show excessive numbers of HGVs. Mr Beacroft pointed out this is a quiet time in the haulage industry so not indicative. Previous attempts to have an HGV ban had been unsuccessful. Ms Corris complained that there is no path to the Bus Stop and Postbox at the Barningham End of The Street. Cllr Spicer is currently without a Highways Engineer but will walk The Street and document the issues once an appointment has been made. **JS**

Mr Hinton reported that the Speedwatch is going well with new members joining. As always more members are needed. Seeing an increase in speeding, in particular couriers. A request for funding to purchase a portable Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS), also known as Speed Indicator Device (SID), was made and 3 quotes submitted. The quote from Morelock was agreed upon at £2,409.00. Cllr Bull offered some funds from her Locality Budget with the remainder to come from fund raising and a possible donation from the Parish Council. It was agreed to advertise via website, Hepworth Herald and Facebook inviting donations from Hepworth residents. **CB**

Report from Cllr Spicer

The County Council is currently reorganising itself. Awaiting appointment of

new Engineer.

The County Council have announced a public consultation on significant changes to school transport. It is proposing to provide transport to nearest school only, for Hepworth this is Ixworth. Cllr Spicer is committed to working with Ixworth Free School and Thurston School for solution. Currently 17 children in Hepworth attend Thurston. Cllr Spicer asked that this be added to the November agenda as a substantive motion.

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Report from Cllr Bull

Nothing to report.

6. Finance

The following accounts for payment were agreed:-

SALC, 2 x Good Councillor Guide - £8.54

HMRC, Qrt to Oct 17 - £34.40

Came & Company, Insurance - £311.44

Clerk salary Aug-Sep 17 - £337.94

Clerk Expenses July-Aug - 17 £57.26

The Bank Reconciliation was verified by Cllr A Yorke (see below)

The Budget for 2018/19 was discussed and approved.

7. Clerk's/RFO Report

1. Bank Balances @ 18 Aug 2017

Community (current) account £7,509.56

Business Saver account £1,828.25

Receipts –A VAT repayment of £152.76

Mr J Beales and Miss M Ellis have been removed from the bank signatories and Mrs K Shearer added.

2. Speed Watch Sessions - 13 July – 6 speeders, 15 Aug – 11 speeders, 29 Aug 2 speeders

An application has been submitted for erection of Speed Poles to house a Speed Indicator Device on The Street and two sites have been approved. Work should be carried out in 4-6 weeks.

3. The Speed Indicator Device on the A143 heading towards Diss has twice been reported as not working, on 13 and 31 July 17.

4. Clerk requested holiday 9 October to 5 November, which was agreed. 3 hrs 15 mins holiday remain to be taken by 31 March 18. Cllr Shearer to take laptop and monitor.

KS

8. Planning Applications

There were no planning applications

9. Footpaths

Market Weston Road. Cllr A Yorke and Cllr Spicer to look at it when engineer appointed.

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10. Website

Most councillors were happy to have their pictures on the website. Those in

favour to send a picture to Cllr Shearer for uploading.

ALL

11. Highways

A fallen tree has been reported in the field adjacent to Wood Lane. The clerk has been telephoning Barker Farms without success to report the issue and will keep trying.

Clerk

12. Hepworth Village Magazine

Content from Parish Council was requested. Clerk to provide summary of minutes for inclusion.

Clerk

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13. Village Walks Leaflet

The leaflets are due end of September. Roundels and dispenser have been received. Dispenser to be put up at Wood Lane by Mr Stannard. Cllr Shearer to ask Mr Kemp if he would be willing to help her put up the roundels. Cllr Spicer has agreed to pay the 50% costs of £280.50 due.

KS/JS/DS

13. Correspondence

The W.I. and Parochial Church Council have sent thanks for the donations

14. Questions to the chair

Provision of a defibrillator was requested. This has been discussed previously and put on hold due to location and power difficulties. Cllr Robinson to look into battery power units.

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13. Any Other Business

Annual Parish Meeting content – approaching Suffolk Accident and Rescue Service to give presentation and invites to bring historic mementos of Hepworth were suggested. Further discussion at November meeting. Council Mergers – as Cllr Bull had to leave early she was unable to update the meeting.

Allotments – Mr Pitcher to be approached regarding land at the top of the street adjacent to the old Duke of Marlborough.

Clerk

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Village Welcome Pack – discussed, some amendments suggested

	The meeting closed at 10.15 pm	
	The next Parish Council Meeting will be on 16 November 2017	
	2018 dates - 4 Jan, 1 Mar, 5 Apr, 3 May, 5 Jul, 6 Sep and 1 Nov	

Bank Reconciliation @ 7 September 2017

Barclays Community Account at 18 Aug 17	£7,509.56
Barclays Business Reserve Account at 18 Aug 17	£1,828.25
	<u>£9,337.81</u>

Barclays Community Account	£7,509.56
Less unrepresented cheques	
866 Parochial Church Council, donation	-£200.00
867 W.I. G Penley-Martin, donation	-£50.00
870 N. Shearer (Magazine)	-£15.00
Less unsigned cheques	
871 SALC (2xGood Councillor Guides)	-£8.54
872 Came & Company (Insurance)	-£311.44

Balance @ 7 Sep 2017

£6,924.58