

A meeting of the Hepworth Parish Council took place on Thursday 2ND July 2020 at 7.30pm the meeting was conducted via video link and the following items were discussed.

Attendees	Ms L Robinson (Chairman)	Mrs N Yorke
	Mr A Yorke	Mr G Bloomfield
	Mrs J Beaumont	Mrs M MacPherson
	Mr R Marsham	
	Mr R Shackleton	Clerk Ms H Corris
	Cllr Spicer	
	Cllr Bull	

No members of the Public were present:

1.	Apologies There were no apologies.	Action
2.	Declarations of Interest There were none	
3.	To Consider requests for dispensations None received	
4.	Minutes of previous meetings The minutes of the Meeting 14/5/20 & 25/6/20 were agreed and signed.	
5.	Welcome to new Councillors The Chair welcomed three new councillors Cllr Robert Marsham, Jane Beaumont and Robin Shackleton. All three Councillors confirmed that they had signed the acceptance of office declarations.	
6.	Updates from Cllrs Bull re planning Issue at Cart Lodge The Planning Officer will be making a visit to the site and Cllr Bull is liaising with all concerned parties and will continue to keep the Parish Council apprised of the situation. Because the Parish Council objected to the planning application the matter will now be sent to a delegation panel for further consideration. In relation to a previous request by the Parish Council for replacement litter bins in the lay-by Cllr Bull hopes a site visit will soon be made to consider whether replacement will go ahead or whether the Parish Council would have to purchase their own. The Chair confirmed that a weekly collection had now been arranged for the large bin in the lay-by on the A143 as this is heavily used. Cllr Spicer has arranged for traffic counters to be installed in Hepworth Road Barningham and at the other end of The Street up by the A143 and these will be in place until the 10 th July. It was mentioned that these counters would not reflect the true numbers of vehicles using the road as numbers were down due to the covid 19 situation. The counters measure the speed and weight of vehicles travelling over them.	

	<p>Cllr Spicer has accepted these costs and more and has purchased two “Not Suitable for HGV” signs for the village. These will be positioned in the region of the junction of North Common and again at the A143 junction. There is the possibility of more money being put aside to provide road markings in order to try and calm the speed of the traffic through the village and in recognition of the fact that any development at Shepherds Grove will only make traffic worse. Hepworth is problematic as it is such a long village and she does have genuine concerns regarding the potential increase in traffic but would not support any request for a weight restriction even if the Parish Council were to consider funding it themselves. Suffolk County council are not building pavements and would not consider a pavement from the bus stop around the bends by the North Common junction. Cllr Spicer will fund the tidy up and repaint of the two bus stops in the village. Three quotes will be obtained for this work and submitted to Council for a decision. The 2020 fund should resume shortly having been suspended due to the pandemic. There are extensive overnight roadworks planned for the B111 which will probably mean an increase in through traffic for Hepworth for a short time. Clerk will publish details on the Hepworth Matters page.</p>	<p>Clerk Cllr A Yorke Chair</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Clerks update RFO Reports</p> <p>Online banking; progress is being made slowly, hope to be fully functional soon</p> <p>Grit bins & Dustbins; no progress until the online banking is in place</p> <p>The money provided previously by Cllr Spicer for the hire of an excavator to uncover the path in Market Weston Road can now be utilised for the refurbishment of the two bus stops.</p> <p>The Internal Audit report was received and was favourable. The highlighted area regarding GDPR has been rectified and a privacy notice inserted onto the Village website that covers the GDPR issues.</p> <p>Asset list will be recalculated and amended if necessary. Cllr Bloomfeild, as a non- signatory for the bank account will oversee the budget as well as the bank reconciliations.</p> <p>Receipts and Payments</p> <p>There were no receipts in the last month. The following payments were authorised</p> <p>Cheque 992 Clerks Pay and expenses May £188.52</p> <p>Cheque 993 Information Commissioners Office renewal £40</p> <p>Cheque 994 Suffolk Accident Rescue Service donation £100 (letter of thanks received)</p> <p>Cheque 995 Hepworth Parochial Church Donation £200 (letter of thanks received)</p> <p>Cheque 996 SALC Internal Audit fee £186</p> <p>Cheque 997 Clerks pay & expenses June £217.14</p>	

	<p>A decision as to how the sign is mounted will be made at the next Agenda pending consultation with builders etc as to the logistics.</p> <p>Hepworth Recreation Ground Committee</p> <p>Parish Council are concerned that there were strict instructions issued surrounding the closure of Village Halls and play areas and that there are now guidelines around the re-opening of such amenities. The Recreation ground play area seems to have remained open throughout. Councillor Bloomfield will attend as a matter of urgency and close off the play area until Hepworth Recreation Ground Management Committee are in a position to comply with the guidelines. This could entail a huge volume of work as the village hall will also have restrictions applied. Parish Council have, and will continue to extend their offer of help to the committee members. In February 2020 the recreation Ground Committee were made aware of repairs required to the play equipment. These repairs do not appear to have been made either. Parish Council resolve to write to the Chairman of Hepworth Recreation Ground Committee and detail their concerns and outline the Committees legal obligations under the terms of their governing document (the lease). Cllr Nicola Yorke is the Parish Council representative and she will keep Parish Council informed of the response from the Committee who will be asked to respond comprehensively within a week.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr N Yorke</p>
9.	<p>Flint Axe/Arrow Head</p> <p>Hepworth Parish Council have for some years been in possession of a flint hand axe and arrow head found in the graveyard. This is believed to date to circa 4000-2500 BC. Traditionally it has been in the care of the Parish Council Chairman. Parish Council have resolved to consult with Moyse's museum and then to explore the cost of a display case in the village hall where it is hoped it will be kept with the original Village sign.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
10.	<p>Village Clean up</p> <p>The National annual Village clean- up is scheduled for the 12th September 2020. Cllr Garry Bloomfield will lead on this. Adverts for volunteers to go into the August Herald, website, noticeboard and Facebook pages.</p>	<p>Cllr Bloomfield Clerk</p>
11.	<p>Community Engagement/Improvement</p> <p>Resolution passed to hold the Village Scarecrow competition again. Cllrs Shackleton and Beaumont will arrange. The judging will be over the August Bank holiday and a prize for the best Scarecrow will be awarded. This was a huge success before with a large number of entries. Details will go in the Herald, noticeboard and Facebook pages.</p> <p>Parish Council resolve to insert names of councillors into Hepworth Herald so residents know who they are. Possibility of photo if Cllrs are comfortable with it. Accompanying article to be decided.</p>	<p>Cllr Shackleton, Beaumont,</p> <p>Chair</p>
12.	<p>Questions to the Chair. None</p> <p>Meeting concluded at 2126hrs. Date of next meeting 03/09/2020.</p>	

