

A meeting of the Hepworth Parish Council took place on Thursday 7th of November 2019 at the village hall where the following items were discussed.

Attendees	Ms L Robinson (Chairman)	Mrs N Yorke
	Mr A Yorke (Vice Chairman)	Mr G Bloomfield
	Mrs M Waterson	Cllr C Bull
	Mrs Ann-Marie Thomas	Mrs M MacPherson
	Cllr J Spicer	

Members of the Public: Mrs Sue Yeoman, Mr Perry Penn and Mrs Helen Corris

1.	Apologies	Action
	There were no apologies	
2.	Declarations of Interest	
	There were none	
3.	Minutes of previous meetings	
	The minutes of the Meeting 7 th of November 2019 were agreed and signed.	
4.	Welcome	
	Chairman L Robinson welcomed Cllr AM Thomas to the Parish Council.	
5.	Presentation	
	Chairman L Robinson presented Mrs Sue Yeoman with Gift Vouchers and token gifts from Parishioners and Councillors in recognition of her service as Parish Clerk. It was noted that Mrs Yeoman's hard work and support to the Parish Council has been invaluable and she will be missed.	
6.	Receive reports and hear from members of the Public	
	Report from Cllr Bull	LR
	Chapman Lorries – contact has been made with an Enforcement Officer regarding HGV's using the village as a 'cut through'. VOSA are investigating if the site at Knettishall is appropriately licensed. The Parish Council were asked to write to Chapmans as well.	
	District Council Development plan - asked local landowners if they have land for <u>potential</u> development.	
	Land belonging to Poplar Farm has been identified as a potential site for housing. This is noted as part of the 10 year local plan currently being developed. The Parish Council will be consulted on this in the near future. Cllr Bull noted that this does not mean it will be developed. This will be considered in association with infrastructure for growth, for example schools, shops and similar assets.	
	Blacksmith Cottage – trees still causing an issue to neighbouring property, noted to be a civil issue.	GB
	Layby - The ditch beside the large layby along the A143 road is noted to be full of rubbish. Cllr Bull will ask the Waste Team for assistance to clear the area. Cllr Bloomfield to assess the size of vehicle needed.	
	Bury Hub – The new waste disposal/treatment site in Great Barton is opening imminently and has had an impact on bin collection days.	
	Report from Cllr Spicer	AM
	Footpath – The Ramblers Association have requested the reinstatement of an old footpath within the village. This is now going through a second Public Enquiry as the first enquiry did not give adequate notice. Cllr Spicer is going to contact the landowner. Cllr Thomas is going to read through the information Cllr Spicer has so that the PC can make an informed decision prior to offering any comment. There will be a public meeting on 14 th January 2020 at Recreation hall.	Agenda Point

	<p>Boundaries – The consultation on boundaries has been deferred to next year following the impending election. Options are still being assessed and the Blackbourne Ward may be extended. Hepworth is surrounded by Mid-Suffolk wards so it's unlikely we will be affected but we will be asked to give input when the process starts in 2020.</p> <p>Stanton Development – The Master Plan is currently with West Suffolk District Council, the plan will be issued for consultation in due course. The impact on traffic through Hepworth is still very much front of mind and will be raised appropriately when the plan is issued. There is a smaller development by Bloor for 200 homes, currently at planning stage at the other end of Stanton – opposite the garage.</p> <p>Members of the Public - There were no public comments</p>	
7.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Local Electricity Bill – Chairman L Robinson noted there is a bill regarding a change in law that allows renewable energy to be sold locally. The information regarding this change is to be shared in the Herald, on Social Media and via the Village Website so all parishioners are able to comment.</p> <p>Letter from P Newberry – We have received a letter from Pam Newberry regarding the reinstatement of the path in Market Weston Road. This and the planned reinstatement will be added to the January agenda.</p> <p>Traffic Speed Device – Purchased and generously donated to Hepworth by Richard Argent of Wup-doodle – Letter to be sent thanking Richard for his generosity</p>	<p>LR</p> <p>Agenda Point</p> <p>LR</p>
8.	<p>Parish Clerk Vacancy – Candidates shortlisted, Two candidates to be interviewed. Interviews to be arranged. Salary to be confirmed with candidates by Chairman L Robinson</p>	LR
9.	<p>Notice Board –Parish council notice board vandalized. Cllr A Yorke has assessed the Notice Board and reported that the backing needs repair and the Perspex needs replacing. Cllr Yorke will organise the repair.</p>	AY
10.	<p>Commemorative Plaques – Cllr MacPherson will order the plaques and cover the difference in cost as a personal donation.</p>	MM
11.	<p>Commemorative Trees – Perry Penn has suggested Hornbeam Trees as an alternative to the Yew. Cllr Robinson is checking the budget and funds with Sue Yeoman prior to a decision. Funding and upkeep to be added to the January agenda.</p>	<p>LR</p> <p>Agenda Point</p>
12.	<p>FB Page – Cllr Waterson to set up Facebook page as a means of engaging with residents alongside the Hepworth Herald and the Village Website.</p>	MW
13.	<p>Herald Donation – Agreed that the Parish Council will donate £200 for 2020. This will be split £100 over 6 months x 2 to cover Parish Council information inclusion in the Herald</p>	
14.	<p>Over 60's Xmas Lunch – Donation from Parish Council of £250 agreed.</p>	
15.	<p>Finance The following accounts for payment were agreed: -</p> <p>Cheque 953 Purchase of bulbs for planting in village</p>	

	<p>Cheque 958 Recreation Hall Hire Invoice up to December 2018</p> <p>Cheque 960 Purchase of Hi Vis jackets for members of the public spreading grit</p> <p>Cheques 961 Parish recharge for non-contested election. Payment to WSC.</p> <p>Cheque 962 Sue Yeomans Overtime</p> <p>Cheque 963 SALC payroll services</p> <p>Cheque 964 Donation to Over 60's Christmas Lunch</p> <p>Cheque 965 Payment towards Hepworth Herald</p>	
16.	Draft Budget – Draft presented to Councillors in readiness for discussion in January	
17.	Planning Application – Walnut House “No comment” response to be put forward to West Suffolk Planning Office.	
18.	Code of Conduct – clarification on voting practice – show of hands Is a permitted process.	
19.	Questions to the Chair Please include these items on next agenda: Mud on road at North Common Play Area VE Day	
	The meeting closed at 11.20pm	

The next meeting will be held 9th January 2020 7.30pm Recreation hall.