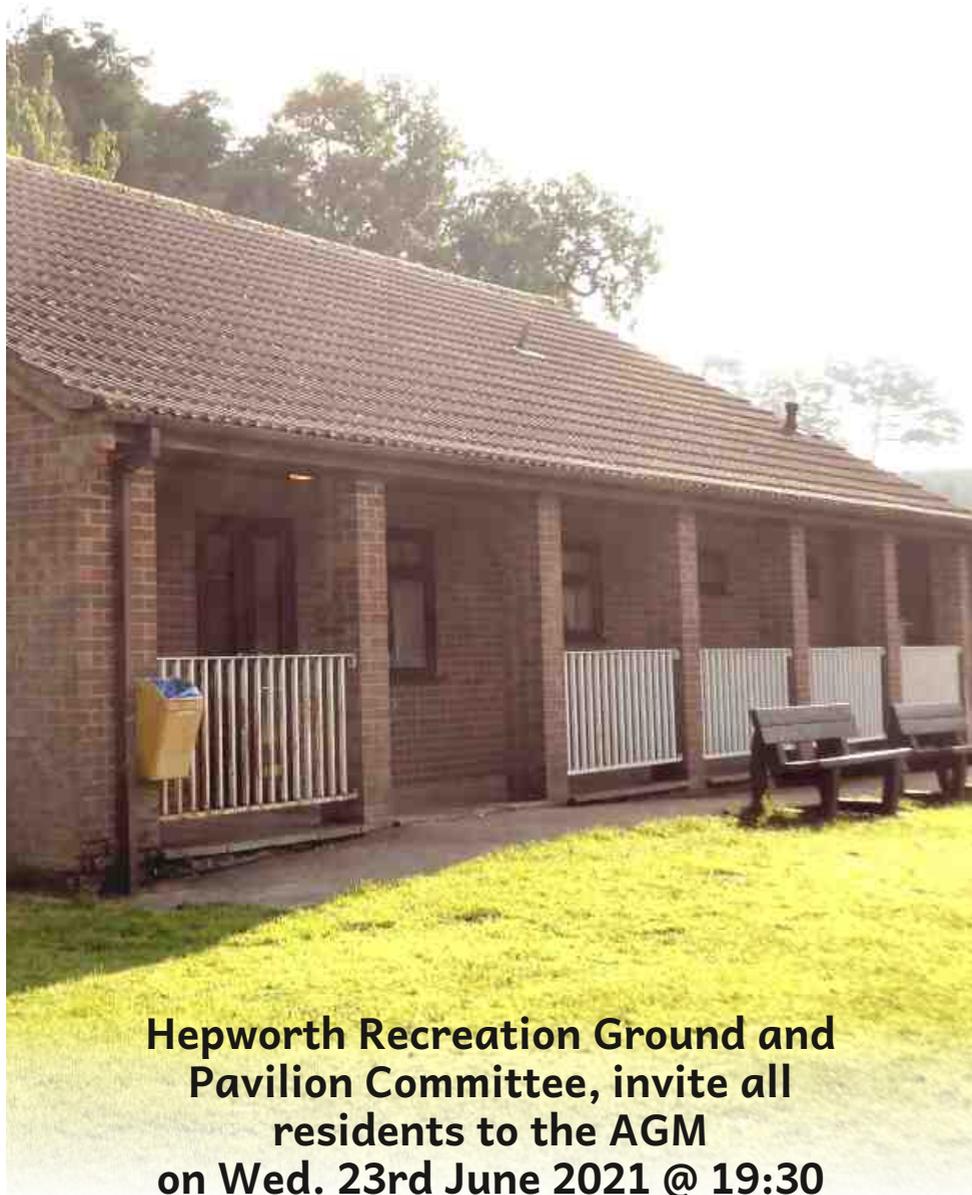


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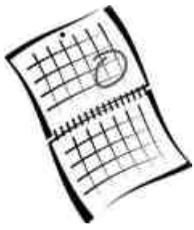
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What's On?

Due to the lockdown, events are still few and far between. This is what we know about at the moment. Please share any others you have planned.

Great British Spring Clean	29th May@10:00	See below
Annual Pavilion & Rec AGM	23rd June@19:30	Hep. Pavilion - See p10
Scarecow Festival	28 - 30th August	Details in next edition

Would you like to help?

As we edge gingerly out of lockdown, we can start looking forward to future village events. Many village events have been supported by **Hepworth2Enjoy**. This is an engaged, friendly collective of Hepworth villagers who come together to put on village events and to help others put on village events, providing people-power, experience, and bags of enthusiasm! We now have a small budget to help events on their way. Please contact Clare (250 660) or Sue (250 037).



As part of “The Great British Spring Clean 2021” campaign we are planning to carry out a litter pick in the village on



Saturday, 29th May @10:00

Please meet at the Recreation Ground. Equipment will be provided but please wear appropriate footwear and bring your own gloves.

Contact Marjorie for more information on 07979 384036

Church Vacancies

To enable our churches to run well we need a team of people to be involved, and also people prepared to take on specific roles. St Peter's, Hepworth needs both a Churchwarden and PCC secretary. If you can help or would like to know more about any of these roles and what's involved please contact the Rector Rev Cathy Bladen
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Letter from the Benefice

As I write this in mid May Rev Cathy is taking some compassionate leave as she recently lost her father, so has asked me if I would do the reflection letter for June.

It seems that every person on the planet has lost someone or something during this pandemic, be it a loved one passing away or being ill with symptoms, be it the loss of our freedoms and the chance to meet up with friends and loved ones or just devastating loneliness and fear as we isolate and withdraw from the human norm of living in community with each other.

There is light at the end of the tunnel at least in the UK, that science and the lockdown is winning the race between the vaccine and virus, but as I write this in mid May a new variant of the virus has been detected in the UK and there is a fear that lockdown measures may well have to be introduced again.

One of my favourite passages in the bible is from Philippians 2. (GNB)

“I do not claim that I have already succeeded or have already become perfect. I keep striving to win the prize for which Christ Jesus has already won me to himself. Of course friends I really do not think that I have already won it, the one thing I do, however, is to forget what is behind me and do my best to reach what is ahead. So I run straight towards the goal in order to win the prize, which is God’s call to Jesus Christ”.

In all times and especially the challenging ones I find it helpful to keep the trust I have in God before me and to keep running or at least walking towards him.

We should not forget what we have learnt through science to defeat the threat, but to use that knowledge and the progresses we have made to move straight forward boldly to face the enemy.

We were made in God’s image and are sentient beings, intelligent, feeling and perceptive and it will take all our guile to come through this difficult time, but WE WILL if we continue to keep our eyes on God and his love.

Later in the chapter in Philippians Paul says to his brothers in faith “ I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me”.

Now that seems to me a “power or a goal” worth running and striving towards especially as we move into summer and hopefully brighter times, let us all keep running the race he has set before us with the hope and trust we have in him.

God Bless,

Andrew Bladen.(Lay Elder).

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Device No. 1 at the A143 end of The Street

8 weeks from 27th February to 25th April.
Vehicles arriving into village from the A143:
Total number of vehicles: - 28087
Average speed for ALL vehicles:- 33 mph
Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:-
9785 (34.84%)
No. of incidents of 50 mph and above:- 26
Highest speed recorded:- **59mph**



Vehicles leaving the village toward the A143

Total number of vehicles: - 29545
Average speed for ALL vehicles:- 35 mph
Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- 15077 (51.03%)
No. of incidents of 50 mph and above:- 55
Highest speed recorded:- **77mph**

Device No. 2 at the Barningham end of The Street

8 weeks from 27th February to 25th April 2021.
Vehicles arriving into the village from Barningham
Total number of vehicles: - 22765
Average speed for ALL vehicles:- 32 mph
Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- 5691 (25.00%)
No. of incidents of 50mph and above:- 19
Highest speed recorded:- **62mph**

Vehicles leaving the village toward Barningham

Total number of vehicles: - 23036
Average speed for ALL vehicles:- 33 mph
Total number of vehicles speeding above 30 mph:- 8440 (31.64%)
No. of incidents of 50 mph and above:- 39
Highest speed recorded:- **68mph**

Along The Street: Speedwatch resumed on the 30/03/21:

March 2021:	1 session	2 vehicles logged	max speed = 39 mph
April 2021:	3 sessions	15 vehicles logged	max speed = 43 mph

We are very pleased to have received a very generous, 'anonymous' donation of new speed guns and a walkie-talkie set for the Hepworth Speedwatch Team.

For more information about Speedwatch, or to get involved, call Richard on 251 484 or 07979745990

TRAVELS DOWNUNDER - A REMINISCENCE

Part 2

We left off our story last time having just set off on our epic clockwise circumnavigation of Australia. I think I mentioned our first mistake was not to have worked out a rough timetable. Actually that was our second mistake. Our first mistake was that we were, apparently, going round the wrong way!! Those in the know reckon you should go round anti clockwise as this is likely to result in more favourable following winds, a big consideration when towing a caravan. Hindsight is a wonderful thing and I've got a First Class Honours degree in it from the University Of Life.

However, turns out we didn't have much of a choice as those in the know also say you shouldn't travel to the "top end", as Aussies call the Northern Territory, until the end of April, as from October to April it is their wet season up there and it pretty much rains every day.

So, blissful in our ignorance we carried on our merry way and after a couple of weeks ended up at a lovely campsite in the small village of Chinderah just south of Tweed Heads on the Queensland/New South Wales border. This was to become our home from home spot, and in future years we started and ended every trip there. When I say future years that is because for the next ten years we went to Australia every year for four or five months and we didn't spend a winter in England for ten years.

At Chinderah we had the biggest stroke of luck as we met a lovely couple who have become our lifelong friends. They were both originally from England and went to Australia from Epping in 1963 as Ten Pound Poms, a scheme that was running back in the 1950s and 1960s to encourage immigration into Australia. They had travelled all over Australia in their caravan and had a wealth of knowledge which they shared with us. With their help we mapped out a rough timetable and route. There were lots of "oh, and when you go to such and such a place you must be sure to go and see....". We were so lucky to have stumbled across them and our trip was so much the better for it.

So we left Chinderah and the coast and decided to head inland as we had already previously driven the coastal route on our first short visit to Australia.

To be continued...

Who are Hepworth Recreation Ground Management Committee and what do they do?

You may have seen several references to or minutes published by the Hepworth Recreation Ground Management Committee over recent months. This is because the Pavilion building in Church lane is owned by a Charity. It is not unusual for a village hall to be owned by a charity rather than the Parish Council as it brings certain benefits, such as not having to pay business rates for example.

The Charity lease the land that the Pavilion stands on from Hepworth Parish Council and the Charity have to abide by the terms of the lease drawn up by the Parish Council. The lease states that the day to day running and administration of the Pavilion must be done by a Committee. This Committee should be made up of representatives of the local clubs in the village for example; the Art Club, Hepworth2enjoy, Hepworth Angels and some elected members. This is who Hepworth Recreation Ground Management Committee are.

Over the last few years the number of Committee members fell to such low numbers that the Parish Council had to step in and form an interim Committee in order to keep the Charity and Pavilion going. An awful lot of hard work has gone into making the Pavilion safe and pleasant for Villagers to use again but it is now ready for re-opening!

The Hepworth Recreation ground management committee now need new members.

On Wednesday 23rd June at 7.30pm there will be an Annual General Meeting. This meeting will be the opportunity for residents of Hepworth and all of its clubs to form a new committee and help keep the Pavilion and clubs running. It would be so nice to see different faces volunteering to support the community; the Parish Council cannot run both the Committee and the Council so it is important that we get new people. It is also an ideal time to come along and see what clubs are available and set up any new clubs that you feel the village needs; for example you may wish to have a Parent and toddler club, youth club, crochet club, kids football club or something else. Without help and support none of these clubs can run.

Can you do something? Would you like to set a club up? Don't be shy, you won't have to do it all alone but we do need your suggestions and support. NOW is the time to come and make the changes that you feel the Village needs.

Would being on the Committee be the same as being on the Parish Council?

Not at all, this Committee is much more informal than the Parish Council. It is purely there to make sure the Pavilion survives and is available for the community. The Hepworth Recreation Ground Management Committee have access to a sum of money that was left to the village, the Committee will have to meet briefly once every three months to receive a report from the Treasurer regarding the bank account and ensure all of the clubs are running smoothly. It will be an opportunity for the members to discuss any future ideas they may have or make any requests for equipment, events etc.

Hepworth Recreation Ground Management Committee Minutes

A meeting took place on Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 8PM. The meeting was conducted via video link and the following items were discussed.

Attendees: Ms L Robinson, Mrs N Yorke (Chair), Mrs M MacPherson, Mr G Bloomfield, Ms H Corris (Minute taker)

1. Apologies and approval of absences: Apologies from David Stannard, he has no internet capability and lockdown rules prohibit him from joining another household.
2. Louise Robinson is resigning from Hepworth Recreation Ground Committee but provides the following update on progress so far;
Car Park area at the Pavilion, we have received an offer to level the area and resurface with a grade 1 mot substrate that will give a good finish when compacted. An image was circulated prior to the meeting. The price of this work would be at cost and is estimated at £1000. Details of builder will be provided to the committee
Curtain fabric has arrived and is with the volunteers. 15m has been received, 5m more will be required.
Planters; An offer to make planters and a display case for the axe head at cost has been received. These could be ready by the AGM.
Dog waste bin- £79.00 is the cheapest and is the same as the one currently at the Pavilion. Sourced from Ebay.
All hall users have now been contacted and appraised of the new

tariffs. A couple of the groups will be in touch regarding the new fees and bookings.

All the village clubs will attend the Hepworth Recreation Ground Annual General Meeting and promote themselves. It is expected to see representation from: Hepworth2enjoy, Hepworth Angels, Speedwatch, Art club, Bee Keepers club, Coffee morning club, Team Hepworth.

Contact has been made by a man who needs to see the hall prior to the polling day elections.

Louise Robinsons contact details need to be removed.

A bookings form is required.

The Vertas grass cutting contract allows for cuts every two weeks in growing season but if an extra cut is required that is within the contract. Although Vertas cut the pitch and the play area, two different teams attend to do these cuts and they don't generally get done at the same time.

Date of next meeting to be decided.

Meeting concluded 8.50pm

Hepworth Recreation Ground and Pavilion - Minutes of the Interim Committee

Wednesday 21st April at 7.00 pm outside the Pavilion - this was a socially distanced meeting to comply with current COVID regulations
Present: Nicola Yorke (Chair) NY, Gary Bloomfield GB, David Stannard (Treasurer) DS, Marjorie MacPherson (Minute taker) MM

Apologies for Absence: There were no apologies for absence

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as correct and signed and dated by NY

Matters arising from the Minutes: Extra Dog waste Bin: It was agreed to purchase an extra dog waste bin to be positioned at the exit of the Ground into South Drive but only if the Borough Refuse Collection would empty it. We will contact the Borough for their confirmation of emptying

Curtaining for the Pavilion: MM had ordered the balance of 5 metres

needed to make the curtaining and thanks was expressed to the four volunteers who are now going to start making up the curtains.

Car Park Resurfacing: After discussion about resurfacing and the large extent of this project ie possible more hoggin needed, any kerbing included and then getting 3 quotations for the agreed work, it was felt that this is a major project and would be better addressed, not by this interim committee, but by the new Committee to be formed at the AGM in June, so it will be an agenda item for the future

Treasurer's report: MM had applied for grants applicable to the Hall and a further £8,574.00 had been received. Balances as at 31st March 2021 Lloyds a/c £11,013.77, CCLA a/c £25,104.30 Further cheques to be issued as agreed: Waterson Plumbing & Heating Ltd £280;00 for plumbing work; Willowserve Ltd £156.00 service etc to heating

Future Bookings and Tariffs: The tariffs have not been raised for a number of years and it was agreed that a small increase of 10% would be made when the Hall can open once more when COVID restrictions allow

Any Other Business: A booking form is to be put together

Re establishing the Lottery: The Hall needs the income from the Lottery as in the past and, again, rather than decide on a Promoter for this immediately it was agreed that as the interim committee would be handing over a very healthy financial balance there was not such immediate pressure to get this off the ground and the new Committee could set this up again in their own time with their own Promoter

Repairing holes in the Drive. GB had contacted Richard at Wup Doodle who was kindly going to drop off palings in the next couple of weeks and GB would barrow them to fill in the holes

Date of Next Meeting: To be arranged

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm



Do join a new Parish Council facebook page called "Hepworth Matters" which has up to date information about local matters of interest, notifications about village events and Parish Council information.

<https://www.facebook.com/HepworthMatters/>

A meeting of the Hepworth Parish Council took place on Thursday 20th May 2021 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion the following items were discussed.

Attendees: MR G Bloomfield (Chair), Mr P Penn, Ms L Robinson, Mrs M MacPherson, Ms H Corris (Clerk), Mr R Shackleton (Vice Chair), Cllr Spicer.

No members of the public present.

1. Election of Chairman: Cllr Bloomfield presided over the First item on the Agenda with the agreement of the full Council. Mr Garry Bloomfield was elected into the position of Chairman. Mr Robin Shackleton was elected into the position of Vice Chair. Declarations of acceptance of office signed. Louise Robinson was co-opted by a unanimous vote onto the Council in order to rectify a technical error that was acknowledged and accepted by the Parish Council.

Declaration of acceptance of office signed.

2. Apologies: There were none

3. Declarations of Interest: None received

4. Requests for Dispensations: None

5. Minutes of previous meetings: Minutes of meeting on 4th March were agreed and signed as a true record.

6. Election results and Current Vacancies: Cllr Spicer was congratulated on her election win.

Hepworth Parish Council currently have three vacancies for Councillors as Councillors Andrew & Nicola Yorke have resigned. Parish Council would like to sincerely thank them for their service to the Parish. Mr Yorke, among many other contributions, organised and coordinated the Battles over celebrations a few years ago which was a great success. Mrs Yorke has also made many valuable contributions such as organising the Garage trail sales and more recently took on the challenging task as interim Chair of the Hepworth Recreation Ground Committee. Mrs Yorke has invested an enormous amount of her time and energy towards the committee's aim of safely reopening the Pavilion to the community of Hepworth and surrounding villages. We wish them well.

7. Appointment of other Bodies: Cllrs Penn and Shackleton were appointed as trustees of Hepworth Charities. Cllr MacPherson was appointed to the Hepworth Recreation Ground Management Committee and as the representative to Hepworth Parochial Church Council.

8. Public participation and District and County Councillors reports: Cllr Spicer thanked the Parish Councillors and stated that both she and Cllr Bull were happy to be able to support Hepworth.

She wished to acknowledge the sad passing of former Councillor, Guy Hatton who had been on the council many years ago and send condolences to his family. She was grateful to Cllr Louise Robinson, the Clerk and the Parish Council as a whole for their continued efforts over the past year especially during the floods. At the time of the meeting she still hadn't received the traffic calming proposals for the village although she has continued to chase for them. As soon as she does she will forward them to the Clerk for circulation to the Councillors

and Speedwatch members. “Unsuitable for HGV” signs had now been sited at both ends of the village. The sign in Barningham has been straightened now. Maybe consider moving towards having one either side of the road.

Speeding was still a major concern through the village she would like the data collected from the Speed Indicator devices at either end of the village.

Flooding and ditch clearance: Suffolk County Council were going to contact some residents regarding the ditch clearance required to prevent further flooding. She will get an update on progress from SCC. Including the ditch alongside the Bus shelter. Chair would like to know where all the watercourses run for future reference.

Hopton School is fully subscribed for September bar one place. They require a Governor.

The speed limit changes are progressing for Stanton as are the plans for the spine road and roundabout proposed on Shepherd’s Grove and the A143, which sits in the Parish of Hepworth.

A report was read out on behalf of Cllr Bull: REPORT TO HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL FOR YEAR APRIL 20 TO MARCH 21: This has been a roller coaster of a year fraught with difficulties, much worry and sadness for many and yet with some small triumphs, not least of which has been the way communities have risen to the challenges covid and self- isolation have brought, rallying around to support their friends and neighbours.

I could spend the whole of this report in talking about covid issues but I am sure you are all fully aware of its impacts at all levels, many of you with very personal experiences. I will however highlight a few things that West Suffolk Council has done to support its residents:

- Setting up the Home Alone telephone help line;

- Processing and paying millions of pounds of Government Grants to local businesses and other organisations including village halls;

- Increasing the amount of Locality Funding available for each ward;

- Maintaining its bin collection services, with just a short pause in brown bin collections, despite significant staffing problems;

- Ensuring that all other services have continued to operate effectively by redeploying staff within the organisation with the majority of officers working from home

- Developing our IT systems to allow us to run our council and committee meetings virtually and still ensure the public can attend where necessary;

- Ensuring that customer services have been accessible throughout with offices being closed.

In addition to dealing with all the extra work that has been necessitated by the need to respond to the many and varied covid challenges normal work has still had to continue and whilst one or two smaller projects were put on hold and we were not able to hold the usual Christmas fair in Bury St Edmunds, we are still moving forward, despite difficulties with getting builders on site, with some of our major projects which you may have read of in the press:

The Mildenhall hub is nearing completion and will be opening in phases shortly.

The Western Way Hub development is one stage further in its journey with the Planning application having been submitted at the end of last year.

The Old Post office development in the Cornhill is also progressing well with major work going on to preserve the façade.

Another major piece of work we are engaged on is of course the Local Plan. Because of covid restrictions the consultation process at the end of last year had to be held online. There was a great deal of concern that an online survey might not attract the same level of involvement as the more traditional ones we had carried out in the past. However, in the end there were approximately 3,300 responses which is well in excess of any previous surveys. These responses are being collated and will inform the Preferred Options document which will be ready for further consultation later in the year.

Whilst the County, PCC and some by-elections fall in the 2021/22 year work preparation for these has taken up a great deal of time in 2020/21. Always a big logistics exercise, with the need to ensure the register of electors is fully up to date this time it has been particularly problematical with doubts about whether the elections would be held at all or be postponed. There has also been the need to carry out risk assessments at all polling stations to ensure appropriate social distancing can be maintained for staff and voters as well the practical problems of recruiting and training polling station staff. All higher risk residents, self-isolating, were also written to offering them the opportunity to have a postal vote.

At Parish level it has also been a busy year with the added burden of having to get to grips with virtual meetings. Whilst many of us can see the advantage of these on cold dark winter nights it will be good to meet up in person again.

This year I have had only one modest request for funding from my Locality Budget, which was to help with renovating the bus shelter but will shortly be “open for business” for applications for 2021/22, so please let me know if I can help.

Hepworth residents suffered very badly from the flooding at the end of last year and the Parish Council is to be congratulated for all the support and help you provided and for the on-going work being undertaken with ditch clearance. I was very pleased that a local farmer I approached was able to come out and help one weekend.

This is really just a flavour of all that has been happening and I am happy to answer any questions. However, before I finish, I would just like to thank the Parish Council for all their hard work and the effort they put in to supporting their residents and helping to make Hepworth a great village to live in.

9. Progress reports on previous actions:

- A) Village sign. We are currently waiting on clarification regarding planning permission.
- B) Ditch clearance. Update covered in Cllr Spicers report
- C) Quiet Lanes. Clay Lane has been approved. This is the only site that did not require a traffic survey as it met the criteria. The other two proposals of North Common and Market Weston

Road are awaiting traffic surveys. The project organisers have been overwhelmed by applications. It has been established that the first route designated as a Quiet Lane is free of charge, any subsequent routes will incur a charge of £50 each. Hepworth have met all of the deadlines set and although we were among the first to apply and complete all the administration we appear to have now been placed back into the queue and are in “wave four” with traffic surveys not beginning until September at the earliest. Joanna Spicer will query this on our behalf.

D) Bus shelters. These have now been repaired, repainted and thoroughly cleaned. A new downpipe is still to be fitted to one along with a replacement roof tile.

E) Hepworth Recreation Ground Management Committee Interim committee members have had the electrical works, including PAT testing completed and the new Fridge & microwave installed. Planters have been made and delivered, special thanks to Terry Andrews who has made these at cost and will install them too. The curtains are being made, special thanks to Sue Yeomans and her team; Marion, Jane & Pat. Thanks to Garry Bloomfield and Andrew Yorke for filling the potholes. Thanks to Nicola Yorke for sorting out the heating repairs (twice) and for organising the water tank treatments etc. Thanks to Louise Robinson and Marjorie MacPherson whom have spent hours and hours dealing with details such as risk assessments, funding applications, health & safety issues and other such work all in their own time. There will be an AGM on the 23rd June 2021 to establish a full committee to run the hall. The cleaner has started and is working well. There is still more to be done but is better that the full committee continue this work. Thanks to Matthew Webb for his on going offer of assistance regarding the car park resurfacing. The Lottery is a crucial part of the funding for the hall and will be established once the full committee are in place. In the meantime there are sufficient funds to support the HRG for the time being. Fire Alarms are installed as is the Assembly point signage.

F) Allotments/ Compulsory purchase/WSC intervention: Cllr Bull to be spoken to establish if there is assistance that can be given in respect of land.

10 Clerks/RFO report /Finance:

A) Receipts and payments for 2020/21 were considered, approved and signed.

B) Annual Governance Statement section 1 considered, approved and signed.

C) Accounting statement section 2 considered, approved and signed.

D) Certificate of exemption, approved and signed.

E) Dates of period of exercise of public rights agreed and set as 14/6/21 to 23/7/21.

F) Payments and Receipts; 09/3/21 cheque 1015 SALC Payroll services £54.00; 31/3/21 cheque 1016 Clerks March pay & expenses £240.28 06/4/21 cheque 1017 HMRC PAYE £186.40; 23/4/21 cheque 1018 SALC/NALC subscription £246.26; 30/4/21 cheque 1019 Clerks April pay & expenses £196.28; 31/5/21 cheque 1020 Clerks May pay & expenses £196.08

Receipts: Precept £7201; VAT refund £140.93

G) Information Commissioners Office renewal approved for June 2021

H) Current bank balances: Community Account £13004.36; Saver Account £ 1837.33

I) An annual review of the Risk Assessment, Financial Regs, Insurance cover, Data Protection procedures, Asset list has been conducted and are fit for purpose.

11. Clerks Annual leave / hours/pay scale: Resolution to pay owed hours and annual leave allowance not taken for 2020. Increase Pay to point 16 on scale from 1st April in line with annual increment. Clerks position to be advertised.
 12. Resolution to purchase fencing for around the culvert: Quotes previously obtained to replace fencing around the culvert. Resolution to now go ahead with the purchase.
 13. Hanging Baskets/Old plinth.: Resolution to purchase a large planter to stand on the old village sign plinth as hanging baskets may take too much watering.
 14. Bulb planting in Village: Resolution to approve the purchase of bulbs for planting around the village. Maximum expenditure of £100.
 15. Donations to other bodies: Resolution to donate £200 to the Parochial Church Council towards the maintenance of the graveyard. Sec 21 4 (6) LGA 1972; Donation of £100 To Suffolk Accident Rescue Service Sec 137 LGA 1972 There is still money held in reserve for the Hepworth Herald when required.
 16. Correspondence received: Enquiry made as to whether Hepworth could have a bottle bank. This has been considered before and Hepworth did have glass recycling facilities. These were withdrawn as they were not used enough and it was not financially viable for WSC to continue to collect the glass. Council discussed whether there were any locations that were central for most residents, wouldn't have an adverse effect on residents in respect of noise and whether there was sufficient room for vehicles to pull off the road in order to use recycling bins. There did not seem to be a site that met all the criteria.
Correspondence received as to whether a dog waste bin could be placed in Market Weston Road. There was once one there but it was set alight. Clerk to approach WSC to see if we can replace it and whether they will empty it.
 17. Great British Spring Clean. 28th May to 13th June 2021: Hepworth are registered to participate again. A Litter pick has been arranged. Meet at the Pavilion 10am on Saturday 29th May 2021. Equipment will be provided. Clerk will publicise on Hepworth Matters page and in No tice board.
 18. Village event 2021: The Hepworth Scarecrow competition will run again over the bank holiday weekend 28th to 30th August 2021. This Year there will be a prize giving on the Sunday combined with a Village picnic. Villagers will be encouraged to bring their own picnics to enjoy at the recreation ground and watch the Scarecrow competition winner be awarded the Worzel Gummidge Cup. LR to investigate possible live music and marquee hire.
 - 19 Review of signatories: Signatories can remain the same.
 - 20 Questions for the chair: Nil
- Date of next meeting 8th July 1930 at the Pavilion
Meeting concluded 2135

Hepworth Weather (as measured on The Street)

March 2021:	Max. Temp:	22.8°C	30th
	Min. Temp:	-0.9°C	6th
	Total Rainfall:	30.1mm	
	Wettest Day:	5.0mm	3rd & 18th
April 2021:	Max. Temp:	17.2°C	19th
	Min. Temp:	-2.8°C	17th
	Total Rainfall:	3.3mm	
	Wettest Day:	1.9mm	9th

March 2021: A rather warm, dry month with most rain falling during the first half of the month. Very windy period 10th – 11th. Gust of 61 mph on the 10th and 63 mph on the 11th. Last few days of the month were sunny with a large daily range of temperature.

April 2021: Exceptionally cold month compared with recent Aprils. Mean temperature -2.8°C below the average. The coldest April in my record (2009) beating 2012 and 2016 by -1.2°C. Also, the driest April in my record with only 9% of average rainfall/snowfall. 12 nights of air frost and 16 nights of grass frost with snow showers on 2 days 5th/6th. Backward vegetation by the end of the month. Fruit trees, wisterias and magnolias particularly badly hit by frost.

Kindly provided by Richard Hinton. See the latest weather and historical Hepworth weather data at <http://j.mp/HepworthWS>

Team Hepworth News

Now that spring is here and the much-needed rain has come, everything is growing fast and looking lush. It also means that the weeds are growing and need to be tamed. So, Team Hepworth have been out every Thursday for the last few weeks tackling the weeds by the fence along the path leading to the Recreation hall. It has not been easy, particularly because of the deep-rooted Brambles and the strong, yellow roots of the stinging nettles, however we have managed to reclaim a foot or more of path in some places.

We have enjoyed an audience of cows and calves who are very inquisitive and like to watch from a tentative distance. They are becoming friendlier each week and yesterday a couple allowed us to stroke them. A Robin follows us closely as we disturb the soil, picking out the insects we uncover. Our work is sometimes unpleasant as dog mess is left amongst the weeds, so a plea to dog owners to clear up after their pooches and put it in the appropriate bins please.

There is much to do there. Once we have done the bit along the fence, we will tackle the Brambles on the other side. I am sure once we have completed this project it will be time to start at the beginning again, a bit like the Forth Bridge. By the way, does anyone know who owns the narrow strip of fenced off land between the path and Wup-Doodle and the triangle of waste land along that path.?

Once we have finished the path, Team Hepworth will be tackling the Brambles on the side of the road past North Common crossroads, that are threatening to cover the daffodils, and the area by the Parish Council notice board. In the Autumn we hope to plant Daffodil and snow drop bulbs under the trees along the stretch of land where the new village sign will be. I know some children in the village who want to help us with this, so we are looking forward to that.

On behalf of Hepworth, I would like to say a big thank you to the lovely man (I do not know your name yet) who mows the grass verge leading to Wood Lane and to Trevor and Jane Beaumont who have provided the beautiful tubs of flowers at Wood Lane. Your contributions all help to make Hepworth look loved and cared for.



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Support for vulnerable people to carry on living in their own home



Hundreds of vulnerable people across West Suffolk will be able to receive support to carry on living in their own homes rather than having to go into hospital or care thanks to record funding. Independent Living in Suffolk (ILS) has received £1.5 million for its work in West Suffolk from the Government's Better Care Fund.



The money will be available as grants to help pay for adaptations to people's homes in order to help them carry on living in their home. Adaptions can vary from a simple rail to more extensive works to provide access to facilities.

The Independent Living in Suffolk service was set up in December, with partner councils, after a previous contract came to an end. Enquiries are assessed by Suffolk County Council. West Suffolk Council then helps people with the application process to support residents to carry out the work required.

Despite launching the new service during the middle of the pandemic, West Suffolk Council has paid out more than £700,000 in grants and helped more than 100 people between December and the end of March this year. With many of the people that need help from this scheme likely to have been shielding until they were vaccinated, it is anticipated that there is likely to be high demand for works and funding in the coming months.



Cllr Sara Mildmay-White, Cabinet Member for Housing, said:

"People through illness or age, may become less mobile and more vulnerable and suddenly living in their own home can become a real challenge. The work of the Independent Living in Suffolk service can make a real difference to their lives. It means better health outcomes for the individual, it can help couples to remain together and, it can help people stay in their community close to their family and friends. It also reduces hospital and care admissions which has wider benefits for our society as a whole."



West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust's integrated therapies manager Gylda Nunn said: "This is really good news for the people of west Suffolk. Assisting people to live well at home, with adaptations that support their needs, enables them to remain safe and retain their independence for longer. Providing the right equipment and adaptations that match an individual's needs means we can take steps to reduce falls and other accidents taking place in the home, and therefore prevent hospital admissions and other health complications that may result."

Anyone wishing to enquire about Independent Living in Suffolk should call 0800 121 7711 or email ILS@suffolk.gov.uk.

For more information visit <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/care-and-support-for-adults/how-social-care-can-help/independent-living-suffolk>



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