

HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HEPWORTH PAVILION
WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL 2022
7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Councillor Garry Bloomfield (GB) (Chairman)
Councillor Robin Shackleton (RS)
Councillor Marjorie MacPherson (MM)
Councillor Perry Penn (PP)
Councillor Justin Seldis (JS)
Councillor Nicholas Bennett (NB)
Councillor Helen Corris (HC)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Christopher Garman (Parish Clerk) (CG)
District Councillor Carol Bull (CB)

One member of public was present.

22/050 PUBLIC FORUM

A member of public spoke about the opposition to the possible use of speed humps and encouragement to look at other solutions and deterrents. Also, there were comments on proposed Shepherds Grove development and the traffic movements.

22/051 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO BOTH DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

CB spoke about the increase in WSC charges for green bin collections and proposed changes with the recycling systems. CB confirmed that WSC were working to improve the appearance of Blacksmiths Cottage, The Street, Hepworth. CB advised she was working with a resident who was concerned about unreasonable use of a bird scarer.

22/052 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Louise Robinson (LR) and the reason was accepted. County Councillor Joanna Spicer (JSp) also offered her apologies.

22/053 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

22/054 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None.

22/055 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2022 had been previously circulated.

It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meetings.

22/056 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) MM advised that the Hepworth Recreation Ground trustees were agreeable for items for the Community Emergency Action Plan to be stored at the pavilion but pointed out they would not be locked.

- b) MM advised that Hepworth Recreation Ground trustees were in principle agreeable for the Queen's Jubilee beacon being erected on the recreation ground. PP will advise on dimensions etc. The Parish Council agreed it would take responsibility for safety issues.

22/057 VILLAGE EQUIPMENT, TREES AND HIGHWAYS

- a) The traffic calming project was discussed but was limited as JSp was absent. It was thought that the need for street lighting was not a legal requirement providing mitigating measures were appropriate. There were continued concerns about the lack of answers to questions and the absence of communication and engagement with the SCC officer. GB agreed to speak with JSp to see how to engage with the SCC officer and move the project forward.
- b) There was no information in respect of progress with the surface on the ROW known as Weston Lane.
- c) The request to consider the provision of bike ramps was considered. A resident had previously circulated drawings for such a facility. There was discussion on how to take this forward. It was agreed that CG would consult with insurers on the aspect of risks and that MM would ask if in principle the Hepworth Recreation Ground trustees would allow space. Also, the resident would be asked to signpost the parish council to similar facilities so they could learn from their experiences.

22/058 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The arrangements for the Queen's Jubilee celebration event on Thursday 2 June were discussed in depth making sure that progress for delivery was on track. It was agreed to have an informal meeting on Thursday 26 May to check all is well.

22/059 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a) The following payments were considered for approval.
£264.05 to SALC – annual subscription
£89.90 to C Garman – expenses January to March 2022.
It was resolved to approve these payments.
- b) The purchase of a replacement laptop computer was considered.
It was resolved to purchase Lenovo laptop computer at a cost £500 and to purchase a one year subscription for Microsoft Office at £79.99.

22/060 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY ACTION

NB has previously circulated a draft Community Emergency Action. This document was considered and no changes were needed.

It was resolved to approve this Community Emergency Action Plan and to implement immediately.

22/061 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) There was no further discussion on the proposed development at Shepherd's Grove as this has been considered at 22/050. It was acknowledged that little further could be done until a formal planning application was submitted.
- b) Planning application DC/22/0481/FUL relating to Hawthorns, North Common, Hepworth, IP22 2PR was considered. It was noted there was no mention of facilities to support the proposed glamping pods.
It was resolved to advise WSC that there were no objections but to comment on the lack of information for supporting facilities.

22/062 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence which had been previously circulated was considered and no further action was needed.

22/063 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

- a) There was discussion about the slow progress with the Quiet Lanes Suffolk project and concerns with SCC in delivering.
- b) There was discussion about the recreation ground car park being locked and not available for walkers. It was suggested that there was adequate parking nearby for walkers.
- c) There was discussion about the future of the Hepworth Recreation Ground and having adequate trustees and officers going forward.
- d) The arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting were discussed. CG is to invite local groups to deliver reports.

22/064 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting which will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council is on Thursday 19 May 2022 at 8.00 pm and will be preceded at 7.30 pm with the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

Christopher Garman
Parish Clerk
25 April 2022