

HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HEPWORTH PAVILION

THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2023

7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Councillor Garry Bloomfield (GB) (Chair)
Councillor Nicholas Bennett (NB)
Councillor Hollie Bloomfield (HB)
Councillor Marjorie MacPherson (MM)
Councillor Perry Penn (PP)
Councillor Louise Robinson (LR)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Andy Osman (Parish Clerk) (AO)
District Councillor Carol Bull (CB)

Two members of public were present.

23/074 APOLOGIES

None.

23/075 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

GB declared an interest in Item 9 Planning – amended planning application DC/23/0616/FUL.

23/076 PUBLIC FORUM

No issues raised.

23/077 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO BOTH DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- a. CB provided a verbal report, highlighting the Town and Parish Conference due to take place at West Suffolk House on 11 Jul 23 and the availability on the West Suffolk Council website of election statistics.
- b. GB summarised a written report from JS confirming the speed calming project had slipped to early August to avoid impact on school transport and that the Western Lane resurfacing was due to start before the end of June.

23/078 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 23 had been previously circulated and it was **resolved that these were an accurate record of the meetings.**

23/079 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

23/080 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- a. Speed Calming Works. Update provided at Item 23/077. It was **agreed that the Clerk would confirm with Highways that the speed gates had arrived.**
- b. Layby Resurfacing. It was **agreed that the Clerk would confirm ownership of the layby** by the junction with the A143 and **contact JS to confirm how this might be resurfaced.**
- c. Quiet Lane Signs. The Clerk confirmed collection of the Quiet Lane Signs for Church Lane/Clay Lane. These had been passed to GB for fitting once the post on Clay Lane had been installed (Highways have confirmed this has been ordered).

23/081 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a. Finance Report. The meeting noted the finance report and approved payments to:
 - Hepworth Recreation Ground – Room Hire: £129.60
 - Clerks Salary & Exps: £983.46
- b. Review Authorised Signatories. It was agreed to remove Justin Seldis as an authorised signatory for the bank account and to add NB; **the Clerk was to actions these changes**.
- c. Events Noticeboard. LR confirmed that local construction of an events noticeboard was not feasible. It was **agreed that the Clerk would provide costings of a suitable board** at the next meeting for consideration and **confirm ownership of the area** where the board was planned to be installed.
- d. Review of Village Welcome Pack. It was **agreed that LR would review current welcome pack** (GB had brought a hard copy to the meeting) and bring updates to the next meeting for consideration.

23/082 PLANNING MATTERS

- a. Shepards Grove Developments.
 - **Jaynic/Copart**. CB reported that the planning application was still being discussed between West Suffolk Council and the developers to clarify issues and to ensure questions raised thus far had been answered. A further consultation with updated information was still planned but no timescale was available. **CB agreed to confirm how many vehicles were due to be stored at the site**. Members of the public reported concerns over HGV traffic using the village.
 - **Equation**. GB confirmed a flyer had been produced for the public meeting to be held in Hepworth Pavilion on 27 Jun between 4 and 7 pm by Equation on their proposals for this 2nd development site. The Council agreed that it would not be appropriate to attend any pre-meet with Equation on this day and would attend the main public meeting as available.
- b. DC/23/0781/CLP. Agreed to support application.
- c. DC/23/0751/CLP. Agreed to support application.
- d. DC/23/0780/HH. Agreed to support application.
- e. DC/23/0616/FUL. Meeting decided to make no further comment on application.

23/082 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. 20s Plenty. It was agreed not to pursue the 20s Plenty approach.

23/083 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

- a. Planning Applications – Hepworth Herald. PP indicated that the planning applications listed in the Hepworth Herald were difficult to understand as they did not have the addresses listed. The Clerk **was to ask for address information to be added** to planning application reference.
- b. Pollution. HB highlighted ongoing pollution concerns in her pond close to Shepards Grove and **agreed to provide CB with further information to take back to Environment Services** at WSC.

23/084 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting which will be on Thursday 20 July at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.34 pm.



Andy Osman
Parish Clerk
22 June 2023