

HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HEPWORTH PAVILION  
THURSDAY 18 APRIL 2024  
7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Councillor Garry Bloomfield (GB) (Chair)  
Councillor Nick Bennett (NB) (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Hollie Bloomfield (HB)  
Councillor Marjorie MacPherson (MM)  
Councillor Perry Penn (PP)

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

One member of the public was present.

24/37 APOLOGIES

Councillor Louise Robinson (LR) sent apologies which were accepted.

24/38 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

24/39 PUBLIC FORUM

None

24/40 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

CB highlighted the following:

Warm Homes Suffolk. This grant scheme is to help insulate and make properties more energy efficient. It is aimed at homeowners or private tenant without mains gas central heating and a total gross income under £36,000.

West Suffolk Council Cabinet Visits. Visits are aimed at looking at areas for growth. Meeting noted the intent and would await any further information in relation to the village.

Changes to Domestic Waste Collections. Government has confirmed that all local authorities in England will be required to collect paper and card, plastic, glass, metal, food waste, and garden waste. West Suffolk Council will be implementing a weekly kerbside collection of food waste from 1 April 2026.

## 24/41 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 March 2024 had been previously circulated. It was resolved that these were an accurate record of the meeting.

## 24/42 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 24/27 21 March 2024: Flooded. County Cllr Joanna Spicer was not present to update on progress with Suffolk Highways writing to landowners to clear debris from ditches. LR was not present to update on ownership of the land where the village sign was located.

Minute 24/32 21 March 2024: Ownership of Pavilion and Grounds. The Clerk reported that he was still working with HM Land Registry on confirming ownership.

Minute 24/33 21 March 2024: SALC Advice. The Clerk confirmed previously circulated advice from SALC in relation to the Parish Council's concerns over the handling of the Jaynic planning application by West Suffolk Council (advice was to use the formal complaints system). After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would make a formal complaint, and **NB agreed to draft a list of specific issues** ready for agreement at the May meeting.

Minute 24/34 21 March 2024: HM King Portrait. The Clerk confirmed the portrait had been obtained and was now hung in the Pavilion.

Minute 24/35 21 March 2024: Bin Emptying. Information on bins emptied by West Suffolk Council had been previously circulated by the Clerk.

## 24/43 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

None

## 24/44 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

a. Finance Report. The meeting noted the finance report (current account balance £4,163.12, savings account balance £7,000.00 and the projected outturn at the end of the FY of approx. £4,200 current account and £7,000 savings account). The following payments were authorised:

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| SALC Payroll Service   | £22.80  |
| SALC Annual Membership | £270.78 |

The Clerk was to seek counter authorisation from NB for BACS payments.

## 24/45 PLANNING MATTERS

a. Re-consultation DC/24/0159/HH. The meeting agreed to support the re-consultation.

b. DCON(A)/23/0984 – Application to Discharge Conditions. The meeting agreed to support the application, noting that Suffolk Highways had objected to some of the application.

c. DC/24/0437/FUL. The meeting noted and agreed with concerns raised by a member of the public:

- Harmful to setting of church and churchyard, including remembrance bench overlooking field.
- Sporadic tourist site on its own with no monitoring in place.
- Adverse effect on openness of area.
- Conflicts with DM5 and DM34
- Land isn't in agricultural use but appears to be an ad hoc dog exercise area.

The Parish Council agreed to **object to the application** on the above grounds.

d. Jaynic Application. GB's speech at the 3 April Development Control Committee had been previously circulated. GB confirmed that the application had been refused.

#### 24/46 CORRESPONDENCE

a. West Suffolk Council Civic Dinner. Invite to dinner previously circulated noted by meeting.

b. Town and Parish Forum. Information update previously circulated noted by meeting.

c. Norwich to Tilbury Consultation. Ongoing consultation on route of pylons noted and people encouraged to complete consultation if strong views held.

#### 24/47 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

None

#### 24/48 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 16 May 2024 at 7.45 pm. This will follow the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.



Andy Osman  
Parish Clerk  
23 April 2024