

HOPTON CUM KNETTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

THE VILLAGE HALL, HOPTON

MONDAY 8th JULY 2024 AT 7 PM

(Draft until approved and signed)

PRESENT:

Councillor Loreen Macklin Horsfall (Chair) (LMH)

Councillor Andrea Hanks (Vice Chair) (AH)

Councillor Robert Capon (RC)

Councillor Su Delve (SD)

Councillor David Faiers (DF)

Councillor Jo Hassan (JH)

ABSENT:

Councillor Ben Shotbolt (BS)

Councillor Julian Thompson (JT)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nicholas Spring, Clerk (NS)

County Councillor Joanna Spicer (JS)

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

1. Apologies for absence were received from BS, JT and District Councillor Carol Bull (CB)
2. Members' declarations of interests & requests for dispensations
None
3. Public participation session
No points raised
4. To consider any matters relating to highways, pavements, footpaths and trees
Considered under item 5
5. Reports from the County and/or District Councillor

JS reported on a variety of matters. She had recently visited with the County Council Rights of Way Officer. It had been agreed to remove the existing boardwalk where it was in a potentially dangerous state, and it was still hoped to replace it next year with recycled materials. A diversion would be very expensive. They had also visited the Healing Wood. Regarding Olive's Throat, County Farms own the south side and were doing the cutting on that side, not the tenant

farmer. It was agreed that a meeting on site at Sarsons Meadow with Burgess Homes should be sought for the end of August. No action had been undertaken as yet for the flooding at Shotgrove Lane. The A1088 would close shortly south of Ixworth for an extended period. This was unavoidable as a bridge needed to be rebuilt.

CB had submitted a written report. She was still following up on the Havebury parking situation, and funding for play equipment and the war memorial. DF reported that he had inspected the war memorial, and it seemed in a reasonable state of repair. In the first instance he would speak with a church representative about what action might be needed and about cleaning the memorial.

6. To approve as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2024
- the minutes were approved
7. Planning
 - a. To consider the Parish Council's responses to any planning application consultations
DC/21/2369/FUL – no objection
DC/24/0846/HH – no objection
 - b. Sarsons Meadow development update (if any)
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8. To receive an update on the purchase of a gov.uk domain
It was hoped to change the url of the parish website shortly and to start setting up councillor email accounts.
9. Finances
 - a. To receive the monthly Budget Report – received by the PC
 - b. To approve the Payments Schedule – approved by the PC
 - c. To receive an update on the Council's banking arrangements – the Clerk reported that he was checking regularly to see if the Nationwide were open to applications for business accounts.
10. Information updates from Councillors
SD: a) would be inviting the Suffolk Wildlife Trust to the September meeting and
b) would be trimming the Crooked Garden shortly
JH: Updated on the playground. It was agreed to explore working with 4grants to raise funds.
AH raised the cleaning of benches. DF agreed to undertake.
11. To review any action points raised at previous meetings and not already considered- none
12. Date of next meeting: Monday 9th September 2024