

## **HOPTON CUM KNETTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
THE VILLAGE HALL, HOPTON  
MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 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)

### NOT PRESENT:

Councillor Ben Shotbolt (BS)  
Councillor Julian Thompson (JT)

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Nicholas Spring, Clerk (NS)  
District Councillor Carol Bull (CB)

8 members of the public were present.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

1. Apologies for absence: BS, JT and County Councillor Joanna Spicer (JS)
2. Members' declarations of interests & requests for dispensations: DF with respect to one planning application. Agreed that DF could comment.
3. Reports from the County and/or District Councillor  
  
CB reported on the launch of the Communities Capital Grant Fund, work on reducing emissions and on the Saving the Buses.
4. To consider any matters relating to highways, pavements, footpaths and trees not already considered

It was noted that there had been a delay to the Stowlangtoft Bridge replacement.

A question was raised about the responsibility for the maintenance of the ditches on the boundaries of Sarsons Meadow and also the surfacing of the footpath along Bury Road. NS to contact Burgess Homes for clarification.

Also mentioned: the drain cover near the dental surgery; a dog bin for Home Close; and whether Hopton Charities might help with gardening if a resident was unable to cope.

5. Public participation session

The Cross Green Farm planning application was raised. It was noted that the Parish Council had been given an extension for its comments. The condition of the planter outside the shop was also raised. DF reported that this was in progress.

6. The Council approved as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024

7. The Council considered and adopted new Standing Orders based on the National Association of Local Councils' Model Orders published in July 2018 and updated in April 2022 and modified to suit a smaller council

8. Planning

a. To consider the Parish Council's responses to any planning application consultations including Poultry Farm Cross Green Farm Thelnetham DC/24/1210/FUL

i. Regarding the application for a new storage unit at the Vine, it was noted that it was unclear whether unloading would take place at the front or the back and therefore the implications for traffic in the High Street. NS to speak to the Planning Officer.

ii. Poultry Farm Cross Green Farm Thelnetham: It was agreed that the Council would register its objection to this application on the basis of the traffic implications for Thelnetham Road and in the village.

b. Sarsons Meadow development update including VAS, village gateway and Deed of Easement for footpath from development to the Village Hall car park

NS informed the Council of the clarification which JS had obtained from Highways regarding the VAS and related matters. The Council agreed that it would take over responsibility for the new VAS once it had been installed.

The Deed of Easement for the footpath from development to the Village Hall car park was discussed and it was agreed that further clarification was needed.

9. Finances

- a. The Council received the monthly Budget Report
- b. The Council approved the Payments Schedule
- c. The Council received an update on the Council's banking arrangements. Nationwide BS was still not open to new accounts.

10. Information updates from Councillors

AH asked for contributions to the next newsletter. She also reported that the Village Hall Committee were arranging for an architect to look at plans for the VH redevelopment and had also said that the EV charger for the car park would now be a fast charger. Finally, AH noted that there was an issue with the bins in the centre of the village overflowing due to them being filled with bags of household rubbish. The litter picker would be asked to monitor.

SD had obtained a poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday and was also following up on the subject of the cleaning of the war memorial and the adding of new names.

JH noted that 4Grants were now trying to see what grants might be available for the playground.

RC noted that the work on removing the rotten section of the boardwalk had been carried out.

11. To review any action points raised at previous meetings and not already considered.

None

12. Date of next meeting: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024