

HOPTON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTE of the Meeting held on 10 August 2009 at Hopton Village Hall Station Road Hopton-on-Sea.

Present:

Cllrs. Mike Butcher (Chairman), Ken Hicks (Vice-Chairman), Lenny Gent, Val McGee, Maureen McGovern, Howard Shepherdson, Lilian Walker and Julie Woods. Jay Formosa (from 8pm). Also in attendance: Julie McNair, Clerk to the Council, County Councillor Gerry Cook. Ten members of the public were present.

1. To consider apologies for absence.

Apologies received and accepted from Parish Councillors Vicky Mummery and Brian Howard and Borough Councillors Steve Ames and Sue Hacon.

2. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

There were none.

3. To confirm the minute of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13.7.09.

Unanimously resolved to approve the minute as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Resolved to suspend the meeting to receive the monthly Police Report.

PCSO Laura Allen advised there were 73 calls to the Norfolk Constabulary from Hopton during the month of July, which results in 6 crimes. Information has now been provided to the newly formed neighbourhood watch scheme set up at Trafalgar Grange, and signs will be installed during the next couple of weeks. There will be police presence at the summer fete on Sunday. The next KIN meeting is on 7 September in the village hall at 7.30pm.

5. To receive and consider the Clerk's reports:-

i. Correspondence. The Clerk reported on paper correspondence received since the last meeting.

ii. Planning Applications considered by the Committee. 06/09/0442/F Hopton Post Office. New shop front. 06/09/0436/F 7A Cliff Lane Gorleston (Hopton boundary). Raising roof to form bedrooms and bathroom (amended plans). 06/09/0434/F 18 Watsons Close. Erection of garage on parking spaces to complete a block of three. 06/09/0417/F 2 Brett Cottages Sidegate Road. All the above agreed by the Planning Committee. Applications currently with the Planning Committee for consideration: 06/09/0472/F 12 Station Road. Demolition of existing garage, extension to form ground floor garage and first floor bedroom. 06/09/0468/F 49 Sea View Rise. Erection of replacement fence to rear boundary (2.4M high).

Planning Permissions Granted by GYBC. 06/09/0370/F Potters Leisure Resort. Indoor shooting range facility. 06/09/0371/F Potters Leisure Resort. Alterations and extensions to existing facility building (up-grade).

iii. Finance. The Clerk presented 6 cheques to the meeting numbered 1294 to 1299 with a total value of £2,711.68. It was resolved to pass these for payment.

6. To receive a brief update on matters arising from the Minutes:-

(i) Summer Fete Sunday 16 August.

The carnival procession will meet at 10.30am on Warren Road (near Hopton Holiday Village). There are currently seven scarecrows entered in the competition, but more are expected.

(ii) Pumping Station Warren Road/drainage problem Barn Close.

A response has been received from Anglian Water to say they will be investigating the problem within the next week, and will report back.

7. To receive and consider a further report and update by the St. Margaret's Ruins Committee.

A report was provided to each Councillor advising that the St. Margaret's Day launch held on 20 July was a resounding success. A pre-application has been submitted to English Heritage and a response is expected shortly. Sponsorship has been obtained from Bubbles Amusements to enable further booklets to be printed. Booklets cost £3 each and can be obtained from Cllrs. Brian Howard or Val McGee, see also website www.oldstmargarets.com Funds now stand at £297. An appeal will be published in next month's View magazine seeking volunteers to assist with the project. Three estimates are being obtained for stabilisation and restoration and these will be supplied to the full Council once received. Cllr Gent will check that the current public liability cover for the ruins incorporates volunteer workers. Cllr McGee confirmed that professional advice had been sought regarding the removal of ivy so as not to damage the existing walls. This advice will be obtained in writing.

8. Quality parish status.

Notification of CiLCA registration from the Society of Local Council Clerks has been received. The Parish Council can apply for QPS when the CiLCA portfolio has been completed, submitted and passed.

9. To consider quotations re signs on the recreation ground and supply of free dog pooh bags.

The Chairman's investigation into the possibility of supplying free dog pooh bags is ongoing. The recreation ground signs will be replaced once it is know whether the dog pooh bags will be available.

10. To receive information concerning the progress of the Compulsory Purchase Order of land next to St. Margaret's Church Lowestoft Road.

Awaiting a revised Public Inquiry date. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall and be open to all members of the public. The revised date will be advised shortly.

11. To consider a request from Hopton Outdoor Bowls Club for a grant/donation.

The Bowls Club may be suffering as a result of the CPO (item 10 above) in that their water pipe, which runs under the land next to St. Margaret's Church has been cut off. As a result of this the Bowls club no longer has any direct water supply.

It was proposed that the Parish Council does not assist. This proposal failed. A second proposal was put forward that the Parish Council write to the Bowls Club seeking a breakdown of costs and the number of members who are resident in the village. This proposal was seconded and carried by majority vote.

12. Resolution to suspend the meeting for the Public Forum, County Councillor and Borough Councillors' Reports.

Resolved to suspend the meeting. Members of the public raised the following issues:

A Neighbourhood Watch meeting was held at Trafalgar Grange. Mr Tonks advised he is the chairman of the new scheme with Cllr. Maureen McGovern as the secretary. Signs will be

installed in the next few weeks. The Parish Council was thanked for the £75 contribution towards the cost of signage.

Grass verges along the A12 and the roundabout require maintenance. County Councillor Gerry Cook will take this forward. Letter to Atkins, NCC Highways, copy MP.

Caulking to the sea wall has still not done. Letter to be sent to Bernard Harris GYBC.

Small jet skis are going under the barrier at Beach Road. The Chairman will investigate. Any problems with jet skis should be reported to the Coastguard.

County Councillor Gerry Cook advised that a meeting is to be arranged with NCC, Warren Road residents and the Golf Club with a view to progressing the issue of the Warren Road cycleway/footpath. The Chairman of the Parish Council to attend the meeting.

The Parish Council may be approached by Outreach regarding their youth policy of finding out what young people would like to do. This has apparently caused some concern in Bradwell.

No further items were raised and the meeting was reconvened.

13. To read Parish Councillors' Reports (previously submitted in writing).

There were none.

14. Items for the next Agenda (not for discussion).

(i) Jet Skis going under the barrier. (ii) New Village Hall Build Project update. (iii) Report on summer fete (iv) Gate C600 Lowestoft Road (v) Drainage problem update (vi) Ruins update (vii) Bowls Club update

15. Confirmed the date and time of the next meeting of Hopton-on-Sea Parish Council will be Monday 14th September 2009 at 7pm Hopton Village Hall (behind the new Health Centre) Station Road).

The Chairman thanked the public (and any press) for attending. The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Signed Date
Chairman / Vice-Chairman

These Minutes are unconfirmed until approved by the full Council.
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