

HOPTON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTE of the Meeting held on 14 September 2009 at Hopton Village Hall Station Road Hopton-on-Sea commencing at 7pm.

Present:

Cllrs. Mike Butcher (Chairman), Ken Hicks (Vice-Chairman), Jay Formosa, Lenny Gent, Brian Howard, Val McGee, Maureen McGovern, Vicky Mummery, Howard Shepherdson, Lilian Walker and Julie Woods.

Also in attendance: Julie McNair, Clerk to the Council. Eight members of the public were present.

1. To consider apologies for absence.

Apologies received from County Councillor Gerry Cook 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 10.8.09.

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

4. To receive the monthly Police Report.

The Clerk advised there were 59 calls to the Norfolk Constabulary from Hopton during the month of August, which resulted in 11 crimes.

Resolved to suspend the meeting.

5. Great Yarmouth Lions to present a cheque to the Parish Council following the Hopton Summer Fete held on 16 August 2009.

Richard Barr thanked Cllrs. Shepherdson, Woods and Mummery, and the people of Hopton for making the third annual fete such a success. Forty nine charity stalls took part this year and it is estimated that together they raised £5,000. for their charities on the day. Richard presented a cheque for £1,000 to the Parish Council which was gratefully received. The Chairman thanked the GY Lions and Parish Councillors for organising another successful fete. It was agreed that the date for next year's fete will be Sunday 15 August 2010.

The meeting was re-convened.

6. 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.

06/09/0472/F 12 Station Road. Demolition of existing garage, extension to form ground floor garage and first floor bedroom. 06/09/0469/F 49 Sea View Rise. Erection of replacement fence to rear boundary. 06/09/0521/F 3 Cliff Lane. Variation of condition 2 of PP 06/05/0432/F to allow re-positioning of railings. 06/09/0531/F 26 Watsons Close. Ground floor extension and conversion of garage for disabled person. 06/09/0546/F 23 Anglian Way. Retrospective application for erection of conservatory to rear. 06/09/0547/F 34 Watsons Close. Single storey rear extension. The Planning Committee raised no objections to all the above applications.

Planning Permissions Granted by GYBC.

06/09/0417/F 2 Brett Cottages, Sidegate Road. Demolish existing kitchen and erect new larger kitchen extension. 06/09/0434/F Potters Leisure Resort. Car parking and link roads. 06/09/0434/F 18 Watsons Close. Erection of garage on parking space to complete a block of three. 06/09/0442/F Hopton Post Office. New shop front. 06/09/0468/F 49 Sea View Rise (as above). 06/09/0472/F 12 Station Road (as above). 06/09/0519/F 3 Beach Road (as above).

iii. Finance. The Clerk presented 10 cheques to the meeting numbered 1300 to 1309 with a total value of £1,295.61. It was resolved to pass these for payment.

(iv) Finance – to consider proposals by GYBC for change to the way the parish precept and grant for concurrent functions is calculated and paid

Following receipt of a letter from Seb Duncan, Head of Financial Services, GYBC outlining proposals, a full debate took place and Option B was agreed. Clerk to inform GYBC.

The Clerk advised that the Annual Return year ended 31 March 2009 has been approved and signed by the external Auditors. Notice of completion of the annual audit will be displayed on the notice boards in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 for a period of 14 days.

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

(i) (a) Pumping Station Warren Road/drainage problem Barn Close. Anglian Water has advised that the problem with the pumping station has now been resolved. (b) Lowestoft Road junction with Station Road. Anglian Water has carried out a full investigation into the drainage problem and a written response is expected this week.

(ii) Closure of the gate C600 Lowestoft Road. Mr Hall has advised that the feeder post has been installed and the contractors are getting closer to finishing the electrics. CCTV is to be installed covering the area.

8. To receive a report from the Village Hall Management Trust (VHMT) Concerning progress of the New Community Village Hall project.

Cllr Hicks provided a full report, a copy of which will be published in the October edition of Village View magazine, placed on the main notice board and in the existing village hall.

9. To consider donating the proceeds of the Summer Fete to the Village Hall Management Trust (registered charity) in support of the New Build Project.

Following discussion, it was proposed and seconded to donate £1,000, being the proceeds of the summer fete, to the VHMT New Build Project. A counter-proposal was put forward and seconded to split the proceeds equally between the VHMT and the St. Margaret's Ruins Project. The counter-proposal was defeated and the original proposal carried by majority vote.

10. To receive and consider a report and update by the St. Margaret's Ruins Committee (old church Coast Road).

Minutes from the Ruins Committee meeting of 10 September were read out by Cllr. McGee. The response from English Heritage to the pre-application was favourable and it was unanimously agreed that the Committee should proceed with the full grant application. It was resolved that the Committee would be provided with £50 petty cash from the bank account designated for the Ruins Project. The cost of a survey, to go to all households in the village, will be met by existing financial donations. A request for volunteers will be published in the October edition of Village View and placed on the main notice board.

11. To further consider the problem of jet skis going under the barrier at Beach Road.

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council had done all it could to safeguard this area. If problems continued with jet skis, residents should speak directly to the Coastguard.

12. To consider participating in a new Coastal Group being formed for the East Coast.

The Chairman advised that Borough Councillor Shirley Weymouth is putting together a group of likeminded people who are concerned about coastal erosion. The Parish Council has been asked whether we would like to participate. The meeting was suspended. Brian Hardisty volunteered to join the group and he will report back to the Parish Council. The meeting was reconvened.

The Chairman advised he met with Simon Mutton and Bernard Harris GYBC to discuss caulking of the sea wall. It was agreed that works would commence on 28 September to the north end of the sea wall. As there is only £20,000 left in this year's budget, works will take them down as far as the groynes past the ramp. The remaining works to the County boundary will start at the next financial year i.e. April 2010. Spikes on the revetment still require removing for health and safety reasons. The Chairman will progress this with Simon Mutton.

13. To receive information and consider quotations re signs on the recreation ground and supply of free dog poo bags.

The Chairman and Clerk met with Simon Mutton GYBC concerning the supply of free dog poo bags in the village. The Borough Council has agreed to support a pilot to provide free dog poo bags and dispensers at the five entrances to the recreation ground. GYBC will install the dispensers. The Parish Council will organise a survey prior to commencing the pilot and if successful, it may be rolled out to the remainder of the village and across the Borough. It was unanimously agreed to proceed at a cost of £450 for the five dispensers and 10000 bio degradable bags. Used dog poo bags can be placed in standard litter bins, although additional bins may be required in the pilot area.

Cllr. Formosa will obtain quotations for new signs to include information on the scheme.

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

The Chairman and Clerk had a meeting with Chris Skinner GYBC to progress matters. Evidence is being collated and statements drawn up. The Public Inquiry is to take place at the Town Hall Great Yarmouth on Thursday 20 October commencing at 10am. Members of the public and Councillors may attend. There is likely to be a site visit following the Inquiry before the Inspector gives his decision.

15. To receive further information and consider a donation request from Terry Mutton, Hopton Bowls Club (behind St. Margaret's Church Lowestoft Road).

The meeting was suspended to allow representation from the Bowls Club. They are awaiting quotations from contractors in relation to various works, including a new water supply. The Club currently has 35 members of which 13 are residents of Hopton. The meeting was reconvened. It was agreed to discuss the matter further when the Bowls Club has costings.

16. To receive information concerning the East of England Development Plan 2031, public consultation.

Cllr. Gent read a report following his attendance at a recent meeting to hear more about planning for the future of this region. Thousands of new homes will be needed across the East by 2031. The consultation is continuing and options worked on will now include carbon neutral, fully sustainable building. More information can be obtained from the East of England Regional Assembly at www.eera.gov.uk

17. 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 points:- Thanks to the Parish Council in relation to their involvement with all matters affecting the sea wall, beach, jet skis etc.
No further items were raised and the meeting was reconvened.

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

There were none.

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

(i) Over 60's and Family Christmas Parties (ii) Sponsorship Hopton in Bloom (iii) VHMT New Build Project (iv) Neighbourhood Watch (v) Drains Lowestoft Road (vi) Dog Pooh Bags (vii) New Signs for the recreation ground (viii) St. Margaret's Ruins update (ix) Staffing Committee

20. Confirmed the date and time of the next meeting of Hopton-on-Sea Parish Council will be Monday 12 October 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 8.45pm.

Signed

Chairman / Vice-Chairman

Date

These Minutes are unconfirmed until approved by the full Council.

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