

THARSTON AND HAPTON PARISH COUNCIL

4. Planning

- No Planning Application to be discussed.

5. Highways – to receive any updates regarding highways and footpaths.

• Highway issues

The Chairman commented that the resurfacing work in Hapton had been done but as yet the proposed resurfacing in Lower Tharston did not appear to have been done as he was under the impression that they would both be done under the same time frame. Alison Thomas commented that she would check with highways and inform the clerk.

• Parish Partnership.

- The Clerk commented that he has sent the parish partnership cheque to Norfolk County Council and once the work is scheduled, he will inform the council.

• To discuss the Proposed Long Stratton new development

The Clerk had received no report

6. Finance –

- To approving the following invoices for payment:
- To approve Payment to Parish Clerk Alan Arber for December salary and expenses £611.94
- To approve payment for Clerks Pension £206.57
- To approve payment to NALC for annual subscription £242.54
- To approve payment to NPTS for annual Subscription £236.25
- To approve payment to Norfolk County Council for THPC half of costs for scheme £3250.00
- To approve payment to David Gunton for repairs to Clerk's laptop £60.00
- To approve payment to ICO for annual subscription £35.00

Proposed Tim Ward Seconded Nick Potter

The Clerk commented that he had tried to contact Unity Trust to get the necessary forms for the change and he would continue with this till the forms were received.

7. To receive an update on the following current issues and to consider any necessary actions:

- Tree warden's Report
No report
- Footpath Issues
Sue Wardale had reported that Redwings were in need of some Finger posts and he had contacted Fiona Pratt who has asked that redwings contacted her direct to facilitate this. The Clerk has contacted Redwings to confirm Fiona Pratt's request.
- Village maintenance
The Chairman commented that the Hedge at the surveyor's land had been trimmed back. Also, that he had instructed GLS to put the posts in the new field for the sign. The stock fencing will be put along the roadside of Hapton Meadow to ensure it is fully dog friendly. Finally, The Clerk was asked to email Frances Salway on the issue of FP 4 to inform her that all was now in order with the new residents and the gate.

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8. To receive an update on the Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plan

David Gunton had sent The Clerk his notes on the recent meeting and they are attached to these minutes as appendix 1

9. To discuss the options on adopting the open space land at Tharston Meadows

Again, David Gunton had produced a detailed paper of the options on this and they are attached as appendix 2. A discussion ensued on this and it was agreed that The Clerk would email Reece Horne to ask for a site meeting to ensure any issues are ironed out before any decision is made. Most councillors were in agreement of adopting but also agreed they will not make any decisions until they have seen site of the contract.

10. To receive and update on the Hapton land purchase

The Chairman that the hedge planting was complete and after much discussion it was agreed that the clerk contact GLS to get the area ploughed, harrowed, and destoned for the grass to be planted. Jenna will get the grass seed once GLS confirm dates for the work.

A discussion then ensued on the name for the field and the following 3 names were agreed and they would be put in the next newsletter for the parishioners to decide.

Huggle Field

Barn Owl Field

Hapton Meadow

11. To receive an update on the recent Flooding issues.

This had been dealt with under County Councillors report

12. To discuss issue with Clerks Laptop

The Clerk reported that he had taken the laptop to David Gunton as it would not load the latest patch for the HMRC software. David had undertaken the work and made the following recommendations.

1. Install an extra 4 GB of memory
2. Purchase a new laptop for the clerk and ensure it is put in the budget in December

Option 2 was agreed as the best option moving forward

It was agreed this was the best option as the laptop was over 8 years old

13. To discuss Parish Projects

- Newsletter
It was agreed that the items on the new community field would go in the newsletter along with final decision on the make up of the play equipment and any other items for the project
- Sam Machine
Still being moved around the parish by Vic but due to Covid we are unable to download.
- Phone box
- The Clerk and Chairman would meet this Sunday to look at a possible site asap.
- Parish Councillors/Clerk training

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Clerk reported that he had now passed three units of his Cilca work and had submitted another one to be marked and was in a position to hopefully submit the final unit in the next week

- Village Hall Fundraising ideas
No Comments on this
- The Vision
No Comments on this
- New Community Area Funding ideas
The Clerk had found a grant and asked that he has authority to apply on behalf of the council for the sum of £5000 with the coop fund.
- WW2
No Comments on this
- Surveyors Land
Already dealt with under village maintenance
Clerk to contact SNC to find out the possibilities of taking the ownership back as he had heard nothing from his previous email
- Hapton Phone Box
A discussion ensued on this and it was agreed that Jenna would look at options to turn the phone box into a community library also along with it housing the defibrillator.

14. To discuss speeding in the parish and setting up a speed watch group

Online training was now taking place and once this was completed a site visit would take place with onsite training would also take place in the near future

15. To agree parish council meeting dates for 2021-2022

The Clerk had submitted the proposed dates to Hapton School but as yet as not had a reply. He would contact the school on tis and also look at purchasing items to ensure the council meets its covid duties for face-to-face meetings.

16. Public Participation (10 minutes)

No Comments

17. To receive items for the next agenda.

Church Grants

Clerks Appraisal

Meeting finished at 8.04pm

Next meeting 14th April 2021