

THARSTON AND HAPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of

The Annual Parish Meeting of Tharston and Hapton to be held at Hapton Community Cabin, Hapton on Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 6.30 pm

This is a public meeting for members of the parish to meet, and to hear a summary of activities and achievements from local groups in the community.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence

No Apologies

2. Chairman's welcome and Parish Council Report

The chair gave the following report, and he thanked all councillors, footpath warden and Tree warden for all their work. All projects are moving forward, and the passing of Barry Duffin is a sad loss to the Parish.

3. Approval of the minutes of the last APM on 18th May 2022

Minutes approved by councillors.

4. County Councillor Reports

Appendix 1

5. District Council Report

No report due to Barry Duffin's sad passing

6. Hapton School

We have had an exciting year at Hapton Primary. We have been working together with our partner schools within the Saints Federation to broaden the opportunities for our pupils through a range of shared experiences and educational visits. This is, in part, response to offering all pupils access to those experiences which were not so readily available during the pandemic, but also to support them in developing a wider view of the world in which they live.

We have also introduced a new book-based curriculum, where we bring to life quality literature to immerse children in the imagined world. All our books are carefully linked to their topics so that children have a deeper experience of the power of language.

Our trips out and about have included Southwold, Norwich Cathedral, and the Puppet Theatre. We're looking forward to our federation summer trip to High Lodge where we'll be enjoying learning in the outdoors.

As a federation, we have been out to consultation to join a Multi Academy Trust. This is part of the strategic role of the Interim Executive Board, who seek ways to continue to protect the long-term sustainability of the small, rural schools within their care. More information about this can be found on the Federation website.

7. Tharston Parish Church

Further to our request earlier in the year for volunteers to help with village events, we are pleased that we have had some positive responses, thank you.

We feel that the best way forward from our appeal, and your responses is to invite you to come to Holbrook, The Street for a coffee, cake, and a chat on Saturday 17th June at 10.30 a.m. so that you can all meet one another in a social setting.

It would be good to see you all, and maybe you can let us know if you can attend, however if you are unable to come and still interested in being involved, maybe you can also let me know.

Contact details are as before:

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8. Hapton Parish Church

Appendix 2

9. Tharston Charities

Appendix 3

10. Footpath Warden

The footpath warden commented that she walks all the footpaths and bridleways on a very regular basis so she can report on any issues that may arise. Sue will always respond to any concerns regarding public rights of way in Tharston as and when they are reported. The majority of our paths, certainly in Hapton, are in good order and we are lucky to have a good working relationship with most of our landowners. Unfortunately, budget cuts have seen the Rangers unable to respond to our needs as swiftly as they used to but they generally get there in the end eventually.

11. Tree warden

Appendix 4

12. Redwings

Appendix 5

The clerk will provide some more footpath discs for Sue Wardale and redwings are going to work with Sue Wardale on the issues needed regarding safety and the footpath.

Questions were asked on the lower field and the bore holes done, and these were to check the grass seed and the soil issues.

13. AOB

No comments

The meeting ended at 7pm

The Annual Parish Council meeting follows this meeting.