

THARSTON AND HAPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at
The Community Building, Holly Lane, Hapton
On 18th September 2024 at 7.00pm.

In Attendance: Mr N Potter (chair)
Mrs J Goodall-Browne
Mr G Bleach
Mr D Daniels
MR V Blake
Mr A Arber (clerk)

3 members of the public plus district councillor Kim Carsok

1. Public Participation

Standing Orders were suspended to allow the public to speak.

Lana introduced herself to the council and commented that she would like to volunteer to assist the council doing her gold Duke of Edinburgh award.
Jess Introduced herself to the council also which helps with the village events
District Councillor Kim Carsok gave the following report.
The chair commented that we would be happy to help in any way possible

Kim Carsok gave the following report and commented that we were very lucky to get the full CAF grant as there were applications for £300,000 of the projects and we got the full amount.
Solar farm being proposed around long Stratton
Interactive map on the pylons.
Social prescribing is over a bigger area including Norwich and its surrounding areas.
Temporary accommodation has been sourced in various areas that the council will be assisting people that have no housing, and they will help them including in their local area rather than being put further away
Lots of neighbourhood plans going forward and not much else in the background.
A parishioner commented that Ben Willis has a grit bin that he would put at the top of Marsh Lane and would fill with grit. It was agreed to locate this there asap and ben Willis will contact the landowner

Standing Orders were reinstated.

2. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Tim Ward
All agreed to accept

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 24th July 2024 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

Proposer: Nick Potter Seconder: Graham Bleach

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4. Declarations of Interest

T Ward for a payment for maintenance
G Bleach for a payment for maintenance
N Potter for Mower Repair and fuel

5. Planning

- **To discuss the Planned Open space**
Nothing to report.
- **Planning Application**
 - 2024/2379 Spreading Oaks Chequers Road Tharston Norfolk NR15 2YA
Proposal: Demolition and replacement of barn. Demolition of workshop and build new annexe
The council agreed to Support this application
 - 2024/1314. Land Adj To 24 - 26 Wellesley Road Tharston Norfolk
Proposal: Erection of helicopter hangar & vehicle storage building
The council agreed to Support this application
 - To discuss planning applications received after the agenda posted
 - 2024/2598 12 Norwich Road Hapton N515 1SD
Erection of garage with workshop space to the rear of existing driveway.
The council agreed to support this application

6. Governance

No new governance at present

7. Finances

- To note receipts in August
 - CAF Funding award payment £10,000
 - Pride in place grants £15,000
 - Litter Pick reward Payment £20.00
 - HMRC refund £623.38
 - Norwich Central Baptist church £70.00 cabin hire
- To approving the following invoices for payment:
August Payments
 - To approve Payments to Parish Clerk Alan Arber for July
 - salary and expenses £975.91
 - To approve payment for Clerks pension for July £275.54
 - To approve payment to Graham Bleach for Maintenance items £92.84
 - To approve payment to Wensum print for Newsletter £400.00
 - To approve payment to Lloyd for Credit card Purchases as detailed below**
 - Water Irrigation for Hose £103.97
 - Notcutts for Ken Grayling Voucher £100.00
 - Amazon for Printer Ink, £38.98
 - Amazon for WD_40 £20.47
 - D Day Lamp £55.00
 - Amazon for Cat Litter for compostable Toilet £54.58
 - To approve Payment to plan to garden for community project £15,000
 - To approve payment to 3 mobile for Direct debit for security sim cards £40.54**September Payments**
 - To approve Payments to Parish Clerk Alan Arber

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	for August salary and expenses	£792.11
XV.	To approve payment for Clerks pension for August	£275.54
XVI.	To approve payment to HMRC for Tax and NI	£35.80
XVII.	To approve payment to SLCC for clerk attendance at National conference and Norfolk AGM	£293.06
XVIII.	To approve payment to GLS for Tap repair at Orchard	£180.00
XIX.	To approve payment to Play Safety for Annual play inspection report	£312.00
XX.	To approve payment Viking for Stationery	£76.52
XXI.	To approve payment for SNDC for Annual Dog Bin charge	£655.20
XXII.	To approve Payment to Graham Bleach for maintenance items	£83.99
XXIII.	To approve payment to Plan to garden for community project	£15,786.00
XXIV.	To approve payment to Tim ward for solar panel for camera	£15.99
XXV.	To approve payment to 3 mobile for Direct debit for security sim cards	£40.54
XXVI.	To approve payment to Nick Potter for Mower Repair and fuel	£225.30
	To approve payment to Lloyd for Credit card Purchases as detailed below	£3.00
XXVII.	Cat Litter for compostable toilet	£31.99
XXVIII.	To approve any payments that come in after the agenda is posted.	
XXIX.	To receive the External auditors report and note any actions	
	The clerk reported that as yet we had not received the external auditors report back yet despite it being due by 31 st September 2024	

XXX. To receive the up-to-date financial report.

The clerk reported that the figure on the 1st of August was £22310.55 after all payments taken out the figure reduced to £15863.30 which was noted on the bank statement dated the 31st of August that the chairman had signed this includes all payments and receipts up to 31st August and the total on the 1st of September was £15,863.30 We have since received the final Pride in place draw down grant and other receipts detailed above

Proposed: David Daniels Seconded: Vic Blake

The clerk also commented that at the end of September he will be claiming £5429.35 in Vat

8. Highways

Highways issues

No issues reported

Long Stratton Development.

No report

9. To receive an update on the following current issues and to consider any necessary action.

Tree Warden report

No report made as we still await the appointment of a new tree warden and an advert will go in the upcoming newsletter.

Footpath issues

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Nothing reported this month

Maintenance

Local jobs done and the local vandals have caused damage to the containers which was disappointing with one being put in the field and the other used as a trampoline. It was agreed to contact Jack to refill them once the need arises. A question was raised on fencing the area in due to the rabbits issue from Redwings, but we will look at this when the area is planted.

Grass cutting was again brought up and it was agreed that Oli Browne will cut meeting House field and The Orchard moving forward.

10. To receive an update on the Hapton Community Project and plan events for 2023-2024

The clerk reported that we had received the last draw down request and the final figure has been paid to the contractor with just the circular bench and flowers to be planted to be paid for when complete. The closure report will be sent through soon and the clerk will undertake this asap.

To discuss the possibility of installing Wi-Fi in the cabin

The clerk asked if it was possible to look at the probability of installing mobile Wi-Fi in the cabin to help users and to make the cabin a better place for hirers

The council agreed that the clerk should look at this and report back to the October meeting the relevant costs.

To discuss the Play inspection report

The Play inspection report has been done and a few issues flagged up and the clerk is talking to the initial contractor on these and will report to the council at the next meeting on his progress. The decision was too purchase some mesh that will hold the integrity of the bank and the grass will grow through it.

11. To discuss the latest pylons Information

The clerk had received the response from SNDC on the pylons issue and it was in all the councillor's packs, and it was noted that SNDC are opposing the project in the strongest terms.

12. To discuss Parish Projects.

- **Newsletter.**
The autumn newsletter will be worked on next week and it is hoped that it will go to print at the end of September. Various items are due to be added such as Tree Warden advert, Vandalism, Hapton school article, Police information and Tharston Fete report too which will make for a very local newsletter again
- **SAM Machines.**
The clerk reported that he had now received the data from long Stratton Town council regarding chequers road and between April to June 29908 vehicles had used the road with one speeder noted at 55 mph and the average daily total using

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the road one way was 748 vehicles. The average speed of most vehicles was 28.7 mph which is quite good

- **Tharston Phone Box**
The clerk has contacted the management company again but still no reply which is quite shocking. The name of the management company is NPM and they are based in Norwich
 - **Parish Councillors and Clerk training.**
The clerk has booked his place at the National SLCC conference and is looking forward to another good conference and the great networking that he gets from this event and the learning also and attended the SLCC Norfolk conference along with Clerks Networking with NPTS and will also attend the NPTS autumn seminar along with the new Parish Online Mapping Online seminar in early October to see if this can benefit us in any way
 - **Village Hall Fundraising**
Nothing to report
 - **Hapton Phone Box**
The phone box continues to be well used and now look very tidy, and graham has cleared out some books and added 2 shelves. There are also DVDs in the phone box for all to take and watch. It was cleaned today, and it needs a coat of paint asap as the roof is not looking great.
 - **Defib training**
All defibs are okay as the clerk has cleaned these again.
It was agreed that before the next meeting we would look at how it works. Reminder on the group before the next meeting.
 - **Surveyors land**
Some areas need cutting
 - **Neighbourhood watch**
These have now been put up.
 - **Community Orchard**
The Tap has been fixed but needs a new bib to allow a hose to be attached and David Daniels reported that cutting needs to take place on the grass and strimming were possible and he has weeded the area too. More wires have been stripped and damaged with the C cups being damaged which is very frustrating. 2 fruit bushes have been lost and the hedge plants also need replacing.
 - **Gov.com emails**
Just 2 councillors need to log into the system for us all to be on the correct system and the clerk requested this is done asap as the old system will not be used after the 1st of October. This will be done by both councillors asap with The clerk helping the chair on 25th September to get up to date.
 - **Meeting House field**
Not much to report on this except the bench is not looking good but it has been found that it needs replacing if deemed essential. The gate remains open, and the hasp has been removed but no-one knows who did this.
 - **Dog mess in the village**
There is still an issue with this problem and questions were raised what else we can do to stop this problem. It was felt that we had a serial offender, and this will and should be reported to South Norfolk.
 - **V E Day celebrations**
The clerk reported that he has ordered the lamp as requested at the July meeting. It was agreed to hold an evening with the lamp on the actual evening then have an event later on when the weather is better.
- 13. Hedgehog Highways and grass cutting on meeting house field**
No report on this at this meeting. Can come off the agenda

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14. To receive a report from speed watch group

Some events have been run and nothing out of the ordinary to report. There has been dialogue between the speed watch co-ordinator and that we get no Presence from the police, and they will attend soon.

15. Green Initiatives and initiatives (moving forward) including the recycling and Biodiversity policy

- **Green recycling for blister packs and razors**

The request to both churches has been turned down to site plastic bins to make these collections into before taking to the main bin (if purchased) takes place. As yet no decision has been made but it was felt by a parishioner that one could be put in the phone box in Hapton. A discussion ensued and it was agreed to purchase the bin for the phone box and a blister pack box for the community project.

16. Public Participation

A question was raised on the vandalism issues, and could we report every issue in the future and the clerk will attend the SNT seminar and ask the police the best way and how we report in the future.

David Daniels commented that with the Norfolk Homes we would be requesting a seat on the management company and if they are not of any use, we would be able to request their removal, but he is very disappointed with Norfolk homes on their works so far.

South Norfolk House will not be relisted, and the local MP will oppose on everyone's behalf and the consortium are still pushing and will not give up on this

To receive items for the next agenda.

Vandalism

New camera for play area

Budget

Long Stratton Norfolk Homes area with a management company in place and which one

Next Parish Council Meeting is Wednesday 16th October 2024
at 7pm at Hapton community cabin.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.