

HEPSCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 November 2019

1. **Present:** Carolyn Reid (Chair), David Cowans (Vice Chair), Philip Ashmore, Malcolm Paton, Anne Colver, Sylvia Johnson (Clerk)

Apologies: Fred Dye, John Sadler, County Councillor Glen Sanderson,

Declarations of interest: None

2. **Report from Neighbourhood Policing Team:**

We had been informed that PC Yolandie Scott has now taken over the area of Hepscoth as a few changes have taken place regarding boundaries. Yolandie also covers the Stobhill area. Unfortunately Yolandie was unable to attend the meeting. Due to changes in Supervision our police representative can no longer attend any meetings on days off so may provide a written update and attend when possible in the future.

3. **Minutes of the meetings held on 2019 and matters arising:**

PA stated that there were a few amendments to be made to the minutes from the last meeting, particularly in item 4 paragraph 8, where a new paragraph will be inserted. SJ will make amendments and resend for agreement. SJ agreed to contact the website host to ask if draft minutes can be uploaded then any amended version also be uploaded.

4. **Update from County Councillors:**

No County Councillors were in attendance.

5. **Precept for 2020/2021**

CR explained how the precept is devised. SJ had forwarded a spreadsheet covering the last year's expenditure. It was agreed by all councillors that we should request a 9% increase, which will give an increase of £1,000 for the year.

6. **Parish Boundary Changes:**

A letter had been received from NCC's Democratic Services giving the dates for the Consultation as being 9 January 2020 – 28 February 2020. CR/PA/JS will meet to agree a programme of work to be done. It was stated that the recent petition done by HPC should make the decision for NCC more difficult. CR thanked everyone again for undertaking this work. We now need a new flyer informing residents of the affected areas that they need to contact NCC in writing during the consultation period to let NCC know their feelings. It was agreed that we should also inform residents in other areas of the parish and prompt them to respond. We must ensure that all residents are clear on who to send their response to and where/when to send their response.

It was agreed that this will be the main item at the meeting of HPC in January. PA will produce a document for Democratic Services and will bring this to the meeting in January for agreement before sending.

Action

SJ

PA

**7. Planning Application updates/NCC Draft Local Plan:
(A detailed schedule of all recent planning applications is attached to these minutes as Addendum 1)**

- **Land south west of Barmoor Farm:** Refused by NCC but now appealed to the Planning Inspectorate. SJ to upload HPC's comments onto Planning Inspectorate website, the deadline for which is 6 December.
- **Westfield, Hepscott:** Refused by NCC but now appealed to the Planning Inspectorate. HPC's points were all given in the letter sent to NCC, which will be taken into consideration by the Planning Inspectorate. HPC have no further comments to make.
- **Four Winds:** DC attended the Planning Committee meeting and stated that the application was approved.

NCC Local Plan latest information: NCC hopes to adopt the plan in May 2020.

8. Flood Sub Group:

Minutes of the last Flood Group meeting are attached to these minutes as Addendum 2

9. Financial Matters:

Monthly financial statements had been circulated to Councillors with the agenda and were approved. All items over £100.00 were approved.

Task and Finish Group: The group will publish their findings in May 2020.

10. South Fields/Stobhill Manor update:

JS was not in attendance for any update, however it was noted that the bus shelters appear to be a work in progress.

11. Speeding and Parking issues:

FD was not in attendance; however he has informed us that Community Speed Watch signs are to be put in place at either end of the village.

12. Hepscott Parish Hall Committee:

AC informed us that the hall is really busy at present and is used every day. There have recently been 2 films shown, an excellent Halloween evening, and a curry night. A wine tasting event is to be held and the annual Christmas wreath making session will take place. In the kitchen a new floor has been laid but there is a dripping tap which will hopefully be repaired soon.

13. Correspondence/Meetings and training attended:

CR informed the meeting of her visit to the recycling plant. She stated it had been a very informative visit. All recyclable objects are sorted and sent to the appropriate recycling units. All the refuse in the general bins goes to the power station in Teesside and used to produce electricity. The only items that go to landfill are mattresses and sofas

DC attended - Morpeth Town Council. 'Conservation Area Character Appraisal'- a presentation and discussion with L.U.C. Consultants, on 14 October 2019 and also attended the Parish Hall Committee meeting on 25 September 2019

14. Any other business

- **Photographic ID:** A reminder was given that all councillors should visit Staits in Morpeth to have their photograph taken, inform Ken Stait that they are HPC members and then an invoice will be sent once all have been completed.
- **Playpark Inspection:** The playpark has had its annual inspection by the Play Inspection Company Ltd. CR will go through the report to look for any repairs required.
- **Hedge reduction:** A request had been made to reduce the height of the outer hedge at the orchard to 5 feet. SJ will request three quotes for this work. The work needs to be done in the winter when no birds are nesting.
- **Village tidy up:** It was agreed that there are areas in the village that require a decent tidy up before the spring. Some areas are privately owned therefore CR agreed to ask NCC if they could write to the residents concerned.

CR

SJ

CR

15. Date and Time of next Meeting

The next meeting of HPC will be held on Thursday 16 January 2020 in the Parish Hall, at 6.30 pm.

Dates for meetings in 2020 are as follows:

- 19th March
- 21st May
- 16th July
- 17th September
- 19th November

Minutes taken and prepared by:
Sylvia Johnson, Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

Signed as a true copy:

ADDENDUM 1

Details of recent planning applications discussed at the meeting of Hepscott Parish Council on Thursday 21 November 2019

- Burnside, Hepscott - Approval of reserved matters for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale relating to planning permission 16/01944/OUT
Ref: 18/01421/REM – Registered
- Land south west of Barmoor Farm, Barmoor, Hepscott - Outline permission for the demolition of an existing garage and erection of a single residential unit
Ref: 18/03873/OUT – Application refused by NCC – now appealed to Secretary of State
- Barratt Homes, South Fields, Morpeth - variation of condition 2 to replace house types and relocated 2 visitor parking spaces
Ref: 18/04368/VARYCO – Registered
- Westfield, Hepscott - Proposed new single-storey dwelling adjacent to Westfield, Hepscott
Ref: 18/04418/FUL – Application refused by NCC - now appealed to Secretary of State
- Greenfield House, Hepscott – Demolition of 1 dwelling and replacement with 3 dwellings including access
Ref: 19/02197/OUT - Registered
- Land west of Healeywood, Hepscott – Proposed demolition of existing open sided steelwork trussed portal frame building with lean to; erect a new steel portal framed secure machinery storage building
Ref: 19/02142/FUL – Application permitted
- Four Winds, Hepscott – Demolition of existing bungalow to create 2 private dwellings, retaining existing access and internal driveway together with retention of all trees and hedges to external boundaries
Ref: 19/03670/FUL – Awaiting decision
- Land west of Field House, Hepscott - Proposed conversion of traditional agricultural buildings and development of new build units to comprise 9 dwellings
Ref: 19/03789/FUL – Registered
- Baronoaks, Dunces Houses, Hepscott - To erect a boundary wall and gate
Ref: 19/03922/FUL - Registered

ADDENDUM 2
HEPSCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
FLOOD SUB GROUP REPORT
21st November 2019

1. Meetings:
 - a. Since the 19th September the Flood Group have met 25th September, 2nd October, 4th October, 15th October, 16th October and 22nd October.
 - b. The next Flood Group meeting is scheduled for the 22nd November and with the Joint Study Group on the 13th December.

2. The meeting with Joint Flood Study Group on the 2nd October and the 16th October the following issues were discussed:
 - a. Computer modelling was explained. (Modelling Process could take 2 months).
 - b. Flood mapping will be produced.
 - c. Network Rail was not very cooperative and information provided by them is not good. NCC to request better information.
 - d. More reliable information and dated photographs provided. To be used to calibrate the Computer Model.
 - e. "Climate Change" predictions would increase flows which will be taken into account.
 - f. Consultants (MMB) have been instructed by NCC to progress on to the design solutions stage to look for flood management proposals.
 - g. Next meeting will be on the 13th December at NWA in Cramlington.
 - h. If the study identifies a need for flood management works it would be scheduled for 2022 / 23.

3. Other Issues being pursued discussed by the Flood Group:
 - a. NCC Position Statement issued August 2019.
 - b. Coloured dye to trace the route of the Redhouse burn - HPC looking to carry this out
 - c. The Culverts running through the Orchard and Crofts Park proposals to improve the situation.
 - d. Thornlea ditch maintenance.
 - e. The last Gully cleansing and road sweeping was in August 2019. Discussing further maintenance issues.
 - f. Next flood defence inspection 22nd November 2019, Barratts to be included.

4. Hepscott Flood Plan:
 - a. A meeting is to be scheduled to update flood plan by January 2020.
 - b. The flood wardens last met on the 22nd October in the Village Hall.

5. A section of the embankment upriver of the weir was washed out during heavy rain in August, repairs look to have stalled.