

# HEPSCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15 January 2015

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### 1. Present

Philip Ashmore (Chair), Ken Reed, Fred Dye, David Cowans, Philippa Raper, County Councillor Glen Sanderson, County Councillor Ian Lindley, PC Andrea Teasdale.

#### Apologies:

Sylvia Johnson (Clerk), Merle Heppell, Hollie Ross

PR agreed to take the minutes.

### 2. PC Andrea Teasdale

PC Teasdale reported that although there has been no criminal activity in Hepscoth village, there has been a spate of burglaries of machinery and vans in the surrounding area. She urged parishioners to check their cars, oil tanks and outbuildings and to report anything suspicious to the Police.

The Morpeth Police Team will now be relocating to Austen House in Sanderson Arcade, as the HQ is closing in early April.

### 3. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 July

The minutes were approved, but page 2, para 7 needs to say "safeguarded land in draft Core Strategy".

There is no mention of concerns about the flat roof in the letter re The Nynes application.

#### Matters arising:

- Shadfen Park. On 14 January 2015, a new ecological report was lodged, but there were no other comments.
- Village Hall: Plans for extension have passed the first stage of application. Work is expected to commence to lay semi-permanent matting for parking in the near future.

### 4. Update from County Councillors

GS reported on progress re actions to prevent speeding through village and on A192 (see point 5).

Work has commenced to improve the road surface and markings through the village.

IL reported on the discussions around the future siting of County Hall and the use of the site. The discussions have included the possibility of it becoming a Leisure or Cultural facility, or for educational use.

Concerns were expressed about the likelihood of the loss of 1000 jobs in Morpeth, but it was noted that the land has been ear marked for mixed use rather than housing in the latest version of the Core Strategy.

Action

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5.	<b>Speed Cameras/signs</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>GS reported that the Police face difficulties in siting speed vans on the A192.</p> <p>GS has asked NCC to put in a SIDS sign to indicate speed, and possibly two if funds allow.</p> <p>The speed sign for the centre of Hepscott is to be repaired and replaced.</p> <p>FD is to be trained in the use of the speed camera on 24 January, and will keep a database of those exceeding the speed limits both in the village and on the A192 so that he can report to HPC, the Hepscott Herald and Police.</p>	<b>FD</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Barratt/Stobhill</b>	<b>PA</b>
	<p>PA asked that Parish Councillors form a small team to track and control the conditions imposed on the permission granted on the new development, in particular regarding the SUDS (contact needed with NCC Floods Officer (James Hitchings) and the Environment Agency).</p> <p>PA will write a short report on lessons learned, share it with Joan Tebbutt and Alison Byard for their input and circulate it.</p>	<b>PA</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan:</b>	<b>PA</b>
	<p>The amended plan is about to be launched, and a shortened document is being circulated to all residents. A recent case (Gladman) showed that a completed Neighbourhood Plan cannot be ignored by developers. PA is to write a publicity leaflet to encourage residents to give feedback on the plan as it will form a robust defence against impending planning applications, especially with regard to flooding concerns and the settlement boundary. A team is required to deliver the fliers</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>NCC Core Strategy:</b>	<b>PA</b>
	<p>Consultation has also been launched, and HPC has to respond by 31 January.</p> <p>An extra HPC meeting will be held on 19 January to formulate a response.</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clifton: DC and KR attending site visit on 22 January. As most of the site is hard standing, run off figures may not change, but the site is south of Morpeth.</li> <li>• Langdale: Refused</li> <li>• Roseden: Land contamination issues, and will not be heard before February.</li> <li>• 26 Norham Drive: Approved</li> <li>• Turner Square: Refused</li> <li>• 3 Fieldhouse Close: Progressing, awaiting Inspector visit date</li> <li>• The Nynes: Approved</li> </ul>	

**10. Financial Matters**

Monthly statement approved.

KR informed the meeting of local audits and accounts legislation - new categories are to be added to accounts spreadsheet to give detailed pie chart to upload onto website. Minutes should be on website within one month of meeting, therefore could be agreed electronically, or could be uploaded following PA approval, and any amendments noted in next minutes. Other requirements will include a necessity to upload an agenda to meetings at least 3 days before a meeting, which the clerk does anyway; and a requirement to highlight any individual expenditure of £100 or more, which could be done in the minutes under financial matters.

**11. Website**

It will shortly be mandatory to have a website, although it gets only a small number of hits.

**12. Correspondence**

- Letter re work to railway bridge over A192 in Morpeth.
- The WI wishes to plant a centenary tree.

**13. Meetings and training**

- PA and DC attended MNP meetings and have spoken at Planning Committee meetings.
- DC met Taylor Wimpey developers re proposal for development at Barmoor Farm.
- KR did First Aid training.
- Attention was drawn to future NALC training courses for Councillors.

**14. Any other business**

- Two Parish Councillors intend to resign at the AGM, therefore more councillors are needed, ideally one to represent Stobhill Manor.
- Concern was expressed about the exit onto a blind corner from the Coalburn Footpath into the village. PR to raise with NCC.

PR

**15. Date and Time of next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19 March 2015, at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall. The meeting closed at 8.35pm

**Minutes taken and prepared by Philippa Raper, Parish Councillor**  
**Minutes edited by Sylvia Johnson, Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer**  
**28 January 2015**

**Signed as a true copy: .....**