

Hepple Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Hepple Parish Council
held on Monday 8th August 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Present: Mr C France Chair
 Mr J Hasson Vice Chair
 Mrs C Buckley
 Mr S Whitfield
 MS C Wilson
 Mrs C Bell Clerk
 Mr P Bates Accounts

1. Public Participation

1 member of the public attended.

2. Apologies for absence

None.

3. Declarations of interest/grant of dispensation or co-options

None

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 9th May 2022 were read and accepted.

5. Matters arising

None.

6. Items for Discussion and Potential Decisions

6.1 Mud on Castron to Flotterton road No further issues - remove from agenda.

6.2 Gravel in the collapsed area at the parish boundary on Clavering bank seems to be doing the job - remove from agenda.

6.3 Drains on Bickerton bank - no issues at present - remove from agenda.

6.4 Verge cutting has been done; however some areas within the 30mph zone near Richmond have been missed.

6.5 See 6.2

6.6 B6341 over grown shrubs Swindon to Bilsmoor - still a problem. From Bilsmoorfoot the shrubs are right to edge of road causing vehicles to move towards centre of road to avoid damage to wing mirrors & paintwork.

6.7 Signage on the Trow Bank - still not renewed.

6.8 Sign at Kilnway - B6341 junction - not in place yet.

NB. A watching brief to be maintained for items removed from agenda

Action: Clerk to remind Highways Department & Alex Bell that the problems listed above have still not been dealt with.

7. Items for Information

7.1 Work preparing the bridge for painting continues. Progress is slow due to the amount of security measures being taken to avoid any debris whatsoever from getting into the river.

7.2 Stephen Ricketts is retiring as NALC chief officer. Mr Ricketts has been a great asset to NALC and provided parish councils with invaluable advice during his time in the role. The new CO is Mr Graeme Popay.

8. Correspondence received
None.

9. Finance
Mr Bates presented the accounts to date (£1478.82 in bank) & expenses not yet incurred.

10. Planning

10.1 Application 22/01484/LBC to renew windows at South Cottage has been approved.

10.2 Planning application No. 22NP0054 - Creation of three ponds for wildlife and infilling of existing drainage ditch Land east of Hepple Whitefield Farm Hepple.

Councillors Buckley & Wilson had no objections to this application Cllrs France & Hasson supported it as part of the estate's rewilding/conservation strategy.

Cllr. Whitfield declared an interest and could not comment.

10.3 No news on application for communication mast at Wreighill.

11. Meetings attended by Councillors or the Clerk

11.1 No cluster meetings are held in summer – they will resume in autumn.

11.2 Neighbourhood plan – progress has been delayed due to some parish councils being unsure if they wish to be included or not.

12. Future Events

None.

13. Any other business

None.

14. Date of next meeting 7th November 2022 at 7pm in Hepple Village Hall.

Signed: C L France 7 November 2022

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