

**HOPTON AND COTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021**

**MID-DAY ONLINE**

**Present:** Cllr Gilbert (Chair), Cllr Brindley and Cllr Wood

**Pubic Participation:** no member of the public was present

**21/90 To receive apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Rogers and Spennewyn

**21/91 To receive Declarations of Interest:** no Declarations of Interest were received

**21/92 To consider requests for Dispensations under the Localism Act 2011:** No requests for Dispensations had been received

**21/93 To consider co-opting a local resident onto the parish council:** it was RESOLV ED to co-opt Paul Lamond onto the council. NOMINATED by Cllr Gilbert. SEONDED by Cllr Wood

**21/94 To consider earmarking the following reserves going into 2021/22:**

£4,000 for the Neighbourhood Plan

£4,500 for Community Engagement

It was RESOLVED to earmark the above-mentioned reserves. NOMINATED by Cllr Gilbert.

SEONDED by Cllr Brindley

It was also decided to put the £4,000 for the Neighbourhood Plan into the Business Reserve Account but to keep the £4,500 in the parish council current account as the council will start paying for the services of a door-to-door agent soon.

**21/95 To consider Hopton Parish Council's 5-year long-term strategy, what form this will take and what facilities will be required, long-term, in the new Community Hub to bring these projects to full fruition:** a Lead Councillor was assigned to each project, as follows:

<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Lead Councillor</b>
Addressing the problem of rural isolation	Cllr Miss J Brown-Bullivant
Promoting Health and Wellbeing	Cllr Miss S Wood
Building a dementia-friendly community	Cllr Gilbert
Increasing Local Biodiversity	Cllr Lamond
Combatting Climate Change	Cllr Spennewyn

N.B. Cllr Rogers was not assigned a project because he is heavily involved in a project to replace the current portacabin.

The facilities that will be required in a new community hub to bring these projects to full fruition are, as follows:

<b>Increasing local biodiversity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing required in the hall itself</li> </ul>
<b>Addressing the problem of rural isolation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilities for showing films</li> <li>• A computer suite to teach basic computer skills</li> <li>• A large kitchen (with lots of storage)big enough to offer cookery lessons</li> </ul>
<b>Promoting health and wellbeing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A main hall with sporting activities e.g badminton, indoor football, volleyball, handball and table tennis etc.</li> <li>• An office which is used by Hopton Parish Council – residents can call in</li> </ul>
<b>Building a dementia-friendly community</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A reading area with books and magazines</li> <li>• A medium to large kitchen</li> <li>• A small meeting room / ancillary room where small groups of people can attend talks</li> <li>• A medium to large hall where HPC can hold the Annual Meeting of the Parish and talks</li> <li>• A large cafe</li> </ul>
<b>Combating climate change</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing required in the hall itself</li> </ul>

N.B. not all of these projects will come on stream at once and other projects may be started in the future. For example, it seems likely that the following projects will be started in the Summer of 2021: Addressing the problem of rural isolation, building a dementia-friendly community and combating climate change

**21/96 To agree the content of the next door-to-door survey:** This item was deferred to the ordinary council meeting on 7.4.21

**21/97 To agree to employ a person to carry out the survey:** It was RESOLVED to employ someone to carry out the door-to-door survey. NOMINATED by Cllr Gilbert. SECONDED by Cllr Lamond