

# Hopton Wafers Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at Doddington Village Hall commencing at 7pm.

Chairman: Cllr John Price

Clerk: Mrs D McBride.

Present: Cllr John Price, Cllr Derek Bytheway, Cllr Roger Hayward, Cllr Peter Cuthbert, Cllr Barry Buffery, Cllr Harold Deane, Cllr Linda Clayton, Cllr Sue Turner and Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler.

103/01 To receive apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Cllr John Thomson - personal commitment.

Unitary Cllr Madge Shingleton - another meeting.

103/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

103/03 Public Participation Session

There was one member of the public present but no matters were raised.

103/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018, be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.

103/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillors' Reports since the last meeting

i) Clerk's Report

**Highways**

Asked for litter picking along A4117 and trimming around road signs. Highways checking who will do this. The Environmental Maintenance Grant process has been approved for £75,000 for each of the next three years. Applications will be invited soon. Cllr Shingleton has raised the issue of the tree canopy preventing light on the road on the east side of Hopton Bridge with Shropshire Council officers. This road is subject to a 5-yearly tree inspection programme which is being checked to see when it was last done and if there are any outstanding issues. Clerk has chased for an update.

**Website** – new one being created. Require up-to-date profiles and photos of all councillors and staff. Please send to Clerk or directly to Mr Bargman by end of the week. Council will get to view the website before it is launched and consider if there is anything in particular they would like on it.

**CIL** - The £1,276.74 of Neighbourhood Fund was raised solely from one new dwelling. CIL is overdue on the development west of the waterworks - it has partially been paid and will be part of our 2019 precept. CIL is payable on new houses at a rate of approximately £100 per m2 in rural areas. 15% goes to the Parish Council as Neighbourhood Fund and 72% is held by Shropshire Council for local infrastructure projects requested by the Parish Council and as shown in the Place Plan which is reviewed each autumn. It was suggested that footpaths were put into the next Place Plan review.

**Speed Watch**

Spoken with Adnan Ali about sharing Speed Watch equipment with Clee Hill. Council agreed to invite their coordinator and the Neighbourhood Watch coordinator to the September meeting.

**Future Meetings and Training sessions available :-**

SALC AGM Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at Bucks Head Stadium, Telford. A buffet tea will be available from 4.30 pm. John Champion, Police & Crime Commissioner will be attending as guest speaker. Chief Superintendent for Shropshire Telford & Wrekin, Kevin Purcell has also been invited.

Councillor training on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at Shirehall and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at Guildhall, Much Wenlock.

Cllrs Barry Buffery and Harold Deane both booked to attend Negotiate a Better Outcome in Planning, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 10am - 4pm at The Lord Hill Hotel.

Community Led Housing Event on Wed 19<sup>th</sup> September 10-4 in Albrighton.

Town & Parish Council Forum on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September in Council Chamber, Shirehall at 10am – Cllr Buffery and Clerk attending.

ii) Lengthsman Report - Mr Bargman will send a report next month.

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## 103/06 Financial Matters

- i) Council RESOLVED to approve the quarterly budget review and bank reconciliation for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.
- ii) Council RESOLVED to approve the re-appointment of Mrs M Wood as Internal Auditor for the current year.

## 103/07 Approve Payments

- (a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:
  - i) Clerk's Salary - £318.96 (Standing Order)
  - ii) Lengthsman Salary – no payment due
  - iii) Mrs D McBride – Clerk's admin expenses - £132.89 (cheque)
  - iv) Cleeton & Silvington Village Hall – Hall hire - £52.50 (cheque)
- (b) Council considered and approved the following S.137 grant application:
  - i) Doddington PCC – churchyard maintenance - £500.00 (cheque)Council noted that the S.137 budget would be exceeded for this year and RESOLVED to transfer £1,000 from Special Projects to S.137 budget allocation as we have achieved our SmartWater objective.

## 103/08 Planning Matters

- (a) Planning Decisions:
  - i) Reference: 18/02639/FUL (validated: 18/06/2018)  
Address: Birches, Cleeton St Mary, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 0QR  
Proposal: Erection of replacement dwelling and garage; installation of septic tank  
Applicant: Mrs D Jordan  
Decision: Withdrawn and property being considered for Listed status.
  - ii) Reference: 18/02387/FUL (validated: 04/06/2018)  
Address: Land Adjacent The Dingle, Hopton Wafers, Shropshire  
Proposal: Erection of 2no detached dwellings with garages and formation of vehicular access (Re-submission)  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Perry  
Decision: Refuse
- (b) Currently only one planning application is awaiting a decision by Shropshire Council. 18/01800/FUL east of Woodlands Farm for re-positioning a house previously approved.

## 103/09 Unitary Councillors' Reports

Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler confirmed the information regarding CIL in Item 103/05 and added that CIL is not due on development of up to 10 houses and therefore will not generate any Neighbourhood Fund. The Green Belt review is looking to open up land around the M54/Shifnal area in Shropshire as Telford & Wrekin need more land. This would mean more business rates income for Shropshire. There is currently an exercise to improve planning compliance (before it becomes an enforcement matter) through the pre-application stages. Training sessions will be offered this autumn to inform councils on this and help improve understanding of the planning process. Cllr Bytheway raised concerns over permissions for Holiday Lets having been misused and the properties were used for long-term residences. Nash Parish Meeting members have all resigned and Shropshire Council have taken over this in the short-term with Richard Huffer, Madge Shineton and Gwilym Butler. They are holding a public meeting to try and re-engage with residents to consider re-instating the Meeting or even consider joining with another parish. There are a lot of planning applications coming through for Mawley Hall. The new owners intend to bring back the Hall to a full working estate; this will help the local rural economy. There are two local community groups who help local people but need financial assistance – Cleobury Men's Shed and Community First Responders. Men's Shed are setting up on the Tenbury Road Industrial Estate and is for men to get together and participate in hobbies. The First Responders have two cars now – one in Cleobury and one in Oretton - and are struggling for finance. Clerk to send out our Grant application forms and bring to Council for consideration at a future meeting. Cllr Butler spoke about the Shropshire Wide 20mph. If there was plenty of money and it was the will of the community he would support it. As there is no money, the Committee and officers' view is that it is up to individual areas to finance. Most deaths and serious injuries occur on the main roads ie A5 and A49 not on residential streets.

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## 103/10 Consultations

- i) Cllr Buffery issued those present with a summary of the Shropshire-Wide 20 mph Campaign June Update and went through the points. He asked if Council would consider supporting the 20mph campaign if, after carrying out a survey, there is support from parishioners on this matter. The query of whether street lights are required for 20mph or 30mph areas will be checked. It may be possible to have 20mph around village halls and churches only but cost and actual enforcement are serious considerations as it could mean an increase in precept as well as extra work for the police who are already overstretched. Cllr Butler re-iterated his position and said he is not unsympathetic in general. Council Tax is going up by 4.99% each year and yet Shropshire Council is running at a deficit but still balancing its books and providing services. Cllr Butler said £56K has been spent to change the road colour and kerbstones in Button Bridge and it has had no effect. The problem is with the Community Safety Partnership which was set up to national criteria and is not relevant to our rural parishes. It may be that new residential areas such as the permitted 300 houses at Rocks Green could have 20mph limits from the outset, paid for by the developer but the existing streets would be at the will of the local communities. Community Speed Watch does help slow traffic down but is reliant on volunteers and it may be possible to extend the 40mph zones through Hopton Wafers and Doddington. If the speed limits are reduced overall there is likely to be more residential development. Council RESOLVED to support a survey once the issue of street lighting is clarified.
- ii) Council discussed hospital provision in the county in order to respond formally to the Future Fit consultation. There was general agreement that Future Fit has gone on for far too long and is wasting valuable money which could have been used for hospital services. The NHS needs to manage its money better through lower executive salaries and reduced costs for drugs from suppliers. It would be preferable to have two hospitals providing emergency care, one in north and one in south Shropshire and improve bed management by an increased capacity at the local hospitals ie Bridgnorth and Ludlow for recuperation which would release beds in the main hospitals. With more houses being built there will be a greater demand on hospital services and this should mean providing more hospital spaces.

## 103/11 Parish Matters/Highways

- i) Further to items already mentioned in the meeting, the Lengthsman will be asked to re-paint the wooden bus shelter at Doddington.

## 103/12 Future Agenda Items

Invite Speed Watch and Neighbourhood Plan coordinators from Clee Hill to next meeting.

## 103/13 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7pm at Hopton Wafers Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.38pm.

At 8.40pm the Chairman informed the meeting that the following item needs to take place without the press and public according to the following statement.

***Due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed under Item 14 the public and press shall be excluded under S1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.***

The remaining members of public left the meeting.

## 103/14 Employment Review

Clerk's appraisal took place. Council RESOLVED to write off and destroy old computer laptop.

**It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 104/04) that these minutes are a true record of the meeting, subject to the following corrections:-**

J Price	10/09/18
Signed.....Chairman	Date.....