

Hopton Wafers Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10th September 2018 at Hopton Wafers Village Hall commencing at 7pm.

Chairman: Cllr John Price

Clerk: Mrs D McBride.

Present: Cllr John Price, Cllr Derek Bytheway, Cllr Roger Hayward, Cllr Barry Buffery, Cllr Harold Deane, Cllr Linda Clayton, Cllr Sue Turner and Unitary Cllr Madge Shingleton.

104/01 To receive apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Cllr Peter Cuthbert – another meeting.

Cllr John Thomson - resignation.

Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler – on leave.

104/02 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Buffery declared an interest in Agenda item 104/08 (a) iii – payment for expenses.

104/03 Public Participation Session

There were six members of public present.

Mr George Cummins, co-ordinator of Neighbourhood Watch on Clee Hill, receives messages from West Mercia Police messenger services and forwards them onto the local co-ordinators. The group meets twice a year at Clee Hill and has a good relationship with the police in Ludlow. There is a WhatsApp group set up by Ludlow SNT and they send out local relevant concerns for people to be aware of. PC Mason has also ran anti-scam evenings and property marking events. SmartWater is also effective as well as social media such as Facebook. Hopton Wafers could link with Clee Hill and Coreley for Neighbourhood Watch. Mr Cummins also spoke about Speed Watch as West Mercia Police have asked both parishes to work together and share equipment. Mr Cummins said Speed Watch has had an effect in Clee Hill and regularly find 7-10 vehicles each session travelling over 30 mph. Cllr Bytheway queried the criteria to be allowed to undertake Speed Watch due to difficulties having permission to run Speed Watch in Hopton Wafers village.

Ms Amy Henson spoke about Mr & Mrs Clifford's planning application for a market dwelling on land off Earls Ditton lane. The house is required for a local family due to security issues of their property. The outline planning is just to cover the principle of a dwelling hence no sizes or designs have been submitted.

104/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th August 2018

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th August 2018, be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.

104/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillors' Reports since the last meeting

i) Clerk's Report

Highways

Clerk has asked again for litter picking along A4117 but Highways not sure who does this since Kate Adams left. Hedge trimming around the sign posts – not happening now unless specific areas requested. Trees are checked on 5-year cycle on A roads but the section at Hopton Bridge is overdue and will be done urgently; they recognise how dangerous this section of road is.

Chased pothole repairs for Woodhouse Lane, Catherton Lane and main road by Hopton bridge, also reinstatement of ditch near the White House. Cllr Shingleton has chased Highways to repair Catherton Road and Shropshire Council confirmed it has been passed for action.

Website – still waiting for some up-to-date profiles and photos of some councillors. Please let Clerk know if you would like anything in particular on the website. Also, if interested in website training.

SpeedWatch - confirmed with Adnan Ali about sharing Speedwatch equipment with Clee Hill. Their co-ordinator John Cartledge has been invited to come and speak to Council about working together.

SALC - AGM is being held on Friday 9th November at the Bucks Head Stadium, Telford (home to AFC Telford United). A buffet tea will be available from 4.30 pm. John Campion, Police & Crime Commissioner will be attending as guest speaker. Chief Superintendent for Shropshire Telford & Wrekin, Kevin Purcell has also been invited. Cllr B Buffery has confirmed that he will attend.

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SALC cont'd - Councillor training on Wednesday 26th September at Shirehall is CANCELLED but a further session will be held on Wednesday 25th October at Guildhall, Much Wenlock. Cllrs Barry Buffery and Harold Deane both booked to attend Negotiate a Better Outcome in Planning, 12th September 2018, 10am - 4pm at The Lord Hill Hotel.

There is a Community Led Housing Event on Wednesday 19th September 10-4 in Albrighton. The Clerk and Cllr Buffery attended the Town & Parish Council Forum on Monday 3rd September.

Overview and Scrutiny role explained – a critical friend for Shropshire Council – make recommendations but cannot overturn decisions.

Road Safety Schemes – on hold but some existing projects will be undertaken especially if other funding available or part of an on-going scheme.

Environmental Maintenance Grant – due out in September with £75,000 available in small grants up to £1,500 pa for 3 years.

CIL – went through process of how CIL works. Using for 'critical infrastructure' as most important priority ie education, health, utilities and safety. Statutory functions of Council are a priority when they are as result of development. Task & Finish Group findings went to Cabinet on 23rd May. Critical priorities for CIL and recommendations going to Cabinet in September with updated Place Plans due for completion by November. Requests for CIL Local are considered against

- Local infrastructure in accordance with CIL Regulations
- Supports development taken or will take place.
- Scheme identified in current Place Plan
- Is there an identified critical infrastructure requirement in Place Plan

- ii) Lengthsman Report - Mr Bargman has strimmed and cut hedges and cleared along footpath in Doddington, cleared litter and old notices from bus stops and litter picked on common. Cllr Bytheway queried why we are paying for hedges to be cut in Doddington when this is the landowners' responsibility. If hedges are overhanging the pavement the relevant landowner should do this work themselves in a timely manner.
- iii) Cllr Buffery went through his report from the Town and Parish Council Forum (copy attached with Minutes). Following Steve Brown's report on monitoring accidents and deaths on main roads, Cllr Buffery asked Steve Brown whether a 20mph zone would require street lights. This was unknown although it will be checked. Professor Whitelegg says they are not required but do help emphasise road restrictions.

104/06 Councillor Resignation

- i) Council RESOLVED to accept the resignation of Cllr J Thomson and start the process of Casual Vacancy. A letter of thanks will be sent to Mr Thomson to thank him for his contribution over the years he has served as a councillor.

104/07 Financial Matters

- i) Council RESOLVED to approve and sign the updated standing order for Lloyds Bank.

104/08 Approve Payments

- (a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:
 - i) Clerk's Salary - £318.96 (Standing Order)
 - ii) Lengthsman Salary – £30.00 (Cheque)
 - iii) B Buffery – travel expenses - £32.40 (Cheque)

104/09 Planning Matters

- (a) Planning Applications:
 - i) Reference: 18/03855/FUL (validated: 03/09/2018)
Address: Proposed Shepherds Hut, Land Adj The White House, Hopton Bank, Hopton Wafers, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 0QF
Proposal: Change of use of land for the siting of a shepherds's hut for holiday use; installation of package treatment plant
Applicant: Mr D Edwards (C/O Agent)
Outcome: Council RESOLVED to support this application.

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104/09 Planning Matters (cont'd)

(a) Planning Applications:

- ii) Reference: 18/03934/OUT (validated: 03/09/2018)
Address: Proposed Dwelling, Land Off Earls Ditton Lane, Doddington, Shropshire
Proposal: Outline application for a single dwelling including access
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Clifford (c/o Berrys)
Outcome: After some discussion Council RESOLVED to support this proposal but queries remain regarding the lack of information due to the application being for the principle of a dwelling only.

- iii) Reference: 18/03718/FUL (validated: 23/08/2018)
Address: Land Adjacent The Dingle, Hopton Wafers, Shropshire
Proposal: Erection of 2no detached dwellings with 1no garages and formation of vehicular access with visibility.
Outcome: Council discussed the issues previously raised over the many applications for this site but felt that as very little has changed, it could still not support this as the design is not in-keeping with the village and that highways must come out and independently check our concerns with the road. Council RESOLVED to object to this application.

(b) Outstanding Planning Matters:

- i) 18/01800/FUL - east of Woodlands Farm for re-positioning a house previously approved is still awaiting a decision by Shropshire Council.

104/10 Unitary Councillors' Reports

Unitary Cllr Madge Shingleton asked for people to let her know if there are any problems with the college bus to Kidderminster. Kier have been asked to repair the damaged chevrons outside Riverbreeze. Cllr Shingleton is involved in many committees including the Task & Finish Group for Finance Strategy, Community Transport, Housing including Homepoint and is Vice-Chair of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

104/11 Parish Matters/Highways

- i) Cllr Deane reported the telegraph pole opposite Cleeton St Mary Village Hall is leaning. The ditch damage near the White House is still to be fixed.
- ii) Cllr Turner informed the meeting of incidents of people urinating in public on Clee Hill and in Doddington.
- iii) Cllr Turner asked if there had been any correspondence from Licensing regarding recent public events in Hopton Wafers but no-one has been in touch.

104/12 Future Agenda Items

Cllr Deane asked if there would be any support from Council in having a Silent Soldier Silhouette. This matter had previously been discussed and Council were not supportive of any additional commemorations for Remembrance.

104/13 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 8th October 2018 at 7pm at Doddington Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.38pm.

It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 105/04) that these minutes are a true record of the meeting, subject to the following corrections:-

J Price

Signed.....Chairman

08/10/18

Date.....