

# Hopton Wafers Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 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 Sue Turner, Cllr Peter Cuthbert and Unitary Cllr Madge Shingleton.

- 106/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members  
Cllr Linda Clayton – unwell.
- 106/02 Declarations of Interest  
There were no declarations of interest made.
- 106/03 Public Participation Session  
There was one member of public present but no matters were raised.
- 106/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018, be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.
- 106/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillors' Reports since the last meeting
- i) Clerk's Report
- Councillor Vacancy**  
There have been no enquiries. If anyone is interested please write in to the Clerk.
- Audit**  
We have just received external auditor's final certificate – six weeks' late. There were no issues with our accounts. I have written to SALC expressing disappointment in the process this year. We have had a very poor service with incorrect questions over our assets being raised.
- HMRC**  
HMRC have revised the tax codes and require payment of PAYE. As this will vary each month, we need to consider how to make salary payments going forward. It will be easier to go back to cheque payments.
- Website** is available <https://www.hoptonwaferparishcouncil.org.uk>.  
Cllrs Buffery, Clayton, Hayward and the Clerk met with Mr Bargman who showed us the new site. We have loaded a number of documents up now so please have a look at this urgently and let either Mr Bargman or the Clerk have any comments for improvements as this website reflects the Council and all of us. We are awaiting a number of councillors photos and profiles still. Please also say what contact details you would like ie phone number and/or council email address.  
Clerk's new email address is [clerk@hoptonwafersparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hoptonwafersparishcouncil.org.uk)
- Defibrillator training**  
Invited Mrs Quickendon to do a refresher of Defibrillator and CPR training as local Community First responder to December meeting. It will start at 6.30pm.
- Speedwatch**  
I have written to Adnan Ali requesting our Speedwatch equipment back. I also asked for Hopton Wafers to be reconsidered – tarmac an area by the telephone box and/or at the Crown. I copied in the Police & Crime Commissioner's office and await a favourable response. PCC Survey results have been released – they fairly represent what we said about the lack of visibility and with the 100 new officers being appointed the PCC is using the survey points raised to shape the force priorities.
- SALC**  
Town & Parish Council forum – 29<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr Buffery and Clerk attending.  
Changes to Community Enablement Teams – redundancy period starting on 7<sup>th</sup> November but possibility of them being able to apply for posts with Place Planning.  
Hospitals - now in special measures but Trust willing to come out to communities especially regarding the proposed overnight closure of PRH A&E.

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## 106/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillors' Reports since the last meeting (cont'd)

- ii) Lengthsman Report - Mr Bargman had not sent a report.
- iii) SALC AGM – Cllr Buffery was unable to attend the SALC AGM.
- iv) Cllr Buffery has drafted drawings for the replacement bus shelter and received one quote. The roof may have to be changed to fibre cement rather than corrugated metal and also check that the opening meets regulations.

Council agreed to move Agenda items 106/08 & 106/09 forward.

## 106/08 Planning Matters

(a) To consider new planning applications.

- i) Reference: 18/04598/FUL (validated: 10/10/2018)  
Address: Proposed Glamping Site To The North Of, Hopton Wafers, Shropshire  
Proposal: Change of use of land from forestry to leisure and tourism together with the formation of a 12-pitch glamping site with associated site roads and parking; installation of temporary toilet/washing facilities and installation of septic tank  
Applicant: Mr C. Woodward (Hopton Court, Hopton Wafers, DY14 0NA)  
Outcome: Council RESOLVED to make comment that there are concerns for the woodland environment. The site must be kept clean and tidy, supervised and well managed. There is a fire risk with the woodland, also pond safety and concerns of travellers using the site.
- ii) Reference: 18/04984/FUL (validated: 29/10/2018)  
Address: The Annexe, Marsh Down Farm, Earls Ditton. DY14 0NN  
Proposal: Erection of extension to the existing annex building including internal alterations  
Applicant: Mrs Dianne Simonds, Marsh Down Farm, Doddington, DY14 0NN.  
Outcome: Council RESOLVED to have no objection to the proposals.

(b) To note Planning Decisions:

- i) Reference: 18/03934/OUT (validated: 03/09/2018)  
Address: Proposed Dwelling, Land Off Earls Ditton Lane, Doddington, Shropshire  
Proposal: Erection of open-market dwelling (outline application to include means of access, but with matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved).  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Clifford.  
Decision: Grant Permission
- ii) Reference: 18/03855/FUL (validated: 03/09/2018)  
Address: Proposed Holiday Let Premises South Of The White House, Hopton Bank.  
Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to allow siting of 'shepherd's hut' for holiday accommodation, formation of access track and installation of package treatment plant.  
Applicant: Mr D Edwards  
Decision: Grant Permission

(c) Update on 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.
- ii) 18/03718/FUL - Land Adjacent to the Dingle, Hopton Wafers Erection of 2no detached dwellings – nothing new to report since our request for committee to consider this.

## 106/09 Unitary Councillors' Reports

Unitary Cllr Madge Shineton reported that Universal Credit is coming out in Shropshire. The Police & Crime Commissioner got a grilling at the SALC AGM over speeding and rural crime especially. Whilst overall crime may be low people still feel ignored. Splitting from Warwickshire Police but having the fire service under their control has been controversial. Crimes now require better grade IT systems to deal with them. There has been a lot of misinformation regarding CIL over the years and this is now being addressed. The CIL resolution went through at the recent Cabinet meeting.

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## 106/09 Unitary Councillors' Reports (cont'd)

The Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee recently discussed the 111 service in conjunction with Shropdoc. It is costing more than Shropdoc previously and will be reviewed in 6 months. The discharge and handover of hospital patients is not always smooth and is being reviewed. £2million has to come out of the Public Health budget and will have to be from non-mandatory areas such as obesity and mental health. This has not been passed by Committee so is going to Cabinet for discussion. The two hospitals are now in special measures. The proposed overnight closure of the Princes Royal A&E department is due to a lack of staff – not enough qualified nurses and consultants can be recruited. The 292 bus service contract is being discussed but not going very well. Money for the proposed bus shelter at Doddington should be requested from Shropshire Council as soon as possible as all expenditure is being scrutinized and things being cut to the bare minimum. Staff are feeling vulnerable and also encouraged to work from home on Fridays. The zebra crossing in Cleobury Mortimer has been postponed and will probably be installed in February 2019. The Community Enablement Team have been given notice of redundancy but also encouraged to apply for vacancies in the Place Plan team. The new Director of Place is Professor Mark Barrow. Cllr Bytheway stated that the comment by the PCC that we live in a low crime area is not believed by those affected by crime. Cllr Shineton responded by saying the PCC was told this and challenged at the SALC AGM. The data is looked at but not interpreted in relevance to our locality.

## 106/06 Approve Payments

- (a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:
- i) Clerk's Salary - £349.29 (Standing Order)
  - ii) Lengthsman Salary – no payment due
  - iii) SALC – Planning Training & Guide Book - £134.00 (Cheque).

## 106/07 Council Committees

- i) Council considered the role of an Emergency Officer. There was no interest in this role at present.
- ii) Council discussed whether to set up a Planning Sub-Committee and the drafted terms of reference. Whilst there is some advice that meeting with developers to discuss future planning is useful there is a lack of support for this. Council voted against the proposals to set up a Planning Sub-Committee.

## 106/10 Place Plan review

Council felt that having interactive flashing road sign, road markings and improved signage to encourage drivers to slow down would be good use of CIL money. The bus shelter could be partly financed from Neighbourhood Fund money with support from the Commoners Association and Shropshire Council. Hopton Wafers Village Hall is needing money for refurbishment and they will be applying for a S.137 grant but will also be advised to look for larger grants including from Awards for All Lottery funding. The concerns regarding lack of employment opportunities were discussed in relation to having more housing.

## 106/11 Parish Matters/Highways

- i) Cllr Deane stated that Phil James has not been to see him yet about the issues along the road from Hopton Bank to the Cleeton turn.
- ii) Cllr Price stated the drain near the Hopton Bank junction has been marked for repair so long ago that the paint has worn away.

## 106/12 Future Agenda Items

Update on acquiring a flashing road sign for Hopton and the new bus shelter for Doddington.

## 106/13 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7pm at Doddington Village Hall. The meeting closed at 9pm.

**It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 107/04) that these minutes are a true record of the meeting, subject to the following corrections:-**

**J Price** **10/12/18**  
Signed.....Chairman Date.....