

Hopton Wafers Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10th December 2018 at Doddington Village Hall commencing at 7pm.

Chairman: Cllr John Price

Clerk: Mrs D McBride.

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

From 6.30 – 7pm, nine people took part in CPR and Defibrillator training with Community First Responder Mrs Quickenden.

107/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Cllr Derek Bytheway – unwell.

Cllr Madge Shingleton – recovery from operation.

107/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

Council agreed to bring the following Agenda item forward as Cllr Butler had another meeting to attend.

107/09 Unitary Councillors' Reports

Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler reported that Shropshire Council is proposing setting up its own housing company to provide the correct type of housing actually needed in local communities. Initially they will develop their own land and borrow some money from the Treasury. They plan to involve local businesses to keep the pound in Shropshire and use colleges for apprenticeships. Some houses will be open market but will have local connection conditions. The Scrutiny group are looking at street works and signage around the county. £7.33m has come from Government for road repairs in Shropshire. It has to be spent by end of March so the highways budget may be moved around to enable the best use of the money. Shropshire Council's budget should be set in February and should balance but going forward to 20/21 there will be no support grant and there are concerns that due to continual increases in adult social care and children's services there will be a deficit of £30m by 2023. Government is being lobbied to provide more money to help cover essential services. Cleobury Men's Shed were pleased with our donation. Questions were raised about the new road crossing and the Manor House in Cleobury. Cllr Butler said the new crossing is planned for mid-February and Shropshire Council are trying to resolve the problems with the Manor House and other properties which are in a bad state.

107/03 Public Participation Session

There were no members of public present.

107/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th November 2018

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th November 2018, be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.

107/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillors' Reports since the last meeting

i) Clerk's Report

Councillor Vacancy

There have been no enquiries so have re-advertised. Anyone interested should write in to the Clerk.

Defibrillator training

Following Mrs Quickenden's refresher of Defibrillator and CPR training this evening a donation should be considered for the Community First Responders to assist with this valuable service.

Speed Watch

Adnan Ali will drop off our Speed Watch equipment to Cllr Buffery. Cllr Buffery will check the signs and jackets are all available for use. Having asked for Hopton Wafers to be reconsidered, Adnan is not keen on using the Crown car park as the volunteers could be in the way of vehicles turning in the car park. He was more amenable to creating a tarmac area by the telephone box and suggested we take this up with Highways for consideration. Cllr Turner offered her yard as a standing point as well.

Environmental Maintenance Grant

The new Grant application paperwork has arrived and has been drafted up. Council agreed, with some minor amendments, for this application to be submitted to Shropshire Council.

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107/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillors' Reports since the last meeting (cont'd)

Highways - everyone is encouraged to canvas people for their opinions through an informal poll on the principle of Speed Reduction along the whole length of the A4117 through the parish.

- ii) Lengthsman Report - Mr Bargman had not sent a report.
- iii) Town & Parish Council Forum – Cllr Buffery provided a written report to all members (copy with Minutes). Mark Barrow highlighted the new proposals for Place Planning, John Campion gave an overview of police support for road safety measures, Adrian Cooper gave a report on the progress of the Local Plan and Sarah Hughes gave an update on the CIL review.
Cllr Buffery had spoken with Steve Brown at this meeting about reducing speed through the parish. Mr Brown's colleague is to arrange a site meeting – Clerk to chase up.

107/06 Financial Matters

- i) Council considered PKF Littlejohn's external audit report for year ending 31st March 2018 and were satisfied that there were no matters requiring attention.

107/07 Payments

(a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

- i) Clerk's Salary - £349.29 (Standing Order) – Salary will revert to cheque payments when PAYE is due.
- ii) Lengthsman Salary – no payment due
- iii) PKF Littlejohn LLP – external audit fee - £240.00 (Cheque)
- iv) B Buffery - travel expenses to Forum - £36.30 (Cheque)
- v) Hopton Wafers Village Hall – room hire - £36.00 (Cheque)

(b) Council considered the following S.137 grant application:

- i) Hopton Wafers Village Hall – redecoration costs - £500.00
Council discussed this at length and noted that the Village Hall will do more active marketing and plan to apply for grants for the larger refurbishment costs. It was felt that a business plan and more information on the long-term sustainability of the Hall would be helpful when considering grant applications but also that there was scope for the Crown Inn and the Village Hall to work together more. Council RESOLVED to approve £250 for redecorating but will require receipts for evidence of work carried out. If the redecorating work costs more then Council will review this amount up to £500.
- ii) Following the CPR and Defibrillator training this evening Council RESOLVED to make a donation of £200 to the Cleobury Mortimer Community First Responders.

Due to the number of grants and donations this year, Council noted that this has gone over budget but will consider increasing this fund next year.

107/08 Planning Matters

(a) 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.
- iii) 18/04598/FUL – change of use of forestry land to a glamping site near Catherton Common is pending consideration by Shropshire Council.
- iv) 18/04984/FUL – The Annexe, Marsh Down Farm, Earls Ditton for an extension and alterations. Historic Environment has objected citing further harm to the original property.

107/10 Parish Matters/Highways

- i) No further matters were raised.

107/11 Future Agenda Items

Update on the proposed new bus shelter for Doddington. One more quote is needed and then permission and funding will be applied for.

107/12 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 14th January 2019 at 7pm Hopton Wafers Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 108/04) that these minutes are a true record of the meeting, subject to the following corrections:-

Signed..... J Price Chairman Date..... 14/01/19