

Hopton Wafers Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 11th March 2019 at Hopton Wagers Village Hall commencing at 7pm.

Chairman: Cllr John Price

Clerk: Mrs D McBride.

Present: Cllr John Price, Cllr Barry Buffery, Cllr Linda Clayton, Cllr Sue Turner, Cllr Peter Cuthbert and Unitary Cllr Madge Shineton.

110/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Cllr Derek Bytheway - unwell

Cllr Harold Deane – work commitment.

110/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

110/03 Public Participation Session

There were no members of public present.

110/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th February 2019

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th February 2019, be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.

110/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillors' Reports since the last meeting

i) Clerk's Report

Vacancy - There have been no enquiries for the councillor vacancy.

Highways

Traffic Engineer chased to meet regarding speed management measures. Also chased highways for action on Catherton Road, Earls Ditton to Coreley Rd, and flooding last week in Stockhall Lane.

Road Closure: Stockhall Lane, Hopton Wafers

Start Date: 18th April 2019. **End Date:** 18th April 2019

Purpose: Road Closure: Tree Trimming - No excavation.

Works Promoter: Western Power Distribution

Road Closure: Ron Hill Lane, Cleobury Mortimer

Start Date: 2nd May 2019. **End Date:** 2nd May 2019

Purpose: Road Closure: Safe Access to Overhead BT structures for fibre cabling and jointing works.

Works Promoter: BT

Road Closure: Stockhall Lane, Hopton Wafers – (Brook Cottage)

Start Date: 20th May 2019. **End Date:** 21st May 2019

Purpose: Road Closure: Small Sluice Valve Renew 4" Carriageway type 4 (up to 0.5 MSA).

Works Promoter: Severn Trent Water

Road Closure: Cleobury Mortimer 10K Running Race

Start Date: 7th July 2019. **End Date:** 7th July 2019

Purpose: A 10K running race is taking place in and around Cleobury Mortimer and Neen Savage.

SALC - Clerk attended the area meeting at Bridgnorth on Tuesday where audit, CIL and the role of SALC was discussed. Clerk also attended a CIL briefing in preparation of completing the EOI form.

ii) Lengthsman Report – no report.

iii) Cllr Buffery attended the SALC area committee meeting on 28th February. It was poorly attended and very informal with most of the time taken up by Ben Walker from Connecting Shropshire. Members were informed that Portfolio Holder Steve Davenport will come out to parish council meetings regarding highway matters, if required. The next two SALC area committee meetings are on 30th May and 5th September. Clerk should get Minutes, in due course, to forward to all members.

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110/06 Financial Matters

- i) Council noted receipt of the Environmental Maintenance Grant - £460.00.

110/07 Payments

- (a) To approve the following payments:
 - i) Clerk's Salary (March) - £343.29 (Cheque)
 - ii) HMRC – PAYE (March) - £6.00 (Cheque)

110/08 Planning Matters

- (a) To consider new planning applications:
 - i) Reference: 19/00585/FUL (validated: 01/03/2019)
Address: Roche Head Farm, Hopton Wafers, DY14 0HD
Proposal: Erection of single storey link extension from house to annexe accommodation; use of annexe as holiday accommodation
Applicant: Mr Kevin Dudley
Outcome: Council RESOLVED to support these proposals.
- (b) Planning Decisions (for information only)
 - i) Reference: 18/05835/FUL (validated: 03/01/2019)
Address: Proposed Barn Conversions At Earls Ditton Farm, Earls Ditton.
Proposal: Conversion of traditional farm building to create 5no dwellings; re-siting and conversion of 2no dutch barns to create garaging; formation of associated parking areas including demolition of portal framed farm buildings and making good stone boundary walls
Decision: Grant Permission
- (c) To receive updates on outstanding planning matters
 - i) 18/05739/FUL – Earls Ditton Lane – erection of two dwellings. Shropshire Council is aware that part of the site has been levelled and a large static caravan installed on-site. There are now additional structures on site which appear occupied as well as more fires in the field. Planning permission has not been granted for this latest development but there is existing permission for one dwelling.

110/09 Place Plan/Community Infrastructure Levy

Council considered projects for the Expression of Interest Form for CIL Local funding and approved the new bus shelter and road safety measures along the A4117 to be put forward for consideration.

110/10 Unitary Councillors' Reports

Unitary Cllr Madge Shineton reported that the police Chief Constable and Commissioner attended full Council last week. Whilst they are providing an additional 115 officers there are still concerns that forces in the midlands are not working better together. There is a Crucial Crew (children's safety) Event again this summer which the parish could support financially. Economic development is being discussed in local areas such as Mullers (Cleobury) and Kudos (Neen Savage) who have a variety of skilled labour and support training and development. Cllr Shineton has taken the senior economic officer around local businesses. There are on-going discussions regarding the hospitals among accusations of insufficient consultation and the possibility of a review by the Secretary of State, if formally requested. Band D Council Tax will be £1,415.60 for the forthcoming year. Cllr Buffery asked Cllr Shineton for her opinion on a recent motion tabled by Cllr Heather Kidd that all planning applications should be automatically called in to Committee where the officer's recommendation differs to that of the Parish Council. This would have improved transparency within the Planning process but the motion was supported by all except Conservative members. Cllr Shineton said the local member can call planning in for Committee but the Parish Council must be prepared to speak at the Committee meeting. Some difficult applications go to Committee to give them more publicity. Cllr Buffery asked what redress there is for Parish Councils not satisfied with the Planning Officer's decision if we don't feel they have considered all comments before making a decision. Cllr Shineton explained that all comments are considered and included in the Officer's Report which is published along with the Decision Notice. The only redress we have would be to go to judicial review but this is very expensive. Councillors should go to training sessions and there is one in June. It was pointed out that this is for Neighbourhood Planning, not general planning.

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110/10 Unitary Councillors' Reports (cont'd)

Cllr Turner asked for more local training sessions rather than at Shrewsbury which is difficult for those who work full time. This has been requested many times, with local facilities offered, but SALC have not been willing to do so. Cllr Shingleton said she was SALC's training champion and would ask them to put a note in their next bulletin about organising local training sessions. Cllr Shingleton felt it was unreasonable to expect Steve Davenport to attend council meetings. Cllr Buffery said this was clearly stated at the SALC area meeting so must be misinformation.

110/11 Parish Matters/Highways

- i) There were no new highway matters raised.
- ii) The Lengthsman will coordinate the ditching work to be undertaken as part of the Environmental Maintenance Grant.
- iii) Cllr Buffery asked about the Community Speed Watch training for the new volunteers. The Clerk will chase this.

110/12 Annual Parish Meeting

Council reviewed the drafted Annual Report which has been prepared for the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 20th May, 7pm at Doddington. It was agreed to put together a formal annual Council report for the Chairman to read out at this meeting. Council approved this report subject to additional information about council members, the new website and dates of meetings.

110/13 Future Agenda Items

There were no new matters raised for future discussion.

110/14 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 8th April 2019 at 7pm Doddington Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 111/04) that these minutes are a true record of the meeting, subject to the following corrections:-

J Price	08/04/19
Signed.....Chairman	Date.....