

Hopton Wafers Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8th April 2019 at Doddington Village Hall commencing at 7pm.

Chairman: Cllr John Price

Clerk: Mrs D McBride.

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

111/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members
Unitary Cllr Madge Shingleton – another meeting.

111/02 Declarations of Interest
Cllr B Buffery declared an interest in Agenda Item 111/06 (a) (iv) Travel Expenses.

111/03 Public Participation Session
There was one member of public present. No matters were raised.

111/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th March 2019
It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th March 2019, be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.

111/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillors' Reports since the last meeting

i) Clerk's Report

Road Closure: St Johns Church Jct to Earls Ditton Jct, Doddington

Start Date: 7th June 2019 End Date: 11th June 2019

Purpose: Replace 1 existing pole-GHS106. BT Works will take place for 1w/d only (9.30 – 15.30).

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A letter has been received from the Secretary stating that they will make a formal comment once the current issues have been fully investigated.

Defibrillators

The defibrillator at Doddington Heights has been used twice in the past month. New battery packs and pads were ordered as this is a requirement each time a defibrillator is used. Council felt it should hold a spare battery pack as it can take up to 5 days to receive a replacement. There has been a request from a neighbouring parish to advertise where all the defibrillators are located. Council have no issue with that but felt that current procedures whereby the Ambulance Service direct someone in need to the nearest defibrillator works well and they usually notify the Clerk to inform her when the defibrillator has been used so that replacement parts can be supplied. Locations can be put on our website also.

ii) Lengthsman Report – no report.

iii) Cllr Buffery confirmed that the speed gun has gone back for recalibration. All relevant 'police check' paperwork has been completed and we are now just waiting for the new volunteers to be trained.

111/06 Payments

(a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

i) Clerk's Salary (April) - £341.09 (cheque)

ii) HMRC – PAYE (April) - £8.20 (cheque)

iii) Mrs D McBride – Clerk's Admin expenses - £136.74 (cheque)

iv) B Buffery – travel expenses - £13.50 (cheque)

v) Andrew Deptford – replacement defibrillator battery packs and pads - £228.00 (cheque)

111/07 Planning Matters

(a) To consider new planning applications:

i) Reference: 19/01374/OUT (validated: 01/04/2019)

Address: Proposed Dwelling Adj. 12 Doddington, Ludlow, Shropshire, DY14 0NL

Proposal: Outline application (all matters reserved) for the erection of a dwelling with detached double garage

Applicant: Mr Michael Carroll (12 Doddington, Shropshire, DY14 0NL)

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111/07 Planning Matters (cont'd)

Outcome: Council RESOLVED to object to this application due to serious concerns of over development in this area which will create additional traffic on an unsuitable lane and the junction with the A4117. Council feel the site is unsuitable for development due to the land levels and overlooking of neighbouring properties; the destruction of wildlife in the adjacent wooded area; the access on/off the site proposed will mean removal of long sections of hedgerow to create adequate visibility splays; the additional traffic will worsen the already poor condition of the lane and exacerbate the safety issues at the junction with the A4117.

(b) Planning Decisions (for information only)

i) Reference: 19/00436/FUL (validated: 28/01/2019)

Address: Hill Bank Cottage, Hopton Bank, Shropshire, DY14 0QF

Proposal: Erection of single storey sun room extension and a detached implement/storage building

Decision: Grant Permission

(c) To receive updates on outstanding planning matters:

i) 18/05739/FUL – Earls Ditton Lane – erection of two dwellings. Continuing concerns were raised that the caravans are being lived in on site with vehicles parked overnight yet planning permission has not been granted for this latest proposal. Cllr Buffery asked Cllr Butler where he stands, (as Portfolio Holder of Regulatory Services) if the Parish Council is not satisfied with the Planning system. Planning Officers are obliged to work with applicants to get planning through as appeals can cost a lot of money. Cllr Butler confirmed he and Cllr Shineton have asked for this matter to go to Committee but people need to object on an individual basis to carry more weight.

ii) 18/04598/FUL – glamping site in Hopton Wafers. The Planning Officer has asked if there were any further comments since the amendments made in February. Council had no further comments.

iii) 18/05808/FUL – modifications to Plot 1, Barton's Field, Hopton Wafers. Matter is still pending but an additional plan of the garage has been loaded onto planning portal.

iv) It was reported that a caravan has been installed in a field off New Road – matter to be investigated.

111/08 Consultation

Council discussed the proposed changes for Travel assistance for SEND Nursery and Post 16 students. It felt that that the system is unsatisfactory where parents have to fund travel for students when education is compulsory, especially when the local high school does not have a sixth form facility.

111/09 Unitary Councillors' Reports

Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler reminded Council about the Place Plan meeting on 9th May. Cllr Turner, Cllr Buffery and the Clerk are attending. Cllr Butler stated that 86 MPs have signed up to not vote on the Government budget if it is not better for rural areas. Previously the calculations were based on density but now there is consideration of travel times to access services. The next Fairer Funding review is in February which is unfortunately at the same time Council sets its own budget. Shropshire Council is making plans for Brexit yet Electoral Services have to prepare for Euro elections. It is an awful situation to be in. Cllr Butler is led to believe that Michael Gove is doing a reasonable job at Defra and is unlikely to get rid of green recycling. West Mercia Police have increased their precept by 9.9% but are funding an extra five police officers at both Ludlow and Bridgnorth. Further funding is available through the Police and Crime Commissioner for speed awareness measures. They cannot change highways but we could apply for speed reduction signage and CCTV.

111/10 Parish Matters/Highways

i) The pot hole has reappeared at the top of Hopton Bank after only being filled a few weeks ago.

ii) Cllr Hayward offered to meet with highways to look at resolving regular flooding on Stockhall Lane.

iii) Cllr Buffery and the Clerk will chase up the Community Speed Watch training for the new volunteers.

111/11 Future Agenda Items

Updates on speed management and the new bus shelter.

111/12 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 13th May 2019 at 7pm Hopton Wafers Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 112/06) that these minutes are a true record of the meeting, subject to the following corrections:-

R Hayward

13/05/19

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....