

Hopton Wafers Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10th June 2019 at Doddington Village Hall commencing at 7pm.

Chairman: Cllr Roger Hayward

Clerk: Mrs D McBride.

Present: Cllr Roger Hayward, Cllr Barry Buffery, Cllr Derek Bytheway, Cllr Harold Deane and Cllr Sue Turner.

113/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Cllr Linda Clayton – holiday.

Unitary Gwilym Butler – other meeting.

113/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

113/03 Public Participation Session

There were no members of public present at this point.

113/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2019

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2019, be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.

113/13 Unitary Councillors' Reports

Unitary Councillor Madge Shineton has attended the first Task & Finish Group meeting looking at youth provision in Shropshire; budget is £340k, cut from £2.4m. Long-term empty buildings are being looked at closely; matter needs addressing as some are dangerous and there is no contact with absentee landlords. A paper on the bus strategy is being discussed on Wednesday. Cllr Shineton has raised issues with Worcestershire County Council to no avail regarding the '2L' service. The staffing structure of Highways has changed. There have been difficulties in communications and dissatisfaction with both Highways and the Contractors. The Secretary of State has not made any comment on Telford and Wrekin's objection to the Future Fit decision. Local health services in the community are being improved regardless. There is a Speed conference on 29th June in Shrewsbury. Shropshire Council has started looking at their budget for next year. Cllr Hayward asked Cllr Shineton for her view on the planning application for Crumpsbrook. Cllr Shineton said there were some remnants of a previous building but it was a grey area with planning. She would like to be copied into our comments on this application.

Cllr Buffery asked, that in light of Shropshire Council's budget constraints, where the finance would come from for the proposed £500k required to replace the Lord Hill column in Shrewsbury. Cllr Shineton said it would probably be financed by external grants ie Historic England and also Shrewsbury Town Council.

113/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillors' Reports since the last meeting

i) Clerk's Report

Highways

Phil James has retired, by way of voluntary redundancy. Shropshire Council Highways is currently undergoing a transformation and the new structure will commenced on 1st June 2019. All highway queries should either be logged through the system on the Council's web pages, or by calling the Council on 0345 6789000. Cllr Deane confirmed a meeting had been held with the contractor regarding cleaning out ditches. The road from Hopton Bank to Crumpsbrook will be actioned first – cleaning out ditches in putting in cuttings into the verge to drain water off the road.

Audit

Accounts and audit papers have been published on the website and External Auditor notified of our Exemption and compliance with requirements.

Website

Mr Bargman has asked again for everyone to look at the website – also check Neen Savage's for comparison with layout, information published etc especially for policies.

ii) Community Speed Watch Report

Cllr Buffery confirmed the four new volunteers have now been trained, making seven volunteers who will work in teams of three on a rota basis in Doddington. We have urged Mr Ali to look again for safe places which we have proposed in Hopton Wafers as being suitable for Speed Watch.

Cllr Buffery has arranged a Traffic meeting on 21st June at Doddington. Cllr Turner will also attend.

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113/06 Financial Matters

- i) Council RESOLVED to approve adding Cllr Hayward and Cllr Turner to the Bank Mandate. Forms to be completed and returned to Clerk to forward onto the bank.

113/07 Payments

- (a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:
 - i) Clerk's Salary (June) - £340.89 (Cheque)
 - ii) Mr C Bargman – Highway Maintenance (May-June) - £30.00 (Cheque)
 - iii) HMRC – PAYE (June) - £8.40 (Cheque)
 - iv) Andrew Deptford – 2 x replacement Defibrillator packs - £228.00 (Cheque)
 - v) Mrs M Wood – Internal Audit fee - £100.00 (Cheque)
- (b) Council considered and RESOLVED to approve the following S.137 Grant Applications:
 - i) Hopton Wafers PCC – churchyard maintenance - £500.00 (Cheque)
 - ii) Doddington PCC – churchyard maintenance - £500.00 (Cheque)
 - iii) Hopton Bank Methodist Church – churchyard maintenance - £180.00 (Cheque)

113/08 Planning Matters

- (a) To consider new planning applications:
 - i) Reference: 19/01742/FUL (validated: 15/05/2019)
Address: 12 Crumps Brook, Hopton Wafers, Shropshire
Proposal: Erection of one dwelling
Applicant: Mr L Howells (6 Crumpsbrook, Hopton Wafers, DY14 0EP)
Outcome: Council RESOLVED to object to this application which is the same as twice previously applied for and refused. The proposals are for a large open market dwelling in Open Countryside which goes against the Community Led Plan, SAMDev, Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework. The site has been inaccurately described as No.12 which also caused some concern. Council understands it to be No.14.
- (b) To receive updates on outstanding planning matters:
 - i) 18/03718/FUL – erection of two dwellings adj to The Dingle. This is still pending consideration.
 - ii) 18/05739/FUL – Earls Ditton Lane – erection of two dwellings. Continuing concerns were raised regarding the current use of the site but the planning application is still pending consideration.
 - iii) 18/04598/FUL – glamping site in Hopton Wafers. This is still pending consideration.
 - iv) 19/01374/OUT – outline application for dwelling adj to 12 Doddington. Pending consideration.

113/09 Consultation

Council went through West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner's Annual Survey in some detail. Whilst some aspects of local policing have been good there are some inconsistencies and dissatisfaction with the service. The Clerk will send the completed survey to the PCC's office.

113/10 Community Led Parish Plan

Council discussed the issues with the lack of progress and support for the Parish Plan at some length. It was proposed that Council could pay for the data inputting to assist the volunteers move this forward. Council RESOLVED to pay for the questionnaires to be completed (by end August) and then help re-motivate the volunteers to write up the findings in a report in September/October. This report will form the update on the original Plan published in 2012.

113/11 Place Plan Review

Council RESOLVED to add the proposed new bus shelter for Doddington into the draft Cleobury Mortimer and surrounding area Place Plan. The Clerk urged councillors to read the document and raise any issues concerning the parish which they feel should be noted.

113/12 Data Protection

- i) Council RESOLVED to adopt the drafted Data Retention and Management of Information Policy
- ii) Council RESOLVED to approve GDPR Privacy Policy and Notices.

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113/14 Parish Matters/Highways

There were no new Parish Matters raised.

113/15 Future Agenda Items

There are two people interested in the Councillor vacancy. Interviews will take place on Monday 1st July with Cllr Bytheway, Cllr Buffery and Cllr Deane on the interview panel.

113/16 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 15th July 2019 at 7pm Hopton Wafers Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 114/05) that these minutes are a true record of the meeting, subject to the following corrections:-

Signed.....R Hayward.....Chairman.....Date.....15/07/19.....