

Hopton Wafers Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15th July 2019 at Hopton Wafers Village Hall commencing at 7pm.

Chairman: Cllr Roger Hayward

Clerk: Mrs D McBride.

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

114/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Unitary Gwilym Butler – on leave.

114/02 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Buffery declared an interest in Agenda Item 114/07 – Payments (travel expenses).

114/03 Co-option of new councillor

Cllr Buffery and Cllr Deane reported that they had interviewed a candidate for co-option and were pleased to recommend him to the Council. Mr Tim Evans has good local knowledge and keen to attend training and it was felt he would be an asset to the council. Council RESOLVED approve the co-option of Mr Evans. Mr Evans will be notified of the outcome and issued with all the relevant paperwork for his role.

114/04 Public Participation Session

There were five members of public present.

Mr Perry raised concerns over the charges implemented by Hopton Wafers Village Hall Committee for use of the car park for events and felt it was not in the community spirit. He accepts that funds are needed for maintenance and running of the hall but felt that the locked gate prevented the use of the community facilities such as the play area. Use of the car park is now at the discretion of the Village Hall Committee and is not opened without appointment for any other use. When the land was originally sold for a Village Hall to be built, he understands it should always be available for use by the community at all times. Mr Perry questioned what conditions have been placed on the Village Hall Committee through grants that had been received for the Hall. Mr Perry would like the Parish Council to raise these issues with the Village Hall committee on behalf of the community or arrange an open community meeting with members of the Village Hall committee present to resolve the issues. Questions were also raised about the lack of AGMs and accounts and the concerns raised about the long-term effect of the issues raised which are causing conflict in the community. Whilst Council felt they cannot directly intervene they recognise that they have a responsibility to help the community and could perhaps facilitate a meeting with relevant parties or write to the Village Hall Committee regarding the car park charges and inaccessibility to access the play area if the gates are locked. It was suggested that Council could write to merely ask the Village Hall Committee what involvement they see the Parish Council having with the Village Hall going forward.

114/05 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th June 2019

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th June 2019, be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.

114/06 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillors' Reports since the last meeting

i) Clerk's Report

CIL Decision

The Expression of Interest to have our CIL money released for a new bus shelter and traffic management measures on the A4117 was refused. Council members are very disappointed that the EOI was made by the Parish Council but the Place Plan priority projects have been amended by an elected member of the Unitary Council and influenced the decision on the CIL request. Council are unhappy with this action and will challenge our unitary councillors on this. The Place Plan priority projects are requested by the Parish Council and should not be amended without a formal discussion with the Parish Council first. Council were disappointed that no unitary councillors were present at this meeting to explain what has happened behind the scenes.

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ii) Community Speed Watch Report

Cllr Buffery confirmed the seven volunteers work in teams of three on a rota basis in Doddington. Since starting Speed Watch on June 26th there have been three sessions. No-one has been found to be over the limit set and feels that the large Speed Watch signage works well to slow people down but it is only put out when we are monitoring vehicles. Cllr Buffery is attending a Co-ordinators meeting on Thursday in Droitwich. He will request a further look at Hopton Wafers to be considered for Speed Watch and also ask for additional permanent signs in Doddington to say it is a Speed Watch area so drivers are not alerted to when Speed Watch is underway but to serve a reminder that they should be keeping within the speed limit at all times, not just when monitoring is being carried out.

114/07 Payments

(a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

- i) Clerk's Salary (July) - £340.69 (Cheque)
- ii) HMRC – PAYE (July) - £8.60 (Cheque)
- iii) Hopton Wafers Village Hall – room hire - £48.00 (Cheque)
- iv) Doddington Village Hall – room hire - £48.00 (Cheque)
- v) B Buffery – travel expenses – Chairmanship training - £37.80 (Cheque)

114/08 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 re-iterate its objection to this application which is the same as that previously applied for with only an amendment regarding the site address. The plans are for a large open market dwelling in Open Countryside which goes against the Community Led Parish Plan, SAMDev, Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework.
- ii) Reference: 19/02260/FUL (validated: 12/06/2019)
Address: 3 Bartons Field, Hopton Wafers, Shropshire, DY14 0NA
Proposal: Extension to garage (previously approved under application 17/00766/FUL) to form garden store with loft over
Applicant: Mr K Parkes
Outcome: Council RESOLVED to raise concerns over the impact of this additional development, due to such a large garage being overbearing in size in relation to the size of the site. The garage proposed is to be built very close to the lane. Council is also concerned about its potential use - there must be conditions set that it cannot be used as a separate dwelling.

(b) Planning Decisions – For information only:

- i) Reference: 19/01832/FUL (validated: 03/05/2019)
Address: Turf House, Catherton, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 0JH
Proposal: Erection of extensions and alterations to dwelling; erection of detached 'studio' building in place of existing stables, to provide carer accommodation and physiotherapy room
Decision: Grant Permission

(c) 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 prospective use of the site due to the proposed design and materials which do not fit into the local vernacular, looking more like business properties rather than residential. Council has strenuously objected to this and the 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.

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114/09 Data Protection

Council RESOLVED to approve and adopt the following GDPR Policies, Notices and Forms:

- i) Personal Data Management Policy and Audit Log
- ii) Security Incident Response Policy
- iii) Personal Information Consent Form
- iv) Subject Access Request Policy
- v) Privacy Notice for Staff, Councillors and Role Holders.

114/10 Unitary Councillors' Reports

There were no unitary councillors present and no reports submitted.

114/11 Parish Matters/Highways

- Council members raised various points regarding the matter of Hopton Wafers Village Hall. There are concerns that we should not get too involved in this matter and be seen as interfering as we have only heard one side. We have however, been asked to get involved and help resolve matters so could ask initially about the concerns about the locked gate and access to the play area.
- Cllr Buffery and Cllr Turner reported on a disappointing meeting with Dave Gradwell, Traffic Officer from Shropshire Council on 21st June. They looked at the issues of Earls Ditton Lane and also, along the A4117. Mr Gradwell suggested that it could cost around £25,000 for speed reduction measures to be implemented. Cllr Buffery felt there was a negative attitude to our proposals and is still waiting for a written report from Mr Gradwell, on how to take matters forward, but this has not arrived to-date.
- The caravan installed in a field at Kirkwood appears to be used as a permanent separate residence.

114/12 Future Agenda Items

Cllr Buffery will give a report on the recent Chairmanship training which he has attended.

114/13 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 12th August 2019 at 7pm Doddington Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 115/05) that these minutes are a true record of the meeting, subject to the following corrections:-

Signed.....**R Hayward**.....**Chairman**

12th August 2019
Date.....