

# Hopton Wafers Parish Council

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Present: Chairman Cllr Barry Buffery, Cllr Peter Cuthbert, Cllr Mark Humpage, Cllr Sue Turner, Cllr Linda Clayton and Clerk Mrs D McBride.

*At 6.30pm Mr Allan Wilson gave a brief presentation on the work of the Shropshire Climate Action Partnership. Science is telling us that the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere is increasing and retaining more heat causing global warming. The Climate Change Act 2008 was amended by Government in 2019 to set our carbon emissions to net zero by 2050. Shropshire proposes to be net zero by 2030. The SCAP are working with Shropshire Council to educate and assist people to make lifestyle changes to help achieve this target. Please see their website [www.zerocarbonschropshire.org](http://www.zerocarbonschropshire.org) for more information. Individuals as well as town and parish councils can sign up to becoming net zero by 2030. It may be difficult to achieve this but changing to LED lights, installing double glazing and having more insulation can help as well as looking at changing to a Green Energy electric supplier. There are Green Homes Grants available currently although it was agreed that it is not easy to get clear information from suppliers. SCAP are finding it difficult to engage with young people especially as global warming and climate change measures are not on the school curriculum currently.*

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 using the Zoom on-line facility commencing at 7pm.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to please mute their audio and raise their hand if they wished to speak during the meeting.

- 129/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members  
Cllr Harold Deane and Cllr Derek Bytheway were unable to join the on-line meeting due to internet issues.
- 129/02 Declarations of Interest  
There were no interests declared.
- 129/03 Public Participation Session  
There were no members of public present.
- 129/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were taken as read and will be signed as soon as practicable.
- 129/05 Matters Arising – Clerk/Lengthsman and Councillors’ Reports
- i) Clerk/Lengthsman Report
- Mains Drainage at Hopton Bank**  
Severn Trent are awaiting a funding decision (due November 2020) for the proposed drainage works. There are several options available and once funding is approved they will then be able to continue with a more detailed design of the project.
- Hedge removals**  
Highways are liaising with Planning Enforcement regarding the hedge removals around the field at the bottom of Earls Ditton Lane near the crossroads. The Planning Officer is looking into the issues raised regarding the hedge removal adjacent to The Dingle. This site has now received permission for the second garage following the Planning Appeal.
- Place Plan – CIL funds**  
The Clerk has an on-line meeting arranged with our Place Plan Officer, Vicky Turner and will request some updates to the Place Plan ie to include the Vehicle Activated Signs for CIL Local. Highways have passed our request for support for the VAS to Traffic Engineering for approval. Once we have this we can apply for match-funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner’s Office. Cllr Butler stated that the CIL Expression of Interest forms had been reviewed recently and that £20,000 has been allocated towards a feasibility study for the Highways issues raised in the parish including the junction at Earls Ditton Lane in Doddington, signage, drainage and speed management measures.
- Bus Shelter**  
Following contact with Midland Quarries Head Office and clarification that we are only seeking permission to build on their land they now require more accurate plans for the bus shelter which will have to be drawn up. There may be other fees to pay and legal agreements to consider. Options to bring the bus shelter closer to the road and therefore on highways land will also be investigated.

Initials...**BB**...

