Hopton Wafers Parish Council

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.zerocarbonshropshire.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 9th 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 <u>To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members</u>
 Cllr Harold Deane and Cllr Derek Bytheway were unable to join the on-line meeting due to internet issues.
- 129/02 <u>Declarations of Interest</u>
 There were no interests declared.
- 129/03 <u>Public Participation Session</u>
 There were no members of public present.
- 129/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th October 2020
 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th 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.

<u>Initials....**BB**....</u>

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129/05 Matters Arising – Clerk/Lengthsman and Councillors' Reports (cont'd)

ii) Parish Plan Update

Cllr Humpage reported on the Zoom meeting held on 27th October. It was agreed that each person will work on one section and send their work to the Clerk to insert into the draft Plan which will then be reviewed by the Working Group on 24th November. Following any amendments, it is hoped to present the draft Plan to the Parish Council in January 2021.

129/06 Payments

- (a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:
 - i) Mrs D McBride Clerk's Salary (November) £336.60 (Cheque)
 - ii) HMRC PAYE (November) £37.80 (Cheque)
 - iii) SALC Clerk's Training Courses £75.00 (Cheque)

The cheques will be signed as soon as practicable.

129/07 Planning Matters

- (a) New Planning Applications
 - i) Reference: 20/04377/FUL (validated: 23/10/2020)

Address: Land At Rear Of Barton Fields, Hopton Wafers Proposal: Erection of 2 No field shelters and 1No hay store

Applicant: Mr & Mrs F Staniland.

Outcome: Council RESOLVED to support the proposals.

- (b) Planning Decisions
 - i) Reference: 20/02429/CPE (validated: 30/06/2020)

Address: Caravan, 18 Doddington, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 0NL

Proposal: Application for lawful development certificate in respect of existing use of land for continued siting of a caravan occupied as independent dwelling unit

Decision: Certificate - Lawful

ii) Reference: 20/03487/FUL (validated: 01/09/2020)

Address: The Dingle, Catherton, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 0EX

Proposal: Works to facilitate alterations to existing roof lines

Decision: Grant Permission

- (c) To receive updates on outstanding planning matters.
 - i) Planning Reference: 20/00402/FUL land adjacent to The Dingle, Hopton Wafers. Appeal has been allowed and permission granted.
 - ii) Planning Reference: 20/00553/FUL 24 Crumpsbrook erection of agricultural building withdrawn.

129/08 Unitary Councillors' Reports

Unitary Cllrs Gwilym Butler and Madge Shineton had sent written reports which were circulated by email prior to the meeting and will be attached to these Minutes. Cllr Shineton added that there are new grants available for broadband installation and for emergency support. Please contact Lucy Simpson on 0345 678 9078 for more information on emergency support funding. Cllr Butler stated there will be an emergency closure of the A4117 at Lem Hill tomorrow for highway repairs. There will be an announcement shortly regarding £2m of CIL projects around the county with £200,000 in our Place Plan area.

129/09 Parish Matters/Highways

Cllr Bytheway had raised concerns following another accident at Rectory Cottage on the A4117 where the wall has been knocked down again yet Planning have recently permitted another dwelling off this access track.

129/10 Future Agenda Items

There were no further items raised.

129/11 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 14**th **December 2020**, 7pm using the Zoom on-line facility. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.27pm.

It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 130/04) that these minutes are a true record of the		
meeting, subject to the following corrections:-		
B Buffery		14th December 2020
Signed	Chairman	Date