

Hopton Wafers Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14th December 2020 using the Zoom on-line facility commencing at 7pm.

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

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.

- 130/01 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.
Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler – medical recuperation.
- 130/02 Declarations of Interest
There were no interests declared.
- 130/03 Public Participation Session
There was one member of public present – no matters were raised.
- 130/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th November 2020
The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th November 2020 were taken as read and will be signed as soon as practicable.

130/08 Unitary Councillors' Reports

Unitary Cllrs Gwilym Butler and Madge Shingleton had sent written reports which were circulated by email prior to the meeting and will be attached to these Minutes. Cllr Turner asked whether Bridgnorth is the only place nearby for receiving the Covid vaccine. Cllr Shingleton said this is correct due to the storage conditions required for the vaccine. Cllr Humpage asked for the best email address to contact Highways with any issues as well as using the My Shropshire app. Cllr Shingleton said to use bridgnorthhighways@shropshire.gov.uk and copy her in as well. Any issues with bridges and streams to email gurnek.singh@shropshire.gov.uk. Cllr Humpage commented that road closure signs have been left by Hopton Court and need removing after work was carried out weeks ago. Cllr Turner asked if there was any update on the Manor House in Cleobury. Cllr Shingleton said the owner has recently agreed to talk to any prospective buyers and that she is on a panel at Shropshire Council who constantly review this type of situation ie abandoned buildings. Cllr Shingleton added that pathways to services ie for SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) children has previously been poor but things are improving especially at Cleobury Mortimer Primary where the Head Teacher is putting things into place for more help. Cllr Shingleton commented that the Maternity Services Interim Report is very sad and unfortunately the issues are much wider spread than just in Shropshire.

130/05 Matters Arising – Clerk/Lengthsman and Councillors' Reports

i) Clerk/Lengthsman Report

Mains Drainage at Hopton Bank

The Clerk has chased Severn Trent for a response regarding the funding decision (due November 2020) for the proposed drainage works.

Place Plan – CIL funds

We have received confirmation that £20,000 has been allocated towards a feasibility study for the Highways issues in the parish including the junction at Earls Ditton Lane in Doddington, signage, drainage and speed management measures. It is hoped that this will help our case to have the Vehicle Activated Signs match-funded from CIL Local rather than Precept or Neighbourhood Fund. There is limited funding available through the PCC but 50 % costs would be more acceptable.

Bus Shelter

Following Midland Quarries Head Office request for more accurate location plans for the proposed bus shelter, the Clerk has received a quote for £85 for these drawings. Council approved this and hope that the matter can move on. The Chairman commented that the Traffic Engineer from Shropshire Council was supportive and keen to help with the proposals.

ii) Parish Plan Update

Cllr Humpage reported on the Zoom meeting held on 24th November. The draft Plan review is now coming together in a similar layout as the previous Plan although new photos are needed. The Chairman expressed his opinion that this is very encouraging but the document should be in an amended format to illustrate that it is a review. The next meeting is on Tuesday 15th December.

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130/06 Financial Matters

- i) Council considered and approved the draft budget and precept proposals for 2021-22. The Precept was set to increase by £300 to £8,700.

130/07 Payments

- (a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:
 - i) Mrs D McBride - Clerk's Salary (December) - £336.40 (Cheque)
 - ii) HMRC – PAYE – (December) - £38.00 (Cheque)
 - iii) Andrew Deptford – Defibrillator spares - £114.00 (Cheque)

The cheques will be signed as soon as practicable.

130/07 Planning Matters

(a) New Planning Applications

- i) Reference: 20/04354/FUL (validated: 04/11/2020)
Address: 3 Whatsill, Doddington, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 0QB
Proposal: Erection of two storey timber frame extension replacing existing single storey lean to include first floor balcony
Applicant: Alex Gurney
Outcome: Council noted that the extension will look somewhat different to the original property but SUPPORT the proposals.
- ii) Reference: 20/04983/FUL (validated: 08/12/2020)
Address: The Old Coach House, Hopton Bank, Hopton Wafers, DY14 0ND
Proposal: Conversion of redundant stable block to ancillary domestic accommodation
Applicant: Mr T Whiting
Outcome: Council RESOLVED to have no objection to the proposals but ask that a condition be set on the converted building so that it cannot become a separate residential dwelling. Council have on-going concerns regarding the access to the property at the main road junction where there has been another accident in recent weeks. Council request that Highways review this situation independently regardless of whether the proposed building conversion would increase the traffic volume or not.

(b) Planning Decisions (for information only):

- i) Reference: 20/03741/FUL (validated: 17/09/2020)
Address: Dantra House, Doddington, Hopton Wafers, Shropshire, DY14 0NT
Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to existing garage building
Applicant: Mr & Mrs D Wood
Decision: Grant Permission
- ii) 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
Decision: Grant Permission

(c) Planning Appeal

- i) Reference: 20/02873/REF
Address: Proposed Dwelling at Crumpsbrook, Hopton Wafers.
Appellant: Mr L Howells.
Outcome: Council RESOLVED to re-iterate previous objection comments that the proposals are for a large market house in open countryside which is contrary to the Parish Plan, county and national policies.

(d) To receive updates on outstanding planning matters.

- i) Reference: 20/00402/FUL - land adjacent to The Dingle, Hopton Wafers. There are on-going concerns that the electricity pole recently installed at the entrance to the site will block visibility.

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Item covered earlier in meeting.

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130/09 Parish Matters/Highways

- Cllr Humpage reported that there is more litter on Catherton Common.
- Cllr Turner reported a nasty pot hole outside No.3 Crown Cottages (A4117).

130/10 Future Agenda Items

There were no further items raised.

130/11 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 11th January 2021**, 7pm using the Zoom on-line facility. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and for their support and patience this year. He wished everyone a peaceful and safe Christmas and the hope that 2021 is a better year.
Meeting closed at 7.38pm.

It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 131/04) that these minutes are a true record of the meeting, subject to the following corrections:-

B Buffery

11th January 2021

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....