

# Hopton Wafers Parish Council

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at Hopton Wafers Village Hall commencing at 7pm.

Present: Cllr Mark Humpage, Cllr Sue Turner, Cllr Harold Deane, Cllr Derek Bytheway, Cllr Paul Blakeway, Cllr Linda Clayton and the Clerk Mrs D McBride.

The Vice-Chair, Cllr Mark Humpage welcomed everyone to the meeting.

144/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Cllr Barry Buffery – personal commitment

Cllr Maria Cook – holiday

Cllr Tim Evans – work

Unitary Cllrs Gwilym Butler and Simon Harris did not attend due to the prevalence of Covid but sent reports which had been distributed to all members.

144/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

144/03 Public Participation Session

There were no members of public present.

144/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 were taken as read and signed.

144/05 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

144/06 Clerk/Lengthsman and Councillor Reports

i) Clerk's Report - issued to all members and noted.

ii) SALC AGM Report – Cllr B Buffery's report deferred to a future meeting.

144/07 Financial Matters

i) Council considered and RESOLVED to approve the draft budget and precept proposals for 2022-23. The Precept is set to increase by £300 to £9,000.00 however due to an increase in the number of properties, there will be slight decrease to residents. The average Band D property charge will be £29.84 as compared to £29.96 currently.

ii) Council considered and RESOLVED to approve the quarterly budget review and bank reconciliation.

144/08 Payments

Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

i) Mrs D McBride - Clerk's Wages (January) - £312.00 (Cheque)

ii) HMRC – PAYE – (January) - £62.40 (Cheque)

iii) Mrs D McBride – Clerk's Quarterly Admin Expenses - £111.79 (Cheque)

iv) ICO – Data Protection Fee - £40.00 (Cheque)

v) SALC – Charitable Trusts and Code of Conduct training - £70.00 (Cheque)

vi) A P Supplies – Highway Maintenance - £222.00 (Cheque)

144/09 Unitary Councillors' Reports

The recent Unitary Councillors' reports had been circulated to all members. Further to Cllr Butler's report, Cllr Bytheway felt it was important to keep Action Scott Working Farm going due to the historical / educational benefits it provides. Council agreed that ways need to be sought to ensure it is financially viable going forward and the Clerk will notify Cllr Butler of the Council's view.

144/10 Parish Plan

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

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144/11 Parish Matters/Highways

- i) The ownership of the site of the proposed bus shelter at Doddington is the only issue holding up the project. Cllr Clayton and the Clerk will chase this up.
- ii) Quotes are required for the groundwork and construction of the proposed bus shelter at Crumpsbrook. Cllr Deane and the Clerk will chase these up.
- iii) Cllr Bytheway raised the on-going issue of water running down Hopton Bank where it has drained off the fields and crosses the road near the Shote. There are serious safety concerns currently due to the potential of ice. The Clerk and Cllr Clayton have reported these issues to Shropshire Council previously but will report them again. Cllr Humpage has put the link to Fix My Street on the Parish Council's Facebook page again. Everyone is asked to report highways issues either by email or telephone to Shropshire Council or via Fix My Street.
- iv) Cllr Deane commented that the white lines and cats eyes on the A4117 are still outstanding. These have been reported many times but will be chased up again.
- v) Cllr Deane will ask the Lengthsman to attend to some drainage issues on Catherton Road and Stockhall Lane.

144/12 Future Agenda Items

There were no further items raised.

144/13 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 7pm at Hopton Wafers Village Hall.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.25pm.

**It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 145/04) that these minutes are a true record of the meeting, subject to the following corrections:-**

***B Buffery***

**Signed.....Chairman**

***14<sup>th</sup> February 2022***

**Date.....**