

Hopton Wafers Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th April 2023 at Doddington Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Mark Humpage, Cllr Maria Cook, Cllr Barry Buffery, Cllr Andy Jones, Cllr Harold Deane, Cllr Paul Blakeway, Cllr Sue Turner, Cllr Tim Evans and the Clerk, Sue Jones.

Chairman, Cllr Mark Humpage welcomed everyone to the April meeting.

158/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Cllr Linda Clayton - Holiday

158/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

158/03 Public Participation Session

8 members of public were present to discuss the Planning Application 23/01267/FUL Proposed Residential Development Land To The South Of, Doddington.

The areas of concern that were voiced by the residents were: Visual Impact, Flooding, Traffic and the closeness of the site to a water course. The Chairman thanked the residents for attending.

158/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th March 2023

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th March 2023 were taken as read and signed.

158/05 Matters Arising

- i) Cllr Deane noted that the location of the Post Box to near the Doddington Cattle Grid may not a suitable location for residents of Doddington Heights, but the location should be for the benefit of all residents not just some. It was agreed that there should have been some consultation but it is better where it is than its previous location.
- ii) The blocked bridleway 0537/UN2/2 has been cleared by Clee Hill Quarry, a letter of thanks to be sent to Colin Bytheway. The clerk to report that the bridleway sign needs replacing.

158/06 Clerk/Lengthsman and Councillor Reports

i) Clerk's Report

Highways issues

We should receive the £1,500 Environmental Maintenance Grant. In the bank tomorrow.

The poles for the VAS in Hopton Wafers have now been installed, but there is no update when the VAS will be installed. The clerk to chase.

A reply was sent to WSP confirm that Hopton Wafers Parish Council is happy with the work being Proposed along the A4117 - although the majority of it is being carried out in Coreley parish to start with. Mr Eastwood would be happy to attend a site visit and meeting but he confirmed that he is not the Project Engineer delivering this project, so I would not be able to offer any commitments on site, but can listen to your concerns and communicate them onto the relevant individuals. It is his understanding that Earls Ditton Lane was reviewed as part of the initial investigation, with a number of proposals suggested. Unfortunately, currently he is waiting for clarification on their omission from the proposal. Once he has understood the situation, he will provide an update. Invite Mr Eastwood to the next meeting on the 15th May at 7.00pm and a site visit before.

158/07 Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish meeting is confirmed at being on the Saturday 20th May. The meeting will start at 6.00 pm but the event will be open to the public from 5.00 pm for tea and cake, and allow time for showing residents what services the Parish council is offering. Clerk to invite Cleobury Footpaths, Ludlow SNT and Liz Quickenden

158/08 Payments

(a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

- i) Mrs S Jones - Clerk's Wages (April) - £314.82 (Cheque)
- ii) HMRC – PAYE – (April) - £78.60 (Cheque)

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158/09 Planning Matters

(a) New Planning Applications:

- i) Reference: 23/01267/FUL (validated: 22/03/2023)
Address: Proposed Residential Development Land To The South Of, Doddington, Shropshire
Proposal: Erection of 2No. dwellings, formation of access and installation of package treatment plant (resubmission)
Applicant: Jonjo Power (C/o Agent)
Outcome: Council RESOLVED to Object to the proposals.

(b) Planning Decisions (FOR INFORMATION ONLY):

- i) Reference: 23/00453/FUL (validated: 08/02/2023)
Address: Foxhollow, 15 Crumps Brook, Hopton Wafers, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 0HP
Proposal: Erection of a single storey side extension to form an annex following demolition of outbuildings
Decision: Grant Permission

(c) DLUHC Consultation on Infrastructure Levy

After the consultation was considered, it was decided not to make a response to NALC.

158/10 Unitary Councillors' Reports

The Unitary Councillors had sent their written report earlier this month but had not attended. Report available on the website.

158/11 Parish Matters/Highways

- i) There have been a number of residents complain about the building work at 3 Bartons Field. The working being carried out does not appear to be inline with the planning granted. It was agreed to submit a complaint to Planning Enforcement
- ii) Cllr Buffery gave an update on Earls Ditton Lane. Cllr Buffery met with Phillip Dunne MP in February, who then contacted Shropshire Council with his concerns. Shropshire Council confirmed that there was no budget for un-classified road repairs for 24/25, but Andy Wilde – Head of highways at Shropshire Council has acknowledged the poor state of the road and agreed that some works would be done to improve the road in 23/24.
- iii) The Parish Council has received a petition from local residents concerning the state of Earls Ditton Lane, this has also been sent to Richard Marshall, Portfolio Holder for Highways, Phillip Dunne MP for Ludlow.
- iv) The ditches down Stock Hall Lane need clearing out, to be reported on "Fixmystreet"

158/12 Future Agenda Items

The provision of the Lengthsman scheme needs to be finalised. The Working party to meet at 6.30 pm before the next meeting to discuss.

There may be a new application for grant funding for Doddington Village Hall for loft insulation.

159/13 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 15th May 2023, 7pm at Doddington Village Hall.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.22pm.