

Hopton Wafers Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th August 2023 at Hopton Wafers Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

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

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

- 162/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members
Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler (Other commitment) and Unitary Cllr Simon Harris (Other commitment) Lengthsman – Anthony Harman (Work Commitment)
- 162/02 Declarations of Interest
Cllr Maria Cook declared an interest in item 162/12 i) a)
- 162/03 Public Participation Session
One member of the public attended the meeting. Standing Orders were suspended to discuss the building works at 3 Barton Fields. Planning enforcement to be contracted for an update.
- 162/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th July 2023
The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th July 2023 were taken as read and signed.
- 162/05 Matters Arising
None
- 162/06 Clerk/Lengthsman and Councillor Reports
i) Clerk's Report.
Highways issues
No further update on the consultation for the proposed changes to the speed limit on the A4117 between Clee Hill and Doddington.
Vehicle Activated Signs
There are ongoing discussions with the supplier, regarding the installation of the VAS and the height of the poles and the position of one of the poles. A company has been sourced for the traffic Management needed.
Cattlegrid.
As soon as programme dates and time scales have been confirmed. Kier's communication team will provide the necessary updates.
Works to Earls Ditton Lane
Clerk to chase Andy Wilde and Andy Keyland for timescales for this work to be done. Some work has been done, but many potholes have been left.
ii) Lengthsman Update.
Anthony Harman gave his apologies, no report this month.
- 162/07 Financial Matters
i) To Complete new bank mandate to change correspondence address. Council considered and RESOLVED to sign the bank mandate.
- 162/08 Payments
(a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:
i) Mrs S Jones - Clerk's Wages (Aug) - £314.82 (Cheque)
ii) HMRC – PAYE – (Aug) - £78.60 (Cheque)
- 162/09 Planning Matters
(a) New Planning Applications:
None
(a) Planning Decisions – FOR INFORMATION ONLY:
23/02908/PIP. Proposed Dwelling North of Hi Vue, Hopton Bank, Hopton Wafers, Shropshire
Proposal: Application for Permission in Principle for residential development of one open market dwelling
Decision: Refuse

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162/10 Unitary Councillors' Reports
No report provided for August.

162/11 Place Plan

A discussion took place on the projects that could be considered for the Place Plan.

1. The Bus Shelters at Doddington were discussed as a potential project. Clerk to ask the Lengthsman if he could look at the bus shelters to see what work would be needed to refurbish them, with a view to this project being included in the Place Plan.
2. Another potential project is for Play Equipment at the Village Hall. This project has been investigated by the Village Hall committee. Once further information is given on the previous proposal this too could be a possible project to include.
3. The traffic lights at Earls Ditton Lane- Clerk to forward the proposals previously discussed by Shropshire Council to Cllr Humpage and Cllr Buffery. Cllr Buffery and Cllr Evans will meet to discuss and review.
4. Wild Flower Verges – A possible location could be the “Old Escape Lane” at Hopton Wafers, would this be viable on the A4117? Also, the area on the large verge by the Bus Shelter at Doddington. Councillors to identify other sites but not on the main road.
5. Signs - Welcome to Hopton Wafers and Doddington, “Drive Slowly” Investigate the cost.

162/12 Parish Matters/Highways

i) To receive any new Parish Matters

- a) The Parish Council has received a request for a donation for “Christens Against Debt. The Debt Centre in Bridgnorth, that covers this Parish needs to raise £12,000 to keep the facility open. It was RESOLVED to give a £100 donation.

ii) To receive and new Highway matters.

- a) Stockhall Lane – The ditches have been cleared but the debris has been left, so the debris is now going back into the ditches. Clerk to find out who did the work and ask them to rectify.
- b) The platform used for the “Speed Watch” needs strimming back to expose the slabs.

162/13 Future Agenda Items

162/14 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 11th September 2023, 7pm at Doddington Village Hall.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.16pm.