

Hopton Wafers Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th October 2023 at Hopton Wafers Village Hall commencing at 7.03pm.

Present: Cllr Sue Turner, Cllr Maria Cook, Cllr Barry Buffery, Cllr Andy Jones, Cllr Linda Clayton, Lengthsman – Anthony Harman and the Clerk, Sue Jones,

Chairman, Cllr Sue Turner welcomed everyone to the October meeting.

- 164/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members
Cllr Harold Deane (Illness), Cllr Mark Humpage, Cllr Paul Blakeway, Unitary Cllr Simon Harris (Other commitments) and Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler (Other commitment)
- 164/02 Declarations of Interest
None
- 164/03 Public Participation Session
3 members of the public were present.
A number of issues were raised to the parish council where it is felt that the planning amendment for Swallows Nest still did not cover the areas being contravened in the original planning application. These will be considered when the application is discussed.
- 164/04 To confirm the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th September 2023
The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th September 2023 were taken as read and signed.
- 164/05 Matters Arising
i) None
- 164/06 Clerk/Lengthsman and Councillor Reports
i) Clerk's Report.
Highways issues
Nothing further from Jon Eastwood regarding the consultation for the speed limit on the A4117.
Vehicle Activated Signs
Still no response from Shropshire Council regarding the position of the VAS pole by Augernicks Fruit Farm. Unitary Cllr Simon Harris to raise at the "Meet the Leader" meeting at Stottesdon, where Andy Wilde from Shropshire Council Highways will also be attending.
As no further progress has been made with the siting of this pole it was RESOLVED to ask the VAS suppliers to install the other 3 VAS. Clerk to instigate.
Cattlegrid.
Cllr Harris has also been asked to raise this issue for an update.
Works to Earls Ditton Lane
Some potholes have been filled but no further update on when the resurfacing will be completed.
Planning enforcement
Swallows Nest - The applicant has been requested to submit an amendment to the Planning application to cover any changes made.
- Lengthsman Report
i) The brush by the Bus shelter Hopton Bank at has been cut back to ensure better visibility for approaching buses, and to take the footpath back to allow pedestrians to walk safely along.
ii) AH to quote for the work to clear the ditches along the Catherton road. Councillors agreed that the works could go ahead,
iii) AH will be clearing the drains around the parish this week.
- 164/07 Financial Matters
i) Council considered and RESOLVED to approve the six-monthly review of Risk Assessments.
ii) Council considered and RESOLVED to approve the quarterly budget review and bank reconciliation.

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164/08 Payments

(a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

- i) Mr B Buffery – Travel Costs £13.50 (Cheque)
- ii) Mrs S Jones - Clerk's Wages (Oct) - £314.82 (Cheque)
- iii) HMRC – PAYE – (Oct) - £78.60 (Cheque)
- iv) Mr D, Brown – Phone Box Light fitting £58.80 (Cheque)
- v) AP Supplies -Lengthsman £414.00 (Cheque)

164/09 Planning Matters

(a) New Planning Applications:

23/04244/AMP | Non-Material Amendment pursuant of 19/02260/FUL to allow for the addition of bin store (with balcony over) and change of elevational treatment | Swallows Nest, Hopton Wafers Shropshire DY14 0NA

23/04045/FUL Knowle Bank Farm, Stockhall Lane, Hopton Wafers, DY14 0EJ

Proposal: Change of use of land from agriculture to the siting of 4 holiday pods with associated car parking and drainage

It was agreed to arrange site visits for both applications and the reports to be submitted on the Planning Portal.

164/10 Unitary Councillors' Reports

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1. Please be aware the resurfacing of the A4117 from Cleobury to Lem Hill /Worcestershire border starts on 2nd October for four weeks with weekday time closures 930am - 430pm. Weekend 7am-5pm .
2. The Council is currently undertaking a complete survey of its building stocks in relation to the Concrete RAAC notification by Government. To date none of the school stock has been identified but all other buildings are being looked at.
3. The Leader of the Council Lezley Picton will be at Kinlet Parish Council meeting on the 9th October to address any issues the Council or parishioners have.
4. At Full Council in Sep23 a motion has been tabled to ask the Council to support the campaign for bathing quality water on the River Severn at Shrewsbury and Bridgnorth, and the River Teme at Ludlow, by writing to the Secretary of State for the Environment Food and Rural Affairs to confirm the support of Shropshire Council for bathing status.
5. We have received a presentation from the recently appointed Head of Improvement – this new role is tasked with ensuring that the all Council Officers work towards the Council's clearly stated objectives ie at the Department, Team and Individual levels.
6. We have received a presentation on the Council's procurement policies (and the regulations which they follow). Council procurement can be as much as £350m annually reaching across areas of the Council's work – there is a clear tendering process; though there is also a focus on carbon reduction and aiming a 'buying local'
7. The council is entering into a memorandum of understanding with, Herefordshire, Monmouthshire, and Powys to become the Marches group which will look at working jointly to attract funding and deliver services from everything from Health , Travel, economy and education to name just a few . Full report on Parish Council website.

164/11 Parish Matters/Highways

i) To receive any new Parish Matters

None

ii) To receive and new Highway matters

- a) The speed sign by The Hillocks has been knocked down. To be reported on Fixmystreet.

164/12 Future Agenda Items

None

164/13 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

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

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15pm.