

# Hopton Wafers Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at Hopton Wafers Village Hall commencing at 7.03pm.

Present: Cllr Mark Humpage (Chair), Cllr Sue Turner, Cllr Maria Cook, Cllr Barry Buffery, Cllr Andy Jones, Cllr Linda Clayton, Lengthsman – Anthony Harman and the Clerk, Sarah Brown

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

167/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Cllr Harold Deane (Illness), Cllr Paul Blakeway (work commitment), Cllr Tim Evans (illness/accident), Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler (other commitment) and Unitary Cllr Simon Harris (other commitment)

167/02 Declarations of Interest

None

167/03 Public Participation session

No members of the public were present.

167/04 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were taken as read and signed.

167/05 Matters' Arising

Cllr Mark Humpage confirmed that he and Cllr Barry Buffery will meet to access the VAS cabinets. Cllr Buffery has tried to access the App without success. Will update at the next meeting. Regarding highways, it was noted that the exit from Earls Ditton Lane at Doddington was difficult due to the new position of the traffic lights whilst works are carried out on the cattle grid.

Best wishes were expressed to Cllr Tim Evans following his road accident. The council wished him a speedy recovery.

167/06 Clerk/Lengthsman and Councillor Reports

- i) Clerk's Report – defibrillators. Clerk is looking to be notified by the circuit when three defibrillators in the parish are used and checked. Looking to claim on the warranty for the defibrillator at Hopton Wafers. Will apply through the British Heart Foundation for a funded defibrillator and cabinet. Prior to submitting the application, Cllrs Mark Humpage, Andy Jones, Maria Cook and Clerk, Sarah Brown will visit each defibrillator site in the Parish to assess.  
Precept – this has been submitted within the time constraints of the end of January 2024.  
Communication has been received regarding the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the DDay landings to be marked on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Ways for communities to take part are suggested as lighting a Beacon, lighting a lamp light of peace and ringing out for peace. All communities taking part will receive a certificate of Grateful Recognition.  
Communication has also been received in January confirming that this Parish Council should receive CIL funds from developments within the parish by the end of April 2024. The value is 25% of the total CIL liability where there is an adopted formal Neighbourhood Plan.  
Lezley Picton is conducting a number of Meet the Leader sessions and will be in Craven Arms on 14<sup>th</sup> February from 10am at the Community Centre. It is intended to invite her to the upcoming AGM.
- ii) Lengthsman Report – has shared photographs of some of the works that needs to be completed which will be shared with the Clerk for record keeping purposes. Intended to complete some drain clearing work on the A4117 during the recent road closure, however the workmen (from Keir) could not allow this. Works completed include by the Woodhouse and Stockhall Lane.  
Upcoming work to include clearing over-grown ditches at Crumpsbrook and at Cleeton. Noted that members of the Hopton Wafers community are willing to help the Lengthsman.  
Would like to access land at Picklebatch, Holly Waste to create a channel as this should help drainage from rain water and prevent potholes. The Clerk is to write to the owner of this land to request access.

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## 167/07 Financial Matters

- i) Consideration of the Environmental Maintenance Grant 2024-25 – it was agreed to apply for the £1,500 as in the previous year.
- ii) Consideration of options for Bleed kits for the defibrillators – discussed.

## 167/08 Payments

(a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

i) Mrs S. Brown - Clerk's Wages (Feb)	£316.95
ii) HMRC – PAYE – (Jan)	£79.20
iii) Clerk's expenses – printer toner	£46.99
iv) IONIS – Nov, Dec & Jan	£30.00
v) Clerk's Knowledge training (Nov)	£37.50
vi) AP Supplies (Lengthsman)	£666.00

## 167/09 Planning Matters

(a) New Planning Applications – no new planning applications noted

(b) Planning Decisions – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Reference: 23/05058/FUL (validated: 05/12/2023)

Address: Proposed Barn Conversion at Little Down, Crumps Brook, Hopton Wafers, Shropshire

Proposal: Proposed barn conversion to no. 1 residential dwelling and associated works.

Decision: Refuse

## 167/10 Unitary Councillors' Reports

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

## 167/11 Parish Matters/Highways

- i) New Parish matters.  
None.
- ii) New Highways matters  
None.

## 167/12 Future Agenda Items

No new future agenda items raised.

## 167/13 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7pm at Doddington Village Hall.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

Signed:

Date:

Print name: