

# Hopton Wafers Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Doddington Village Hall commencing at 7.01pm.

Present: Cllr Mark Humpage (Chair), Cllr Sue Turner, Cllr Maria Cook, Cllr Barry Buffery, Cllr Andy Jones, Cllr Paul Blakeway, Lengthsman – Anthony Harman, Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler and the Clerk, Sarah Brown

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

168/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Cllr Harold Deane (Illness), Cllr Tim Evans and Unitary Cllr Simon Harris (other commitment)

167/02 Declarations of Interest

None

168/03 Public Participation session

No members of the public were present.

168/04 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were taken as read and signed.

168/05 Matters' Arising

None.

168/06 Clerk/Lengthsman and Councillor Reports

Clerk's Report – Defibrillators – site visit on 16.02.24 with Cllr Mark Humpage. HWVH defibrillator is loaned from MedUK. All three cabinets had signs of rusting on the outside and moisture found inside. The Hopton Bank Garage cabinet had a puddle of water inside. The bleed kit was too large and may have prevented the cabinet door from being completely closed. The bleed kit was replaced with a smaller kit during site visit. Check prior to this meeting found no evidence of water in the cabinet. All defibrillators had fully charged batteries and appeared to be in working order. Could not apply for a BHF defibrillator as they do not replace existing devices. I am trying to access all three defibrillators on the Circuit site.

Earls Ditton lane – road work planned for Autumn 2024.

AGM – To be held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Doddington Village Hall. Public to be invited from 6pm with the meeting to commence at 7pm. Clerk to arrange hire of the hall and invite First Responders, Lezley Picton, Christians Against Poverty, Speed Watch, SNT Police, Fix My Street App demonstration, Unitary Councillors and representatives from Church, village halls and Commoners Association.

Clerk has received correspondence from the Lengthsman with intended works -

Crumbsbrook Road	Cleaning and digging out multiple drains and blockages
Cleeton Village Hall	Dealing with drains that go under the road
Heath Hills Road	Unblocking drains
Woodhouse Farm	Drain and ditch investigative work
Common Lane	Dig out gullies to release water into drains
Catherton Road	Jet drain and unblock drains by grain bins

Estimated 4 days work with digger and labour @ £340 per day approximate costs, this is within budget. Anthony Harman, Lengthsman confirmed that this work will be completed before the end of March.

Picklebatch Farm – Letter hand delivered as requested in the last meeting. Awaiting response.

i) Lengthsman Report – Invoice provided for work completed since last meeting to the value of £162.00.

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## 168/07 Financial Matters

- i) Approval of budget for 2024-25.  
Duly signed and dated.

## 168/08 Payments

(a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

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| i) Mrs S. Brown - Clerk's Wages (Mar) | £316.95 |
| ii) HMRC – PAYE – (Mar)               | £79.20  |
| iii) AP Supplies (Lengthsman)         | £162.00 |

## 168/09 Planning Matters

(a) New Planning Applications

Reference: 24/00239/FUL (validated: 26/02/2024)

Address: Catherton Barnhouse, Catherton, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 0LJ

Proposal: Single storey front and side extensions and formation of a roof terrace

Applicant: Mr and Mrs E Fanshawe

Clerk to note support on Planning site.

- (b) Planning Decisions – FOR INFORMATION ONLY  
None

## 168/10 Unitary Councillors' Reports

Attached. Reminder that properties affected by flooding needs to be reported to access Government Grant, as shared in previous reports.

Discussion regarding the Shropshire Council Budget issues and proposals to reduce services and to increase revenue. Councillors challenged Councilor Butler on the proposal to charge for green bins feeling that this would reduce recycling and potentially increase fly tipping both of which would be undesirable. Also discussed the effectiveness of Highways Department in dealing with potholes. Councilor Butler also asked council to consider a £100 donation to Cleobury Mens' Shed which continues to thrive but has an insurance bill which puts pressure on their finances. Councillors agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

## 168/11 Parish Matters/Highways

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

## 168/12 Future Agenda Items

None.

## 168/13 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7pm at Hopton Wafers Village Hall.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Signed:

Date:

Print name: