

# Hopton Wafers Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at Hopton Wafers Village Hall commencing at 7.01pm.

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 April meeting.

169/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Cllr Harold Deane (Illness), Cllr Paul Blakeway (other commitments) and Cllr Tim Evans

169/02 Declarations of Interest

None

169/03 Public Participation session

No members of the public were present.

169/04 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were taken as read and signed.

169/05 Matters' Arising

Confirmed agreement for donation of £100 to Men's Shed in Cleobury Mortimer.

169/06 Clerk/Lengthsman and Councillor Reports

i) Clerk's Report

The faulty Defib at Hopton Wafers Village Hall was collected by the manufacturer, repaired and returned on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. It is now back in situ at the village hall and the Circuit has been updated. The loaned Defibrillator has been returned. Thanks offered to Chris Phillips of MedUK for his support in resolving this issue. The Clerk is now listed on the circuit for the Defib at Hopton Bank Garage and working on resolving the issue at Doddington Heights with a new Guardian and myself to be listed.

AGM - emails have been sent out to SNT police in Ludlow, Lezley Picton and representatives from the footpath association, church and WET. The Clerk has also reached out to Liz Quickendon from the First Responders. The Clerk is currently awaiting responses. Unitary Cllr Simon Harris has confirmed his attendance. Confirmed that Cllr Mark Humpage will be providing demonstrations of Fix my street. Clerk to create advertising poster and circulate within the parish as well as the Clarion (deadline of 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024).

Communication from Nash PCC who intend to host a seminar with Dyanne Humphreys who is our regional planning consultant. The cost per PCC is £50 and the event will be an evening in May. The Clerk will advise interest and confirm dates with PCC Cllrs in due course.

ii) Lengthsman Report

Invoice provided by email to the Clerk for the work completed in March as outlined in the last meeting.

The Lengthsman has met with Chairperson Cllr Mark Humpage at Cleeton. The outcome report and costings are pending.

During parish site visits with Cllrs Sue Turner and Andy Jones other areas were identified including digging ditches and clearing lanes of debris. Cllrs and Lengthsman to make contact with landowners to gain permission for this work. A working party is arranged on 28<sup>th</sup> April to clear Stockhall Lane in Hopton Wafers. This will be advertised within the community to maximise the clearing work. Cllr Andy Jones to make contact with Highways Department regarding floodwater entering the A4117 from the land adjacent to Hopton Bank Garage.

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169/08 Payments

(a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

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| i) Mrs S. Brown - Clerk's Wages (Apr) | £316.95  |
| ii) HMRC – PAYE – (Apr)               | £79.20   |
| iii) AP Supplies (Lengthsman)         | £1770.00 |

169/09 Planning Matters

(a) New Planning Applications

(b) Planning Decisions – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Erection of two storey extension to north and east elevations to include some demolition  
Stone House, Hopton Bank, Hopton Wafers, Kidderminster DY14 0PD

Ref: 24/00277/FUL

Decision: Granted

169/10 Unitary Councillors' Reports

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

169/11 Parish Matters/Highways

- i) New Parish matters.  
None.
- ii) New Highways matters  
Cllr Mark Humpage confirmed that there are five new Speed Watch volunteers within the parish who will shortly have training.

169/12 Future Agenda Items

None.

169/13 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm at Doddington Village Hall.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.01pm.

Signed:

Date:

Print name: