

Hopton Wafers Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th July 2024 at Doddington Village Hall commencing at 7.01pm.

Present: Cllr Sue Turner (Chair), Cllr Maria Cook, Cllr Andy Jones, Cllr Barry Buffrey, Cllr Paul Blakeway and the Clerk, Sarah Brown

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

172/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Cllr Mark Humpage (illness), Cllr Linda Clayton (other commitments), Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler (other commitments), Unitary Cllr Simon Harris (other commitments) and Cllr Harold Deane (Illness)

172/02 Declarations of Interest

None

172/03 Public Participation session

No members of the public were present.

172/04 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th June 2024 were taken as read and signed.

172/05 Matters' Arising

None.

172/06 Clerk/Lengthsman and Councillor Reports

i) Clerk's Report

Correspondence from Mark Booth of West Mercia Police advising his resignation from post as CSW and will be leaving on 12th July – concerns raised regarding where to forward speedwatch data during the interim period before his replacement is in post.

The Clerk has been looking at policies and notes that they have not been reviewed for two years. Will add two policies to the agenda each month until all are reviewed.

The Clerk has made claims for 2022-23 and 2023-24 for VAT - £859.12 and £802.53

Email from Lezley Picton received on the date of meeting – “It’s been an extremely busy few weeks for many of our staff as they worked around the clock to ensure that everyone was able to vote safely and confidently during this General Election. Delivering democracy is one of the most fundamental things we do as a council. With the election now complete, the rules on what we can and can’t publicise go back to normal. While we ensured that you were informed about schemes and projects that had already started during the pre-election period, some important decisions and consultations needed to wait until after the General Election. Over the next few weeks and months, we have some very difficult decisions to make. As part of this, we will be asking for your views on many of our plans that will enable us to be the council that we need, and can afford, to be. Your views are really important to us”. Clerk to forward link to Councillors.

Email received from John Campion – West Mercia Police – “following my re-election, I am currently developing my new police and crime plan. Your feedback will help shape my final plan, setting the blueprint for West Mercia Police over the next four years. Your council can have their say online”. Clerk will forward the link to councillors.

ii) Lengthsman Report

Has completed strimming and spraying work within the Parish. Requested a community clear up at Doddington. Will liaise with Cllr Andy Jones.

172/07 Financial Matters

i. Council considered and RESOLVED to approve the quarterly budget review and bank reconciliation.

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172/08 Payments Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

i)	Mrs S. Brown - Clerk's Wages (July)	£316.95
ii)	HMRC – PAYE – (July)	£79.20
iii)	Mrs Marilyn Wood – Audit of Accounts	£100.00
iv)	Christians Against Poverty	£100.00
v)	Cleobury Mortimer First Responders	£100.00
vi)	Defibrillators Charge Pack (2 pack)	£206.40
vii)	ALC - Affiliation Fees	£402.52
viii)	IONIS – Webhosting fees	£55.92

172/09 Planning Matters

(a) New Planning Applications

No new planning applications noted.

(b) Planning Decisions

Reference: 24/01886/FUL (validated: 23/05/2024)

Address: Pleasant View, Doddington, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 0NR

Proposal: Erection of single storey extension

Decision: Grant Permission

172/10 Unitary Councillors' Reports

Council noted Unitary Council reports withdrawn whilst in pre election period.

172/11 Parish Matters/Highways

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

172/12 Future Agenda Items

CIL Place plans – consideration of future projects.

Consideration of two policies.

172/13 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 12th August at Hopton Wafers Village Hall.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.37pm.

Signed:

Date:

Print name: