

Hopton Wafers Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th August 2024 at Hopton Wafers Village Hall commencing at 7.01pm.

Present: Cllr Mark Humpage (Chair), Cllr Maria Cook, Cllr Andy Jones, Cllr Barry Buffrey, Cllr Linda Clayton, Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler and the Clerk, Sarah Brown

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

173/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Cllr Sue Turner (other commitments), Cllr Paul Blakeway (other commitments), Unitary Cllr Simon Harris (other commitments) and Cllr Harold Deane (Illness)

173/02 Declarations of Interest

None

173/03 Public Participation session

No members of the public were present.

173/04 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th July 2024 were taken as read and signed.

173/05 Matters' Arising

Place Plan – review of the Place plan took place and noted that work on Earls Ditton Lane is planned to take During October for one week. Additional items that may be added include facilities at the St John's Church Doddington such as signage to support walkers and the users of the church; shared rural network for mobile coverage to be added specifically for Hopton Wafers.

173/06 Clerk/Lengthsman and Councillor Reports

i) Clerk's Report

IONIS – Internet provider - Previous cheques have not been cashed by IONIS and on investigation it appears that our previous clerk has continued to pay through the mandate that was set up. Council to reimburse Mrs McBride £186.76 (invoices from February until July 2024). Mrs McBride will remove her details from the site and Clerk will set up standing order to pay invoices until alternative solution found.

The Clerk has received a letter of resignation from Cllr Harold Dean on the day of this meeting. Clerk will produce Casual Vacancy notice for his position and notify Elections Department at SALC. Cllr Tim Evans has not attended meetings since November 2023 and has not made contact with the Clerk or other councillors since this date, therefore a Casual Vacancy notice will be produced for his position.

ii) Lengthsman Report

No report -request that the Lengthsman completes strimming work on the corner on the A4117 near the speed watch area.

173/07 Financial Matters

No financial matters

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173/08 Payments Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

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| i) Mrs S. Brown - Clerk's Wages (Aug) | £316.95 |
| ii) HMRC – PAYE – (Aug) | £79.20 |

173/09 Planning Matters

(a) New Planning Applications

Reference: 24/03016/FUL (validated: 05/08/2024)
Address: Little Down, Crumps Brook, Hopton Wafers, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 0ET
Proposal: Conversion of barn into annex
Closing Date is 30.08.24 – change of use for barn into annex dwelling.

Clerk to request a site visit prior to closing date.

Application for 24/02676/FUL
Consultation Expiry Date: 14.08.24
Planning Reference - 24/02676/FUL
Development proposed - Erection of 1No Dwelling on the site of an existing static home
Location - Proposed Dwelling North East Of 2, Doddington, Shropshire

Council voted in support of application

(b) Planning Decisions – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Reference: 24/02094/FUL (validated: 07/06/2024)
Address: Heatherville, Crumps Brook, Hopton Wafers, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 0HS
Proposal: Erection of extension to rear elevation and porch to front elevation, formation of terraced area to rear
Decision: Grant Permission

173/10 Unitary Councillors' Reports

Attached.

173/11 Parish Matters/Highways

- i) New Parish matters.
Footpath opening concerns at Doddington are now resolved.
- ii) New Highways matters
The sign at the bottom of Stockhall Lane has been reinstated by the Lengthsman.

173/12 Future Agenda Items

173/13 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 8th September at Doddington Village Hall.

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

Signed:

Date:

Print name: