

Hopton Wafers Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th September 2024 at Doddington Village Hall commencing at 7.02pm.

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

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

174/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Cllr Linda Clayton (other commitments)

174/02 Declarations of Interest

None

174/03 Public Participation session

Hopton Wafers Village Hall

- i) Signage – Trustees would like to know if funding is still available for signage for Hopton Wafers Village Hall. Unsure of what the costs are at this point but would like to apply for funding for this. Councillors confirmed that there are monies set aside from the Parish Plan that could be used for this.
- ii) Broadband – Trustees would like to install Broadband at the village hall and understands that the Parish Council may be looking into this for the village. Cllrs advised that they have been researching mobile phone signals in the village and will report back in due course. Cllr has been in contact with Ben Walker in Shrewsbury who referred the Cllr to AirBand. They are not able to do this in the village and Council have been unable to find another supplier at this point.

174/04 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th August 2024 were taken as read and signed.

174/05 Matters' Arising

No matters arising.

174/06 Clerk/Lengthsman and Councillor Reports

i) Clerk's Report

Clerk received an email on 3rd September from ALC reminding Councils that garden waste will be collected for households that subscribe to Shropshire Council's Garden Waste Service. A 12-month subscription costs £56 per bin and will cover the period 1 October to 30 September. Garden waste collections will stop from 1 October 2024 for anyone that has not subscribed by this date. A payment window will be open until 31 March 2025. To subscribe and for more information about the service people should visit the Shropshire Council website at www.shropshire.gov.uk/gardenwaste.

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ii) Lengthsman Report

Invoice to the value of £756.00 was submitted.

Lengthsman has reinstalled the speed sign at the bottom of Stockhall Lane in Hopton Wafers. Looked into the two drains on the bend on Stock Hall Lane. Found that the drains are blocked and is unable to find the outlets for the drains in the field. Cllrs will log this on Fix My Street.

Has dug the ditches out by Catherton Farm, taking them back by approximately 2 ft

Cllrs instructed the Lengthsman to complete strimming work on the area where the Speed Watch team stand and that drains are cleared near the old school houses in Hopton Wafers.

174/07 Financial Matters

No financial matters

174/08 Payments Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

i) Mrs S. Brown - Clerk's Wages (Sept)	£316.95
ii) HMRC – PAYE – (Sept)	£79.20
iii) Clerk's Quarterly Admin costs (IONIS)	£49.28
iv) Lengthsman work	£756.00

174/09 Planning Matters

(a) New Planning Applications

Reference: 24/03182/FUL (validated: 05/09/2024)

Address: Lower Birches, Cleeton St Mary, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 0QS

Proposal: Erection of a replacement dwelling

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Candogan (40 Tower Street, Heathfield, East Sussex, TN21 8PB)

Cllrs resolved to support

(b) Planning Decisions – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Reference: 24/02676/FUL (validated: 24/07/2024)

Address: Proposed Dwelling North East Of 2, Doddington, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of 1No Dwelling on the site of an existing static home

Decision: Refuse

174/10 Unitary Councillors' Reports

No Report received this month.

174/11 Parish Matters/Highways

- i) New Parish matters.
- ii) New Highways matters

Cllr has been approached by a member of the Hopton Wafers community regarding concerns relating to transport from Lacon Childe School. Pupils that reside in the village are collected from outside The Crown in the mornings on the A4117. The pupils are dropped off on the A4117 at points between Crown Cottages and Ashcroft, then crossing the A4117 which is a 40 mph road. In the past week pupils attempted to cross the road at the same time that a vehicle was overtaking the bus and parents are concerned that there will be a serious incident. Parents have shared their concerns with the local authority and request that the Parish Council support this matter. They would like the bus to turn into the village so that the children can exit the bus safely away from the main road. Clerk to contact Lacon Childe School, School Transport service and Whittalls (transport company).

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174/12 Shropshire Hills National Funding Application

Chairperson shared letter from Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust. Cllrs considered inviting them to speak at a future meeting. Cllrs felt that there has been no appetite for this within the area that is listed as an area of outstanding natural beauty and therefore agreed no further action.

174/13 Future Agenda Items

Chairperson to report back to councillors following meeting with Atlas Tower Group.

174/14 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 14th October at Hopton Wafers Village Hall.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Signed:

Date:

Print name: