

Hopton Wafers Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th November at Doddington Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Mark Humpage (Chair), Cllr Linda Clayton, Cllr Sue Turner, Cllr Andy Jones, Cllr Barry Buffrey, Cllr Maria Cook, Cllr Paul Blakeway, Cllr Tracey Wood, Cllr James Hilton, Lengthsman Anthony Harman, Unitary Cllr Simon Harris and the Clerk, Sarah Brown

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

176/01 To receive and accept apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Unitary Cllr Gwilym Butler (other business)

176/02 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Barry Buffrey in Agenda item 176/08 as he will be paid expenses.

176/03 Public Participation session

Two members of the public attended. Concerns were raised regarding the speed of the quarry lorries on the A4117 through Hopton Wafers and that the lorries cross to the other side of the road when travelling up the hill exiting the village towards Cleobury Mortimer. Clerk to send a letter to the Quarry.

175/04 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th October 2024 were taken as read and signed.

176/05 Matters' Arising

Cllrs reviewed the proposed new Grant Awarding Policy and Application Form. All Cllrs agreed to adopt the policy. This policy should be sent to representatives of Doddington Church and Hopton Wafers Church to be completed for their applications for funding.

176/06 Clerk/Lengthsman and Councillor Reports

i) Clerk's Report

- School transport – correspondence received to say that the bus has altered its route to drop children in the car park of The Crown each afternoon.
- Payment made for Data Protection for this year £40
- Email received from retired Cllr Harold Dean's daughter expressing thanks for the gift
- Email from SALC offering courses for budgeting and finance for Councillors. Could Councillors that wish to attend, advise the Clerk as soon as possible for booking. Courses are £35 per delegate per course, etc.
- Street Scene fly tipping brief received by email – Revision of fly tipping process using data to identify fly tipping hot spots. All fly tips are collected by a two person team to ensure consistency in processing and reduce the number of times a site is visited before the fly tip material is removed and to reduce the opportunity of the fly tip being added to. All evidence found will be photographed and placed in evidence bags before being removed and disposed of. Aim to do this within 5 working days from date of being notified on the Fix My Street, subject to what is found, etc. All evidence is then passed to Street Scene for investigations which could include obtaining witness statements, etc. Fixed penalties will be issued. Working with multi agencies – WM Police, DEFRA, Environment Agency, etc. Clerk to query the status of the fly tipping incident at Church Cottage on the A4117.
- Email 04.11.24 - Chris Mellings has taken over as Chief Officer from Dianne Dorrell at SALC.
- Defibrillator for Hopton Wafers Village Hall was out of warranty and stopped working. Chairman, Mark Humpage contacted London Heart to apply for a replacement defibrillator under their match funding scheme. Consent for payment of £750 was emailed to Cllrs prior to this meeting due to time constraints and it was unanimously agreed to purchase the replacement defibrillator for through this scheme as full price to replace the defibrillator is in the region of £1,500. The expected delivery date is 12th November.
- Email from St Michael's and All Angels Church, Hopton Wafers regarding request for funding towards grounds maintenance. Clerk to send new policy for Grants to Mr Poyner and to Doddington Church.

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ii) Lengthsman Report

Has not completed the strimming work in the speed watch area of Hopton Wafers but will do this during this week. The bus shelter has been fixed and the Lengthsman will check it has been fixed properly. Invoice submitted for the sum of £198.00.

176/07 Financial Matters

No financial matters.

176/08 Payments Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

i) Mrs S. Brown - Clerk's Wages (Nov)	£316.75
ii) HMRC – PAYE – (Nov)	£79.40
iii) Mrs S Brown – Data Protection	£40.00
iv) Barry Buffrey – Gift Expenses	£32.85
v) Lengthsman	£198.00

176/09 Planning Matters

(a) New Planning Applications

No new planning applications

(b) Planning Decisions – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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

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

Proposal: Erection of a replacement dwelling

Decision: Grant Permission

176/10 Unitary Councillors' Reports

Report attached to minutes.

Cllrs expressed concerns around the postponement of resurfacing works on Earls Ditton Lane and when this work will be completed in the new financial year. Unitary Cllrs have a full council meeting in December where questions will be asked before sharing feedback with Parish Councillors.

176/11 Parish Matters/Highways

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

176/12 Future Agenda Items

None.

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176/13 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 9th December at Hopton Wafers Village Hall.

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

Signed:

Date:

Print name:

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