

HOPE MANSELL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL Hope Mansell Village Hall
7pm on WEDNESDAY 13th January 2016

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- 1. To receive apologies for absence**
Received from Councillor Green
None received from Mary Robins (Absent)
- 2. To receive declarations of interest and written requests for dispensations.**
Councillor Duberley declared interest in item 9
- 3. Open Forum – To hear views of local residents on parish matters**
 - Request for the clerk to write to the Electricity board to thank them for their efforts on behalf of the parish regarding the blackouts post the storm on 2/1/2016
 - Request for Clerk to report Potholes to the locality Steward
 - Request for further information regarding history of Chestnut lane in relation to a right of way for Motorbike riding. Councillor Elmitt and Thrush to liaise
 - Congratulations received on the website, although a request received to publish the agenda online – Action Clerk
 - Question as to whether the council is closing the meeting correctly. Clerk to review concerns
 - Question regarding the planning subcommittee, as adopted in Septembers meeting. Clerk to review concerns .
 - Request for Clerk to write to the Environmental Agency and Herefordshire council post concerns regarding the flooding / diesel leaking outside the Goldmine (route C1278) . Request to confirm the cause , and whether public funds have been used to resolve the issue
 - Request for Clerk to summarise absences and note times councillors leave the meetings. Clerk already does this.
- 4. Minutes of Last meeting**
Minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2015, approved
- 5. To review work of the lengthsman, approve the next tranche of work required, and approve payment**
Request approved for Lengthsman to clear road along Harechurch Barn.
Councillor Duberley will accept the spoils from the road.
Clerk to write to Mr & Mrs Rippington, Sutton House , Hope Mansell) requesting that they clear debris from the stream, as the council believe them to be a Riparian owner.
- 6. To consider the issue of Speeding at BLE .**
No movement / Clerk to Chase
- 7. To note the proposed date of the next meeting**
March 9th 2016 – BLE
May 11th HM - Annual Meeting
September 14th BLE
November 9th HM
Noted – Any meetings required between May and September to be determined nearer the time.
- 8. To review the progress on the councils application for defibrillator's**
No movement
- 9. To approve payment to previous Clerk**
Councillor Duberley left room
Clerk advised that the advice from HALC was to pay.

Councillors approved payment

10. To Review Clerks Probationary Period
Councillors confirmed Clerks probationary period passed.

11. To Review councils IT grant application .
No movement.

12. Finance
12.1 To note the council's bank balances and receipts and payments for quarter
Noted no movement since November meeting other than Clerks Salary

12.2 To approve Clerks Expenses £29,48
Approved

The Auditor presented his report. Issues are

- 3 uncashed payments.
- Councillors are not countersigning the cheque stubs

Geoff Phelps left the Meeting (8.00)

13. To Review the requirement for a neighbourhood plan
Clerk handed out a working paper for the councillors to read.
Councillor Elmitt requested that councillors read and do their own research in order to have an informed opinion.

14. To review and consider the purpose of the council
Various items considered – "Engendering Community spirit" / Parish council being a conduit to getting things done , where there is limited resources .
Agreed more thought required.

15. To note report from footpaths officer
Nothing to report

16. To consider correspondence received.
Rural Bus service. Clerk noted details have been placed on the website.

17. To note Clerks information sheet and to raise matters for the next meeting
Request for clerk to write to the Forestry Commission regarding Eunice Saunders way as the verges have been trimmed – which causes problems in snow.
Issue of upgrading the notice boards at BLE & Pontshill

Meeting Closed at 8.22

Carl Elmitt