HOPE MANSELL PARISH COUNCIL

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MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL at HOPE MANSELL VILLAGE HALL 7pm on WEDNESDAY 18th May 2016

PRESENT: CElmitt / MGreen / RDuberley / WThrush / SHeath / GPhelps

ABSENT: Mary Robins
ATTENDING: LizNew Clerk

1. To receive apologies for absence

Meeting started at 19.09 – no apologies received.

- 2. To receive declarations of interest and written requests for dispensations- None received
- 3. Minutes of Last meeting To agree and sign the minutes of the meeting held on March 9th and April 13th

Minutes approved

4. Open Forum – To hear views of local residents on parish matters

Good news on the potholes.

5. To review work of the lengthsman, approve the next tranche of work required, and approve payment Clerk has reapplied for 2016/17, which has been approved.

GPhelps remarked that a lengthsman isn't much use on Dancing Green.

CElmitt remarked there is an issue at Parkfields regarding a ditch / field that floods. Would like to see that the ditch joins up with U road ditch. Clerk to discuss with Lengthsman

Lengthsman to attend the next meeting for list of works / summary of issues with previous work

6. To receive update on the Roads

Some potholes have been filled. Need to get an eye on them and continue to report.

RDuberley reported that the road's outside Hopesash and Summer house Pitch needs to be resurfaced.

Clerk to chase regarding Grit bins for the next year. Dancing green not filled.

Grit bin on Bartwood should be put back outside May Cottage, not by the crossroads. Clerk to chase

7. To Note Riparian responsibilities.

Herefordshire council cannot facilitate. Council to keep an eye and send any leaflets as required. Trench required outside Streete Farm.

Spring has been redirected into a ditch.

8. To consider the issue of Speeding at BLE

Ongoing / Clerk to review

9. To Review councils IT Grant application - Ongoing

10. Finance

To note the council's bank balances and receipts and payments for quarter; - only clerks salary paid in the quarter

To approve Clerks Expenses – approved

11. To review the requirement for a neighbourhood plan

Not Required Clerk will circulate the section from the neighbourhood plan guidance document to the council

12. To review and consider the purpose of the council - to put on the annual meeting agenda

13. To note report from footpaths officer

WT happy to continue a footpaths officer. Councillors should note that it is possible to create new rights of way. This will stop in 2026. It can take 10 years to create a new rights of way. The council has no plans to create new rights of way.

RDuberley commented that the Track to Hom Rough now has a sign outside "Private Road no Entry" placed there by the forestry. Clerk to write to the Forestry commission to get it removed as it's not a private way.

14. To note the proposed date of the next meeting.

July 6th – Place holder if required. September 14th BLE November 9th HM

15. To consider correspondence received – non received

16. To note Clerks information sheet and to raise matters for the next meeting

Tree preservation order on the Oak tree at Dancing Green Hope Mansell Church Parish –a list of who is covered by this parish.

Meeting closed at 19.56

17. **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** - an opportunity for the community as a whole to air their achievements and events.

CE presented a report regarding the Parish activities in 2015/6:Now comply with the laws governing Parish councils
We have postcode / addresses changed at Kettle bottom
Some potholes filled
Lengthsman appointment – tried to improve maintenance

Meeting closed at 20.01