

HOPE MANSELL PARISH COUNCIL

**MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL at HOPE MANSELL VILLAGE HALL
7pm on WEDNESDAY 10th JANUARY 2018**

Present : E Elmitt, W Thrush, S Heath, G Phelps, M Robins,
Councillors Co-opted at minute 3 : C Harmon, S Anderson
Clerk : L New

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- 1 Apologies for absence – None received
- 2 To note Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensations
C Harmon declared that his wife was Head of Legal and Governance at Hereford Council
- 3 To Co-opt new Councillors
C Harmon & S Anderson handed in their Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor forms
S Anderson handed in his notice of registrable interests form. Clerk to Forward to Herefordshire
Council Electoral services . C Harmon to forward his registrable interest form direct.
- 4 Open Forum
No members of the public present
- 5 To Approve the Minutes of last meeting
APPROVED with amendment
- 6 To discuss Roads
It was noted that the trees at Harechurch were overhanging the roads. Clerk to Contact Kevin
Williams at Balfour Beatty to see if they come under his remit. It was noted that whilst potholes
had been repaired, the snow had rendered the repair ineffective. Clerk to report. All urged to
report Potholes.
In the Light of some Cows being loose in the enclosure of late, It was also noted that the Cattle
Grids on Eunice Saunders Way are ineffective as they are full of mud. Clerk to Discuss
responsibility for cleaning with Balfour Beatty
- 7 To Note Update on The sign at the Viewpoint
Clerk to hand sign to Cllr Elmitt to get put up.
- 8 To Note Report from Footpath Officer
Nothing to report. It was discussed that footpaths are being churned up, Primarily by Horses.
Clerk to discuss with Lea Stables,
It was PROPOSED to hand the role over to Cllr Harmon. ALL AGREED.
Gate at the Silens is awaiting fitting.
- 9 To Discuss speeding at Bailey Lane End.
It was NOTED that there has been no improvement, and the Clerk was requested to contact
PC Barrowdale- Smith (or his successor) , to try again with implementing measures.
Clerk also to contact Balfour Beatty regarding the cost of Hiring Speed indicating devices.
Clerk also to contact Thermometer who have approached the Council with such devices for sale
- 10 To discuss salt bins
It was NOTED that there are no salt bins by the Bailey Lane End Church . It was discussed that
the lane is not a highway , and so it's the residents responsibility (as in Newtown)
Clerk reported that she had requested the salt bins in the Parish to be refilled, and had also
commented on the damaged ones in Eunice Saunders Way & Dancing Green
Clerk to request new salt bin's by Hainment Cottage at Dancing Green , and by the Turning to
Upper House in Hope Mansell.

Cllr Elmitt

11 To Review Councils Receipts & Payments
Noted. Cllr Anderson noted that budgeted expenditure for 18/19 is greater than the precept. Cllr Elmitt discussed that the council should not be holding funds and had wanted to keep the precept down to prior year levels.

12 To make council aware of its obligations under GDPR.
It was NOTED that the council needs a DPO. Cllr Anderson volunteered. ALL AGREED.

13 To receive update on applications for Council Auditor. Thanks extended to Terry Finch, outgoing auditor & thanks offered to C Chowney who has audited the records, and was awaiting the Chq book before compiling his report, which will be received next meeting

14 To Consider correspondence received
Complaint received regarding hunting across the Hope Mansell / Lea Bailey Areas, which caused considerable distress to some residents.

It is understood that the Forestry Commission has given the Cotswold Vale Farmers Hunt a licence that allows them to use certain parts of the Forest of Dean for trail hunting on selected dates that are approved in advance. Their licence allows them to use Lea Bailey and access through Wig pool to reach Lining Wood.
The event on 9th January did take place with permission, however it was requested that advance warning be provided in future. This is NOT the responsibility of the Forestry but of the Hunt.

15 To Raise matters for the next meeting
Deliveries / Postcodes
Speeding
Purpose of the Council
Forestry sign at Dancing Green

16 To consider correspondence received
Speeding devises / Cows / Hunt all discussed during meeting

17 To note date of the next meeting
March 14th at BLE 7pm

