

**HOPE MANSELL PARISH COUNCIL**

**DATE : 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**TIME : 7PM**

**Location : BAILEY LANE END COMMUNITY HALL**

**PRESENT : C Elmitt, R Duberley, M Green, S Heath, G Phelps, W Thrush**

Item

- 1 To receive apologies for absence – Mary Robins**  
Letters of thanks to be sent to B Blenkin for his years of service to the Parish Council
  
- 2 To receive declarations of interest and written requests for dispensations.**  
C Elmitt declared an interest in Agenda item 9
  
- 3. To consider the appointment of a new Parish Clerk.**
  - 3.1 The Council heard from the working group, who reviewed the applications. The working group recommended the appointment of Liz New.  
Appointment was approved
  - 3.2 To consider the Contract of Employment for the new Clerk as recommended by the Working Group.  
The Council approved the contract .
  
- 4 To consider setting up a Working Group to draw up new Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.**  
Working group agreed as C Elmitt , W Thrush and L New
  
- 5 To Consider setting up a working group to consult on the aims and targets for the council over its term**  
Councillors to consider further
  
- 6 To consider the appointment of a Rights of Way/Footpaths Officer.**  
It was accepted on the basis that if necessary WThrush could call on others to help
  
- 7 Roads**
  - 7.1 To discuss progress on application to the Lengthsman  
No information has been received.  
Clerk to progress
  - 7.2 To consider matter of signposts to Kettlebotton and Newtown / Reddings  
G Phelps reported that signposts are required  
It was agreed to see what can be requested from the Highways Agency
  - 7.3 To discuss the Issue of Potholes

R Duberley reported that quite a few potholes had been filled  
7.4 To discuss the problem of branches over the telephone wires in Hope Mansell

The issue of speeding through Bailey Lane end was also raised – Clerk to review

**8 To consider setting up a Working Group to investigate the siting of a Defibrillator in Hope Mansell or its environs**

The positioning of a defibrillator was discussed, with the possibility of 3 being required owing to the geography of the villages.

C Emitt to discuss with ambulance service and report back in September

**9 To consider a donation to Hope Mansell Village Hall for refurbishing the hall.**

The Village Hall committee do not require donation

**R Duberley left the meeting**

**10 To consider paying the previous Clerk for two meetings and the associated business**

Clerk agreed to contact

**11 To consider setting up a Council website and the publication of Council matters**

It was noted that a parish website has a legal requirement.

Parish council is entitled to a .gov domain name

C Chowns to create a website

L New to contact council regarding potential grant

**12 To Consider correspondence received**

No correspondence received. Concern was raised that the paperwork would be going to previous clerks address

Clerk to discuss with previous clerk

**13 Planning: to note that there have been no planning applications in the parish.**

It was suggested that a subgroup be formed to review future planning applications. In future 2 members of the parish council to attend proposed planning sites on an informal basis to review if a formal parish council site visit is required.

W Thrush agreed to review the planning websites on behalf on the parish council

**14 Open Forum– To hear views of local residents on Parish matters**

It was noted that there was a varied agenda, and hoped that the creation of a website would assist in bringing the parish together.

**15 To Raise matters for the next meeting**

- Payment to HALC
- Internal auditor required – T Finch wishes to continue in role
- Insurance policy to be reviewed
- Precept review for 2016/17

**16** To note the Proposed date of the next meeting : 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015