

HOPE MANSELL PARISH COUNCIL

**MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
at HOPE MANSELL VILLAGE HALL
7pm on WEDNESDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2016**

PRESENT : CEImitt, MGreen, WThrush, SHeath, GPhelps, MRobins,

ABSENT: R Duberley

Attending:- Liz New Clerk,

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Bob Duberley

2. Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensations

C Elmitt declared interest in item number 16.5

3. Minutes of Last meeting

Approved without amendments

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

Terry Finch reported that the roads are awful -summer house pitch / Upper house towards Harechurch / Hopesash farm where the road is breaking up . To Raise with Locality steward,

5. Meeting with PC Barrowdale-Smith on local issues – Speeding / Barbed wire / dogs

PC Barrowdale – Smith advised he is part of the safer neighbourhood initiative.

5.1 Speeding at BLE – S Heath asked PC Barrowdale-Smith for help. PC Barrowdale-Smith advised to contact Ian Connelly. He advised we can loan a SIDS Machine. Clerk advised this can cost £540. PC Barrowdale – Smith offered to come along to do speed enforcement at BLE C Elmitt advised that the parish feels a bit forgotten about. PC Barrowdale-Smith advised residents to call in & log the issue. S Heath to contact direct.

5.2 CEImitt raised the issue of the Viewpoint. Problems with Anti- social behaviour .PC Barrowdale Smith advised that the Barbed wire is legal. He also advised that he visits the viewpoint to discover that people are sitting in their cars. PC Barrowdale-Smith advised that a TRO could be raised to put a sign up that it's open only between dawn and dusk. Clerk to contact Balfour Beatty.

5.3 CEImitt asked regarding constant dog nuisance at Palmers Oak Dancing Green, where dogs bark all day and night unless they are taken indoors. 10 Dogs .No response received from environmental health. PC Barrowdale Smith suggested that we email him direct and he will remind environmental health about the issue. Clerk to email .

PC Barrowdale-Smith advised to always take registration numbers of non-local cars as the Police will write to them- call on 101. You can also call 0300 3333000.

6. To meet with Balfour Beatty Locality steward – Kevin Williams - To receive update on the Roads

Did not attend. Clerk to confirm for next meeting.

7. Review work of the lengthsman, approve the next tranche of work required

7.1 To note Changes to the lengthsman scheme

Changes noted that PC contribute £60/km for roads with Herefordshire Council contributing £30/km, and after 2017/18 there will be no contribution at all from Herefordshire.

7.2 To approve membership of the scheme for 2017/18

It was thought that the raising of the precept was not worth it, and that the village can get by without a lengthsmen. Clerk not to register interest in the lengthsmen Scheme for next year. People to look after their own village rather than pay an increased precept. All Agreed.

8. To Note planning application - Harechurch Barn

Owners of Harechurch Barn stated that they wanted a small dwelling for disabled visitor's holiday let. It's a resubmission of last year's plans. G Phelps stated that the Parish Council had no power in this matter. Parish Councils only comment was regarding access. There are only 2 properties with disabled access. No further comment to make.

9. To receive report from Cllr Robins regarding planning training

Training focused on neighbourhood plans, which is not applicable to Hope Mansell.
Comment that >6000 new houses required in the next 5 years in Herefordshire

10. To Review notice board at Bailey Lane End

Nothing further to report.

11. To Review possibility of a Tree preservation order on the Oak tree at Dancing Green.

Clerk to follow up and how to get the green as a community asset.

12. To discuss dog nuisance at Dancing Green .

As per PC Barrowdale – Smith note 5.3 above.

13. To discuss Broadband speed - still poor .

CElmitt to forward a link to all to register comments.

14. To consider a payment for grass cutting at Hope Mansell Church

It was noted that one cut is £180 , and 5 are done per year. Wally Thrush suggested a working party .C Elmitt suggested £180 for BLE & for HM churchyards, for the purposes of groundwork as a one off. All agreed.

15. To note report from footpaths officer

Hom Rough tree feeling cleared.
Boars are back.

16. Finance

- 16.1 Payment to the lengthsmen in the sum of £452.40 approved
- 16.2 Council's bank balance and receipts and payments Noted
- 16.3 Council insurance – Came & Co £165.00 approved
- 16.4 To Approve Clerks expenses £0
- 16.5 Payment for Hope Mansell Village Hall Hire - £40 (4 meetings) all approved
- 16.6 Payment to internal auditor £20 all approved. Terry Finch presented his report.
- 16.7 Precept 2017/18 and note Change in Gov't rules on Precepts . Precept agreed at £2000. All agreed.

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

11th January 2017 BLE

8th March Hope Mansell Village Hall

18. To consider correspondence received

19. To raise matters for the next meeting

Meeting closed 8.15