

HOPE MANSELL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PARISH COUNCIL at HOPE MANSELL Village Hall
7pm on WEDNESDAY 11th September 2019

IN ATTENDANCE : Cllr Lewis , Cllr Wheeler , Cllr Heath, Cllr Phelps
CLERK : LIZ NEW

Chairman I Lewis formally signed his acceptance of office of Chairman

- 1 **Apologies for absence** Stuart Anderson
- 2 **Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensations**
Councillor Heath & wheeler re item 9
- 3 **Open Forum**
 - a. Barbara fanning co –opted as councillor . Proposed by Cllr Lewis , seconded by Cllr Wheeler
 - b. 1 member of the public in attendance , no comments
 - c. Cllr Lewis remarked that standing orders to be changed that “ we can only make decisions that are on the agenda”
 - d. Hope Mansel notice board repaired - thanks to Tony Myers. Requires completely rubbing down , although this would result in the loss of lettering
- 4 To APPROVE Minutes of last meeting – Approved with two amendments
- 5 **Roads**
 - a. Update on SID / liaison with WUP . no contact made with WUP.
- 6 **To discuss purpose of Council** – Cllr Ian Lewis
 - a. Councillor Training – “Council runs on best endeavours” .The new councillors have not had training .
 - b. HALC membership – this is viewed an insurance policy to ensure that all Cllrs are operating effectively . Rejoining HALC was approved . Previous cost was £343.44
 - c. Qualified Clerk / general power of competence. All Cllrs to investigate whether this is important to the councilNo responses to the insert in the Weston News
- 7 **Website upgrade – Cllr Lewis**
 - a. Thanks given to Chris Chowney has revamped the website. All councillors to review the website & feed back at next meeting
- 8 **PLANNING** –
 - a. Nutshell Bailey Lane End – out of Hope Mansel Parish .
 - b. Oak Cottage – Dancing Green - no issues
 - c. Starve Beech Cottage – Drybrook – no issues
- 9 **To RECEIVE Update on the Churchyard** – Cllr Heath . Planning has gone in for a new field.
- 10 **Report from Footpath Officer**
 - a. Noted from Herefordshire Website
‘Where an overhanging hedge interferes with safe use of a public path or highway, it is the landowner's responsibility to cut it back. If the council agrees that the hedge or tree is causing a problem we can insist that the owner cuts it back.’
 - b. Tree is down in Hm 11 (by Moat farm), not passable. Cllr Wheeler to advise owner of the wood so clerk can contact .(possibly Nick palmer ?)
 - c. HM12 – Footpath officer to walk as possibly blocked.

11 Update on TRO Bailey Lane End in hand Cllr Heath

12 **To REVIEW Viewpoint** – Complaint received and proposed works. Proposal to remove bin by Cllr Lewis, all agreed. Barrier sub committee created as reported to be in a poor state, to report back next mtg

13 To review Councils Accounts

- a. To Review revised financial Regulations sub committee Cllr Lewis / clerk
- b. To Approve invoice for Terry Griffiths – Bailey Lane End Gates £48 – all approved
- c. To Approve Website hosting £20 – all approved
- d. To approve domain name renewal - £13.49 – all approved
- e. Precept 2019/20 – all encouraged to forward budgetary requirements for next mtg

14 To Raise matters for next meeting

- a. Next agenda – add the cost of brass plate with the name
- b. Cost of 20 is plenty (clerk to look into the cost)
- c. Purchase of a strimmer
- d. Invite forestry to the next meeting (Ian Williams)
- e. Brown sign.
- f. Website review

15 Correspondence

- a. Bartwood Lane
- b. Defib Batteries
- c. BT Phone Box removal
- d. HGV's Ryeford to Drybrook
- e. Obstructions to Footpath

16 To note date of next meeting

Meeting closed 20.06

Next mtg BLE 13/9

Approved:

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