

HOPE MANSELL PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL at BAILEY LANE END

Present : E Elmitt , S Heath, G Phelps, M Robins, C Hermon, S Anderson
Councillor Co-opted at minute 3 : I Lewis

Clerk : L New

- 1 **Apologies for absence – none**
- 2 **To note Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensations** - Cllr Herman handed in notice as his wife is a council employee, Cllr Heath re church
- 3 **To Co-opt new councillor** – Following the completion of the necessary legal process Ian Lewis has volunteered to be a parish councillor. All agreed he was to be co - opted
- 4 **Open Forum** - Rev David Howell from Hope Mansell Church advised that the Church yard at Hope Mansel is full, and would therefore be giving 1 years notice to the Parish Council that he is closing the Church yard, and that costs re maintenance and insurance therefore revert to the council to be paid out of the precept.
Rev David advised that the way around this is to purchase a field or land in the area. Rev David explained that each church is run as a separate entity & so can't apply for a loan to buy a field, as it has no money. Clerk advised that the council's precept is only £2,000, which is not enough to buy a field.
The Clerk advised that Dancing Green & Newtown & Bailey Lane End aren't in the Church's area and so it is unlikely to galvanise much fundraising in support.

Cllr Elmitt requested that Rev David approach the PCC – particularly Churchwardens Mary Freeman and Fiona Leathart who know the village well –and request they in turn approach local landowners.

Rev David requested the council take notice verbally, Cllr Elmitt stated it would only accept notice in writing, and Cllr Hermon requested that Rev David puts in the notice the fact that the Church has no money to purchase additional space. Cllr Anderson asked for costs of maintenance of the Church yard over the last 10 years.
- 5 **To Approve the Minutes of last meeting** – spelling corrected, otherwise approved.
- 6 **To discuss purpose of the council** – deferred until May .
- 7 **Forestry sign at Dancing Green – in hand.**
- 8 **Planning consultation** – Land at Palmers Hill Cottage. Council Opposed. Material Concerns re generation of traffic around the poorly repaired road, in an area poorly served by services. Concerns raised about the high water table at Dancing Green and the flooding of septic tanks into serving aquifer, causing yet more grey water into natural water supply.
- 9 **Roads / potholes / Salt bins** . Roads due annual inspection in April All advised to keep reporting .
- 10 **Deliveries / postcodes** . No issue.
- 11 **To Note Report from Footpath Officer** . Cllr Herman has reviewed files left by former Cllr Thrush .Cllr Robins to discuss gate with local landowner re the Silens.


Carl Elmitt

12 To Discuss speeding at Bailey Lane End / Meeting with PC Hall / Gates - Cllr Elmitt & Heath met with the PCSO. Advised that PC Hall will come down and do a speed test. With regards to erection of gates at the entry and Exit to Bailey Lane End, Clerk to see if we need planning permission

13 To APPROVE HALC invoice £327.19 - Approved.

14 Report from Internal auditor – approved.

15 Bank Mandate review / update - Approved to add Cllr's Robins, Hermon and Anderson

16 To Review Councils Receipts & Payments . – Noted

17 GDPR update – clerk advised that HALC is running a course. Will report back at next meeting

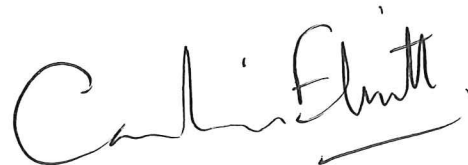
18 To consider correspondence received

- a. **Hunt** – noted that the hunt is allowed on forestry land
- b. **Cows**. Noted.
- c. **Article on road conditions**. Noted.
- d. **Grass cutting 1894 act vs 2011 v 1972**. Cllr Elmitt to forward email for councillors for consideration.
- e. **Dispute resolution** Noted

19 To Raise matter's for next meeting

- a. **Churchyard**
- b. **Discuss purpose of the council**

20 To note date of the next meeting 9th May HM which will include the Annual Meeting
Meeting closed 20.09

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cllr Elmitt', with a horizontal line underneath the name.