



MINUTES OF HOPE MANSELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

9TH JULY 2024

HELD AT BAILEY LANE END CHAPLE

CHAIRMAN

As there was no-one willing to take up the position of the Chairman permanently, Councillor Tobin , as Vice Chairman, agreed to take the chair for the current meeting.

Discussion then took place as to whether any current Councillors would be prepared to take on the position but no-one felt able, at that time.

The matter of the Chair would be revisited at the next meeting,. Councillor Tobin agreed to remain Vice Chairman.

Discussion then took place regarding the long term viability of Hope Mansell Parish Council, and it was agreed to work towards continuing the Council in its present form, as the interests of the local residents would be better served by this course of action.

Regarding the vacant position of a Councillor, it was suggested that a member of the farming community could be approached and encouraged to take part. Councillor Hardie and Councillor Weber agreed to take this forward.

Apologies for absence – none

Declarations of Interest and written requests for dispensations. – none

Open Forum – None

Minutes of meeting on 14th May 2024 were agreed as a true record.

Correspondence. An email had been received by the Clerk regarding Hope Mansell Church yard. This had been forwarded to the Church Warden.

Finance.

Precept and Budget Review – Settled at previous meeting. There had been no further expenditure apart from Clerk's salary.

Roads Footpaths and Rights of Way

Footpaths Office's Report.

Councillor Hardy reported, the steps at the top of School Lane had been well repaired and the bridge at Bailey Brook Cottage had also been fixed.

The finger post at the top of HM12 had been reposted by volunteers.

Councillor Hardie had also attended a Local Access Forum hoping to liaise with Herefordshire County Council's representative in connection with the problems at HM14.

Lengthsman – Nothing relevant at present

Local Amenities

Insurance for Volunteers. Discussion took place regarding an indemnity form created by Councillor West regarding litter picking.

Merri Mayhew had reported 2 litter picks in June.

The Chairman asked for the Council's thanks to Merri Mayhew and Richard Cook to be recorded.

Defibrilators.

- (a) Discussion took place regarding assets of the Council being noted in the accounts. With mention of the Bailey Lane End Telephone box, and defibrillator.
- (b) View Point . This matter had been dealt with and was not now the responsibility of the Parish Council.

Planning – None

Policing and Crime Prevention - none

Next Meeting.

Councillor Phelps mentioned that recent forest works had made considerable mess in Eunice Saunders Way and The Chairman requested Councillor Phelps to contact the Clerk with relevant details to enable the Clerk to contact the Forestry Commission.

Date of Next Meeting – 10th September, Hope Mansell Village Hall.