

## HOPE MANSELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024.

AT HOPE MANSELL VILLAGE HALL

**PRESENT** Councillor Tobin, (Vice Chairman), Ellen West, Lori Weber, Tim Hardie, Geoff Phelps, Sheila Heath and Bill Sparkes (Parish Clerk).

**Apologies** – None

1. **CHAIRMAN.** Councillor Tobin opened the meeting and proposed that Councillor Weber be the new Chairman. This was seconded by Councillor Hardie and carried unanimously.
2. **Declarations of Interest and written requests for Dispensation.** – None
3. **Open Forum** – None
4. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**
  - (a) Having received reports from Councillor Phelps of problems regarding Forestry works in Eunice Saunders Way, the Clerk stated he had passed these observations on to the Forestry commission and was awaiting a reply.
  - (b) The Chairman stated she had approached two members of the farming community to possibly fill the vacancy on the Council. They were considering the situation.
5. **Correspondence Received.**
  - (a) Insurance.  
Having received preliminary notification of the Insurance renewal the Clerk advised the Company that there were two additional assets to be included i.e. laptop and printer. He also asked them to confirm that the Public Liability cover was adequate for any problems arising from the use of the defibrillators. They confirmed this was so.
  - (b) Drainage  
Details of possible extra drainage funding was received from Herefordshire County Council on 26<sup>th</sup> July. These details were sent to Councillor West. Any claim should be made by 27<sup>th</sup> September.
6. **ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk confirmed that AGAR had accepted figures for the year to 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024, also as a small Council we have exemption from external audit and review.
7. **FINANCES.**

Due to recent changes in Parish Councillors and Clerk, it had become necessary to change the cheque signatories. The Council unanimously agreed that the Chairman (Lori Weber), Vice Chairman (Diana Tobin) and the Clerk (Bill Sparkes) should become signatories. This was now urgent as various payments needed to be made in the near future.

The Clerk also confirmed that the next precept payment is due this month.

**8. Roads, Footpaths and Rights of Way.**

(a) Councillor Hardie (The Footpaths Officer) stated he had been to a meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> August and spoke to a Council representative regarding a Report into HM14. The Council representative stated he was working on this Report to make HM14 into a TRO Byway but there might be opposition.

(b) A finger post HR1 was unstable and repairs were needed.

© Flooding. Councillor West reported that she had arranged a meeting with the Lengthsman and Herefordshire County Council's representative on 17<sup>th</sup> September regarding drainage grips.

**9. Litter Picking. .**

Litter picking advisory forms had been prepared and printed by Councillor West and a copy had been sent to the Herefordshire County Council's representative for approval. Once approved these would be distributed to any volunteer litter pickers, for signature.

**10. Litter Picking Plastic Bags.**

A new supply of these was required and Councillor Heath agreed to action this.

**11. Planning**

The Clerk reported receiving a notification of a Planning Application regarding change of use of land at Deepdene from agricultural to agricultural and equestrian. The Council had no comments.

**12. Defibrillators.**

Councillor Heath requested information regarding the placement of the recently purchased Defibrillator in Hope Mansell. Councillor Tobin agreed to make enquiries.

Bailey Lane End defibrillator was well maintained and new pads were on order.

Dancing Green. Martin Thomas had agreed to maintain and supply the electricity for this defibrillator, as it was placed on his wall.

**13. Police and Crime.** No matters arising.

**14. Weston News.** The Chairman offered to write a report.

**15. Date of Next Meeting.** 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Bailey Lane End Chapel.