

## HOPE MANSELL PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024

At The Chapel, Bailey Lane End,

**Present:** Lori Weber (Chairman) Diana Tobin (Vice Chairman) Bill Sparkes (Clerk) Councillors, Heath, Hardy, West, and Phelps. Visitor Mr. R. Davis.

**Apologies** – None

1. **Previous Minutes** accepted without comment.
2. **Matters Arising.**
  - (a) The Clerk and Mr. Phelps had spoken to a representative of the Forestry Commi9ssion regarding problems in Eunice Saunders Way due to use by heavy lorries.
  - (b) Mr. R Davis attended the meeting with a view to joining the Parish Council.
  - (c) Insurance. An Insurance quote of £650.59p had been received. The Clerk stated this quote was almost identical to the previous year and could confirm that it now included the laptop and printer, plus cover for Cyber attacks. It was unanimously agreed that the quote be accepted.
  - (d) Drainage. Councillor West stated that Balfour Beatty had dealt with the right hand side of Hawthorns Road with 4 grips, but Balfour Beatty was unable to action grips on the left hand side of the road because of possible flooding on Forestry Commission land, and she was awaiting a response from the Forestry Commission.
  - (e) Precept Payment of £1250.00 had been received and the new signatories had been accepted by the Bank.
3. **Standing Items:** None
4. **Correspondence** received.

An email had been received regarding mud and hedge problems at Bartwood Lane, The Clerk confirmed he had responded as this was not in Hope Mansell Parish.
5. **Financial.** Precept Notification of £2500 had been received. The Committee agreed to accept.

£1250 had been received as the half yearly Precept.

Payments:-

Clerk/PAYE	£160.00
Webite Fee	£ 35.00
Defibrilator Pads	£132.00
Balance at Bank	£4,198.00 as at 12 <sup>th</sup> November.
6. **Roads and Footpaths.** Councillor Hardie reported that Mr. R. Margrett had repaired the steps outside the School House. The Committee extended their thanks to Mr. Margrett. The Council discussed the state of the Hope Mansell Lane, and after discussion it was suggested that pressure be put on the Council and also reported to "Fix My Street"
7. **Local Amenities.** A damaged salt bin had been reported.

8. **Planning.** None
9. **Policing.** Nil
10. **Communication.** A resident of Bailey Lane End had notified the Council that Gas Canisters had been fly tipped on Eunice Saunders Way. After discussion Councillor West suggested a note regarding their disposal, should be placed in the Weston News. It was agreed that residents should be notified that they should be left in place
11. **Any Other Business.**
  - (a) Mr. R. Davis, stated he was considering joining the Council but would definitely attend the next meeting.
  - (b) The Hope Mansell Defibrillator was now in place and operational at the bottom of School Lane.
  - (c) Councillor Weber signed the " Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman"
  - (d) After discussions the Council agreed that the contributions to the cost of grass cutting at Hope Mansell and Bailey Lane Chapel should be increased to £60 each, per year. Also the donation in lieu of rent to Bailey Lane End Chapel should be increased to £50.00. The Clerk would investigate the situation regarding Hope Mansell Village Hall.

**Date of Next Meeting. Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at Hope Mansell Village Hall.**