

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING HELD on 18th JULY 2022, at 7.30pm at **HOPE BOWDLER VILLAGE HALL**

093/22 - Present

Cllr. G. Watts - Chairman
Cllr. P Jenkins
Cllr. S Jones
Cllr. C Pugh

Apologies received from:

Cllr. T Madeley, Cllr. B Orme, Cllr. L Gray and Unitary Cllr. C Motley

In Attendance

Clerk, Mrs J de Rusett.

094/22- Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting.

Members are requested to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interests they may have in matters to be considered at this meeting in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

No declaration of interest were made.

095/22 – Public question time

No members of the public attended the meeting.

096/22 – Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th June 2022

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th June 2022 had been circulated and considered by the councillors. No objections were raised to the Minutes.

Cllr. Jones **proposed** that the Minutes of 20th June 2022 be approved by the members.
Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Jenkins

Vote: Unanimously members present voted to approve the Minutes of 20th June 2022 and they were duly signed by the Chairman as being a true record of the meeting.

097/22 – Matters arising from the Minutes of 20th June 2022

090/22: The Clerk had reported to Shropshire Council that one carriageway of the junction at Harton Road and the lane leading to New Hall and Eaton was blocked by a large partially severed branch from a tree. SC had responded that it was not responsible for removing the obstruction. Cllr. Pugh advised that the landowner had now cleared the obstruction.

098/22 – Reports

Cllr. Motley was absent from the meeting.

099/22 – Planning matters considered

099/22/1: The excavation works on the land between New Hall and Harton are still active. Planning Officer Mr Laidlaw had indicated to the Clerk he would be visiting the site shortly. His report is awaited.

099/22/2: The Chairman reported that Mr Julian Beeston of the SC Enforcement Team had contacted him. Mr Beeston has visited the Oaklands site to view it and to establish whether breaches of planning regulations have occurred. He advised the Chairman he would be preparing a full report setting out his findings as a result of the site visit. Until this report is received the parish council is unaware why the retrospective planning application 22/00573/FUL for seven cabins, a toilet/shower block and the installation of a sewage treatment plant had been withdrawn on the 8th July 2022.

100/22 – Consideration of on-going Community Governance Review negotiations with Rushbury Parish Council and Acton Scott Parish Meeting re boundary changes/amalgamation

The Chairman reported he had heard nothing further from Acton Scott. However, he has had on-going discussions with Mr Colin Stevenson, acting Chairman of Rushbury Parish Council. Work continues on a draft budget. It is proposed that the Chairman and Cllr. Jenkins have a lengthy meeting with Mr. Stevenson at some point in August to discuss a budget and to review what resources the joint parish councils have.

101/22 – Consideration of Correspondence and Communications

The following items of correspondence were considered by the councillors:

1. Email from Clerk to Highways warning of a large partly severed tree branch blocking the lane at the junction of Harton and Eaton, creating a hazard to traffic and pedestrians. Highways respond “that it is not Shropshire Council’s responsibility“– and do not offer any advice to the parish council on how to deal with the matter.
2. Notification that Mr P Davies and Miss C Prince’s Build Your Own Affordable Home Scheme Eligibility Application has been granted for them to build on land to the north east of Chelmick.
3. Notification that The Economic Growth Strategy for Shropshire for 2022 – 2027 has now been published in draft for formal consultation. It can be viewed via [Shropshire’s Draft Economic Growth Strategy 2022 – 2027 – June consultation survey \(survey monkey.co.uk\)](#)
4. Road closure notification: 31st October to 5th November 2022: A489 Horderley to Plowden.

102/22 – Highways and Environmental matters

Cllr. Pugh expressed his frustration at the overgrown state of the hedges and verges especially in the narrow lanes in this and adjacent parishes. They are so overgrown as to obscure viewing the way ahead and were forcing pedestrians and cyclists into the carriageway, making it difficult/impossible for vehicles to pass them. He noted the lanes around Middlehope were particularly overgrown. Whilst the parish council wishes to preserve wild flowers on verges, none the less they need to be cut back as currently they are a danger to all road users. It was agreed to discuss the matter with Cllr. Motley at the next meeting to establish what SC's programme for hedge/verge cutting is.

103/22 - Finance Report for July 2022

Precept Funds – balance b/fwd from June 2022			£7,576.69
Less: Payments to be made on 18th July 2022 from Precept Fund			
• HSBS bank charges		£ 8.20	
• Clerk's net salary for July 2022		£166.60	
• HMRC - PAYE on Clerk's July 2022 salary		£ 41.60	
• <u>Admin expenses incurred in July 2022</u> <u>paid by Clerk and reclaimed by her.</u>			
• Contribution towards telephone/internet provision for July 2022 @ £20 per month	£20.00		
• Postage stamps	£ 5.03		
• Ink cartridges	£13.98		
• Travelling expenses: 18.7.22 to Hope Bowdler Village Hall for parish council meeting			
Total Mileage – 34 @ 45p	<u>£15.30</u>		
	Total:	<u>£54.31</u>	
		£ 54.31	
		£270.71	<u>£ 270.71</u>
	Balance of Precept Fund c/fwd to September 2022		<u>£7,305.98</u>

The Chairman **proposed** that the cheques listed above be approved for payment.

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Jones

Vote: Councillors unanimously voted to support the proposal.

Ring Fenced funds held by Parish Council

Balance of Environmental Grant - balance b/fwd from June 2022 **£1,130.93**

Neighbourhood Fund – balance b/fwd from June 2022 **£ 451.59**

Total funds held by Parish Council following authorisation & presentation of the above cheques.

• Precept Fund	£7,305.98
• Environmental/Asset Maintenance Fund	£1,130.93
• Neighbourhood Fund grant	<u>£ 451.59</u>
	<u>£8,888.50</u>

Bank Statement/Cash Book reconciliation.

The verification by councillors of Clerk's reconciliation between PC's cash book and HSBC bank statements 129 was conducted by Cllr. Jenkins and approved

092/22 - Questions for the Chairman

No questions for the Chairman were raised.

The Clerk advised the councillors that she is shortly to move to Brampton Bryan. There may be a short period when she has no telephone or Broadband, depending on when BT will connect to the new property: they have promised the connection will be occur on 12th August. To date the new telephone number has not been advised. The address is 12, Brampton Bryan, Nr Bucknell, Herefordshire, SY7 0DH.

There being no further business to conduct, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.00pm

**Date & Venue of the next Parish Council meeting
Monday 19th September 2022, 7.30pm at Ticklerton Village Hall.**

SIGNED Graham Watts

DATED 17th October 2022