

## **MINUTES**

**of the parish council meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at  
7.30pm at Hope Bowdler Village Hall**

### **107/23 - Present**

Cllr. G Watts – Chairman

Cllr. S Jones

Cllr. P Jenkins

Cllr. T Madeley

Cllr. L. Gray

Cllr.C. Pugh

### **Apologies received and accepted**

None received.

### **In Attendance**

The Clerk, Unitary Cllr. Motley (for part of the meeting) and one member of the public.

### **108/23 - 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 declarations were made.

### **109/23 – Public question time**

No matters were raised.

### **110/23 – Approval of the Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

The Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 had been circulated and considered by the councillors. No objections were raised to the Minutes.

Cllr. Jenkins **proposed** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 be approved by the councillors.

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Jones

**Vote:** Councillors voted by a majority to approve the Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### **111/23 – Matters arising from the Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

No matters were raised.

### **112/23 – Report from Unitary Councillor C Motley**

Cllr.Motley reported that now HS2 has been cancelled it seems the government are channelling the money saved into local and rural transport issues, including the new north west ring road around Shrewsbury and rural transport issues.

It was also noted that Transport for Wales railways have invested in new rolling stock.

The review of Place Plans was discussed and the boundary reviews. Now that the Constituency Boundaries review had been concluded, the only change to the Corvedale/Apedale parishes is Cardington is to become part of the Corvedale. The parish boundaries review has to be finalised before the 2025 elections. The Chairman and Cllr. Jenkins confirmed that a Proposal for the amalgamation of Eaton & Hope Bowdler and Rushbury parishes has been agreed and just needs to be formalized. Cllr. Motley advised that the parishes should write to her formally requesting amalgamation and provide her with a written Proposal document. It was agreed that Hatton will remain as part of Eaton and Hope Bowdler Parish as no convincing case had been made out for them to join Acton Scott Parish. Cllr. Motley does not believe that a referendum needs to take place to ratify the proposed amalgamation.

### **113/23 – Planning.**

**22/08713/RNF, 20/07296/ENF, 22/08713/ENF, 20/07296/ENF** – Oaklands Campsite, Hatton. Mr Beeston of SC had sent a map and asked the parish council to indicate on it where the industrial shed is located. The Clerk had considered the map, considered photographs and had revisited the location prior to this meeting. It is not clear that the map relates to the area in question. Tentative marks were made on the map and the Clerk will return it with copies of the photographs. She had noted that a property on the opposite side of the road to the Oaklands site has been sold – and has a small sign on its driveway indicating “Oaklands Campsite”.

**23/04340/FUL** an application for the installation of replacement dormer windows, a verandah and garage roof at The Old School, Hope Bowdler had been received too late to be included in the agenda for this meeting. The plans were considered and were not considered to be controversial. It was therefore agreed that the application will be dealt with by way of Standing Order 27.

### **114/23 – to consider communications and correspondence received and to respond as necessary.**

#### **Correspondence/Communications considered at the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

1. Notification that SC has launched a £150,000 fund to support community projects, in partnership with Spacehive, a crowd funding operation.
2. Notification from SC of a review of Polling Districts, Polling Place and Polling Stations Review 2023. Consultation closes on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023.
3. Notification SALC, enclosing Minutes of Chairs of Town & Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Note that some developers have been allowed to renege on their CIL commitments and one developer has had his CIL payment refunded “as he could not afford it”. Next meeting is on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 6.30pm
4. Email from Cllr. Jenkins re Zoom meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October with Rushbury Parish Council about the proposed amalgamation of the two parish councils.
5. Request from the Zero Hour Team asking EHB PC to approve in a meeting and then submit a draft motion prepared by them to the government, concerning the Climate & Ecology Bill. 168 other parish councils have approved and submitted this motion.

6. Email Clerk to Mr Julian Beeston concerning Oaklands. Detailed response received from him along with a request to identify where the industrial unit is located and to mark it on a map he provided.
7. Results from the Local Government Boundary Commission concerning the proposed changes to Shropshire's constituency boundaries. The resulting review has not affected this parish council's boundaries.
8. Email from Cllr. Madeley commenting on a complaint about loud music issuing from Eaton Manor.
9. Notification from the Honeypot Magazine's editor that they have a new community page on Facebook named The Honeypot and would like as many people as possible to join The Honeypot. Details are on [www.facebook.com/groups/1326722941551332/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1326722941551332/)
10. Notification from SC of a series of seminars they are holding on emergency planning. The events are free to attend and are on 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 via Zoom. Visit [alc@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:alc@shropshire.gov.uk) for details or call 01743 252744.
11. Planning application [23/04440/AGR](#) for the erection of an open sided steel framed agricultural building at Woodgate Cottage, Hope Bowdler, SY6 7JB. The parish council has been instructed it is not required to comment on this application.

Responses: Item 5 – the parish council decided to take no action in relation to this matter. Item 11 was noted.

### **115/23 – Highways and Environmental matters**

115/23/1: Councillors reported that two footbridges crossing the brook in Eaton have collapsed. Cllr. Madeley advised the Footpaths Team are aware of one, but don't currently have the funds to repair it. The Clerk will notify them of the second one.

115/23/2: The bank of the stream which runs alongside the lane opposite Lower House Farm in Ticklerton is now collapsing into the stream in two places. The action of the stream is steadily washing away the bank, which is eroding the public road. A temporary barrier has been erected in the worst area. The Clerk advised she had reported the first part of the collapse to Highways but had receive no response. She will now report both matters and highlight them as being urgent.

### **116/23 – To further consider possible amalgamation with Rushbury Parish Council and possible joint Parish Plan**

Cllr. Jenkins was aware that neither the Chairman nor Cllr. Jones were able to join in the Zoom call with Rushbury Parish Council on 9<sup>th</sup> October about the proposed amalgamation of the two parish councils, but expressed his embarrassment that no other councillors joined the Zoom call, especially those who were opposed to the merger. It was agreed that the Chairman will have a discussion with the Chairman of Rushbury Parish Council and then the proposal to merge the parish councils can formally be sent to Cllr. Motley.

### **117/23 – to consider the review of Polling Stations**

Shropshire Council is carrying out a review of Polling Stations in the county. Residents of this parish council have to cast their votes at Ticklerton Village Hall. Given the possible amalgamation of the councils, it was not considered worth requesting a Polling Station in Hope Bowdler in addition to Ticklerton. In any event, Ticklerton is in the middle of the parish.

## 118/23 - Finance Report for October 2023

1. Precept Funds – balance b/fwd from September 2023 £7,140.55

**LESS; Payments to be made on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 from Precept Fund**

• HSBC bank charges	£ 5.40	
• Clerk's net salary for October 2023	£176.46	
• HMRC - PAYE on Clerk's October 2023 salary	£ 44.20	
• <u>Admin expenses incurred in October 2023 paid by Clerk and reclaimed by her.</u>		
• Contribution towards telephone/internet provision for October. 2023 @ £20 p.m.	£20.00`	
• Travelling expenses @ 45p per mile 16.10.23 to Hope Bowdler Village Hall via Harton		
Total: 34 miles	<u>£15.30</u>	
Total of October 2023 admin. expenses	<u>£35.30</u>	£ 35.30
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		<b><u>£6,879.19</u></b>

**Balance of Precept fund c/fwd to October 2023**

Cllr. Jenkins **proposed** cheques totalling £261.36 be approved for payment.

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Jones

**Vote:** members voted unanimously in support of the proposal.

**Ring Fenced funds held by Parish Council**

Environmental/Maintenance Fund balance c/fwd from Sept. 2023 £1,161.78

Neighbourhood Fund – balance c/fwd from Sept. 2023 £ 451.59

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

Precept Fund	<b>£6,879.19</b>
Environmental/Asset Maintenance Fund	<b>£1,161.78</b>
Neighbourhood Fund grant	<b><u>£ 451.59</u></b>
	<b><u>£8,492.56</u></b>

**2. Bank Statement/Cash Book reconciliation.**

The Clerk's reconciliation between Cash Book and HSBC Bank Statements 144 for October 2023 was verified by Councillor.Jenkins.

**119/23 – Any Other Business (for dissemination of information only)**

No matters were raised

There being no further business to conduct, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.25pm

**Date & Venue of the next Parish Council**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 7.30pm at Ticklerton Village Hall**

**SIGNED** Graham Watts

**DATED** 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023