

**EATON UNDER HEYWOOD & HOPE BOWDLER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Chairman: Cllr. Graham Watts**

**MINUTES**

**OF THE MEETING HELD on 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2022, at 7.30pm at**  
**HOPE BOWDLER VILLAGE HALL**

**026/22 - Present**

Cllr. P Jenkins (who acted as Chairman of this meeting)

Cllr. L Gray

Cllr. S Jones

Cllr. Bruce Orme

Cllr. C. Pugh

**Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. G Watts, Cllr. T Madeley and Unitary Cllr. C Motley.

**In Attendance:** Clerk, Mrs J de Rusett and one member of the public.

**027/22 - 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 declarations of interest were made.

**028/22 – Public question time**

No issues were raised.

**029/22 – Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 had been circulated and considered by the councillors. No objections were raised to the Minutes of the meeting.

Cllr. Jones **proposed** that the Minutes be approved by the members.

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Gray

**Vote:** The members present voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 and they were duly signed by the acting Chairman as being a true record of the meeting.

**030/22 – Matters arising from the Minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022**

No matters which are not elsewhere on the agenda were raised.

**031/22 – Unitary Cllr. Motley’s Report**

Cllr. Motley was unable to attend the meeting due to commitments in London.

## **032/22– Planning Applications**

**22/00573/FUL** – application under S.73a Town & Country Planning Act for the retrospective erection of seven small wooden cabins, toilet and shower facilities and the installation of a sewage treatment plant in association with existing campsite and fishery. At Oaklands Leisure & Camping, Harton, SY6 7LD

This application was discussed at length and contrasted with the two previous applications.

Having considered the application carefully,

Cllr. Jenkins **proposed** that the council should object to this application.

The **proposal** was seconded by Cllr. Jones

**Vote:** By a majority vote the proposal was carried: the parish council does not support this application.

It was noted the Ramblers Association had placed a comment on the Planning Portal.

A site visit utilizing the footpath by council members had established that the route of one footpath had been obliterated by tree felling works, and on the Harton/Ticklerton road there was no indication that the footpath existed at all. It was agreed to pursue this matter.

Further it was **proposed by Cllr. Jenkins** that the council should lodge enforcement complaints with Shropshire Council as (1) previous applications for the change of use of the woodlands to a campsite for 50 pitches had been refused and yet camping pitches were evident on the site, and (2) an industrial type building had been erected on the site from which it is believed a light industrial business is being operated, for which no planning application has been made.

**Proposal** seconded by Cllr. Jones

**Vote:** proposal carried by a majority vote.

**22/00701/FUL** – application for the erection of an extension to the rear elevation of Hill View Barn, Hill View, Ticklerton SY6 7DQ

Having reviewed the plans and discussed this matter Cllr. Orme **proposed** that as there is nothing objectionable about the proposed works the council should support the application.

Proposal **seconded** by Cllr. Jones

**Vote:** members voted unanimously to support this application.

## **033/22 – To consider action to be taken in connection with the Community Governance Review and to prepare a response.**

Cllr. Jenkins reported that the Chairman and he had held an informal meeting with Cllr. Mel McFarlane, Chairman of Rushbury Parish Council and have discussed the following issues:

1. That Rushbury and Eaton parish councils should amalgamate, calling itself the Apedale Parish Council. PC meetings would be held alternately at Rushbury, Ticklerton and Hope Bowdler.
2. Subject to what the government says, the new PC would have 16 councillors and one Clerk.
3. The financial advantages are that the overheads may be reduced by only having one Clerk, one insurance premium, one set of subscriptions, one audit fee, one payroll fee and one sets of fees for elections. This should result in a smaller Precept. Eaton's 2022/23 Precept is £6,472. GW and PJ were told Rushbury's is around £8,000.
4. Rushbury PC only holds 6 meetings a year as opposed to E&HB's 10.
5. The two parish councils are compatible in planning terms as both are deemed to be open countryside.
6. It is suggested that Eaton & Hope Bowdler councillors attend at least two parish council meetings with Rushbury this year, on an informal basis.

7. Rushbury PC is planning to produce a revised Parish Plan: Eaton & Hope Bowdler could be incorporated into this.

The councillors discussed this at length and no objections were raised to the proposed amalgamation. The matter was deferred for further discussion at the April meeting and then will be an Agenda item at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> so that parishioners can make their views known.

### **034/22 – Consideration of Correspondence & Communications received in March 2022**

The following communications were considered. No responses were considered necessary.

1. Letter, Clerk to Mr Steve Smith, Assistant Director of Infrastructure at SC re the dangerous state of the lane between Soudley and Birtley. Plus letter to Mr Allen advising him of our action.
2. Notifications from SC of planning decisions:  
  
**re 21/04654/FUL** – conversion and change of use of stone barn referred to as Barn 1 from agricultural use to an annexe ancillary to main dwelling, and change of use of stone/timber Barn 2 from agricultural use to a holiday let at Upper House, Hope Bowdler. Planning permission granted 22.02.22  
  
**Re: 21/04956/FUL** - alterations to dwelling including the raising of the roof level to incorporate first floor accommodation (part retrospective), at Fernvale, Bull Lane, Hope Bowdler. Planning permission granted 25.02.22
3. Email Clerk to Highways, plus photograph taken by Cllr. Jones, showing the damaged state of the bridge in Soudley Lane. Response received: “We have looked into the matter you reported and our investigation shows that no further action is required at this time.”
4. Email/letter from the Green Lanes Association challenging the proposed action by Defra over green lanes.
5. Response from Clerk of Rushbury PC concerning highways problems in Darby Lane we reported to him, for onwards transmission to Highways. He reports Highways advise him the problem has been fixed.
6. Report from Cllr. Madeley that SC have blocked a green lane in Eaton by placing wood across it so it cannot be accessed by bikes or vehicles. He has complained to SC about this.
7. Notification from SC that the parish council has been awarded £451 from the Neighbourhood Fund.
8. Clerk emailed Rushbury PC seeking joining details of a petition they were raising with the government to reinstate Zoom meetings. Rushbury Clerk responds that RPC did not formally agree to join a petition. He will make further enquiries and get back to us.
9. Further reminder from Clerk to Mr. Bent that the Hope Bowdler bus shelter roof needs repairing. He responds he will get to it a.s.a.p.

10. Letter Eaton & Hope Bowdler PC to planning department seeking information about excavation works being carried out between Eaton and Harton.

### **035/22 – Highways and Environmental matters**

The roof of the Hope Bowdler bus shelter has still not been fixed. Councillors suggested contacting Mr Ray Hall to see if he is interested in taking on the parish council's maintenance works.

Cllr. Orme reported that the previously mended potholes around Wolverton, Harton and Ticklerton have crumbled again: in particular a large pothole has appeared in the dip by Harton. Cllr. Pugh said the works carried out on Darby Lane have also crumbled and the road is dangerous again. The Clerk will report these matters to Highways.

### **036/22– Financial Matters**

#### **Finance Report for March 2022**

1. Precept Funds – balance b/fwd from February 2022 **£3,180.67**

#### **Less: Payments to be made on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 from Precept Fund**

• Clerk's net salary for March 2022	£159.86	
• HMRC - PAYE on Clerk's March 2022 salary	£ 40.00	
• HSBC bank charges	£ 6.60	
• <u>Admin expenses incurred in March 2022</u> <u>paid by Clerk and reclaimed by her.</u>		
• Contribution towards telephone/internet provision for March 2022 @ £20 per month	£20.00	
• Payment made for IT support (A Holmes) for removing Kaspersky anti-virus and installing F-Secure instead	£30.00	
• Pkt. A4 copy paper, 2 pkts file dividers	£ 4.45	
• 2 packs generic Epson 29XL ink cartridges	£12.98	
• Electricity for meeting at Ticklerton VH 21.2.22	£ 3.00	
• Electricity for meeting at HBVH 23.3.22	£ 5.00	
• Travelling expenses @ 45p per mile 11.3.22 – to Eaton/Harton for meeting with Chairman – 28 miles 23.3.22 Parish Council Meeting at Hope Bowdler Village Hall – 34 miles: Total mileage 62	<u>£27.90</u>	
	£103.33	<u>£103.33</u>
		£309.79
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		<b><u>£2,870.88</u></b>
		<b>Balance of Precept Fund c/fwd to April 2022</b>

Cllr. Jones **proposed** that the cheques listed above be approved for payment.

Cllr. Orme **seconded** the proposal

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

**Ring Fenced funds held by Parish Council**

Balance of Environmental Grant b/fwd from February 2022	<b>£130.93</b>
Transparency Code Grant- balance b/fwd from February 2022	<b>£ 43.17</b>

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

• <b>Precept Fund</b>	<b>£2,870.88</b>
• <b>Environmental/Asset Maintenance Fund</b>	<b>£ 130.93</b>
• <b>Transparency Code Grant</b>	<b>£ 43.17</b>
• <b>Neighbourhood Fund grant</b>	<b><u>£ nil</u></b>
	<b><u>£3,044.98</u></b>

**Bank Statement/Cash Book reconciliation.**

Cllr. Jenkins carried out the verification of the Clerk's reconciliation between PC's cash book and HSBC bank statements 125.

**037/22 – To review and approve the 2022 Register of Assets.**

The Clerk had revised and up-dated the Register of Assets with the addition of the Speed Indictor Device in Hope Bowdler and circulated the Register to all members prior to the meeting. Councillors approved the revisions.

**038/22 – Questions for the Chairman**

No matters were raised with the Chairman.

There being no further business to conduct, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm

**Date & Venue of the next Parish Council meeting  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 7.30pm at Ticklerton Village Hall.**

**SIGNED** Graham Watts

**DATED:** 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022