

# HAMPTON LOVETT AND WESTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL WORCESTERSHIRE

## Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 7 September 2022

### PRESENT

#### Councillors:

Cllr G.D. Crow (Chairman)

Cllr F. Walker

Cllr J. Pointon

Cllr. C. Ellson-Evans

District Cllr. T. Miller (Worcestershire County Council and Wychavon District Council)

District Cllr. N. Wright (Wychavon District Council)

Ms Jemma Towers (RFO & Clerk)

The Chairman plus more than 2 members being present, there was a quorum.

### **1. APOLOGIES**

No apologies

### **2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There was no declaration of interest declared.

### **3. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

Whilst members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself, they are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman during a half an hour period at the end all meetings. The participation of members of the public is valued by the Parish Council and the importance of their involvement is recognised by the Councillors.

### **4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes from the meeting on 7 June 2022 were agreed and signed.

### **5. PLANNING**

#### **Planning Permission for Houses**

Cllr Crow explained that to date his understanding is that Wychavon have not turned down the application due to the timeliness of the application and that the applicant is going to appeal. Cllr Crow stated that upon reading the letter from the Chief Executive, he will be informing the community of the decision. Since the last appeal, it would appear that the Chief Executive has put in writing that between Wychavon and Malvern, there is a shortage of land supply and therefore the land may be required. Cllr Crow clarified this by stating that the shortage is in Malvern and not Wychavon, but unfortunately this detail will be overlooked. Cllr Miller explained that if it is a written submission, it won't be in front of a QC.

A member of the public explained that Kelly James said that the shortfall was temporary and that the applicant appears to have taken advantage of this. All councillors agreed that the situation is unclear and that this does not leave us in a good position.

Cllr Miller explained that the non-determination on an application means that the Inspector would expect any developer to ask for an increase in time and in this situation, that has not happened. Whilst the process does not help to alleviate worry and stress from those who it will affect, there is still the presence of the Grade 1 listed building, the Church which is a huge consideration.



Cllr Miller confirmed that if the application goes to a hearing, the Parish Council will be notified, but confirmed that the objections cannot be the same as previously. Cllr Miller recommended writing to the Inspectorate at Bristol with the application number requesting that the Parish Council is kept informed of any updates and that the Parish Council wish to make their reservations and concerns known.

#### **SWDP**

Cllr Ellson-Evans requested an update regarding the SWDP. Cllr Wright confirmed that there was a meeting in front of the Councillors scheduled for October 2022 and that there were then a series of meetings for discussion and that the Review was due sometime in 2023. It was commented that this clearly won't help with the planning situation, and that ultimately the current SWDP is old and now unacceptable. There have been three years of no forward planning and the developers have taken advantage of this.

#### **Employment Land**

There is still no answer with regard to the expansion of employment land. The member of the public referred to the SWDP EDNA spreadsheet, which simply shows the scoring of the 30 questions asked to the developers, no context at all. Cllr Miller summarised the current position: A meeting was had at Wychavon and a submission was given to Fred Davies. Fred has said that there is no certainty that the land would be allocated and the site that was proposed was better than the original site. The Parish Council has given evidence for the proposed site. The right of appeal was discussed by Cllr Wright and the involvement of highways was also raised and a conversation was had regarding the presentation of two maps by the developers. Cllr Miller confirmed that developers use their own highways consultants. Cllr Miller reiterated that the Parish Council should write to the Inspectorate at Bristol and also for the member of the public to write asking to be informed of any information. The expectation is that we receive information in writing or in a hearing we are invited to attend. Cllr Wright did confirm that there are delays at the moment, which may provide some reasoning as to why nothing has been heard.

#### **Boundary Concerns**

Cllr Crow explained that it would appear from the Chief Executive that Doverdale Park is to be joined with Westlands.

Cllr Crow thanked Cllrs Miller and Wright for their support and good work in relation to all the above matters.

## **6. FINANCE**

Payments up to 7 September 2022, as per Accounts presented by Clerk, summarised by Chair:

<b>CHEQUE NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>£ AMOUNT</b>
100853	BHIB	303.54
100854	HMRC	124.80
100855	calc	281.45

## **7. ANY OTHER BUSINES**

#### **Speed Signs**

Cllr Crow asked Cllr Miller for an update as there had been a delay due to the correct height of the signs, taking into consideration the heavy goods vehicles and weather conditions, particularly in the winter. Cllr Miller and Cllr Crow agreed for this to be sorted over the next few weeks.

#### **Clerk's Salary**

Cllr Crow explained that there had been a delay in increasing the Clerk's salary due to new software, but that the Clerk's salary would be increased and backdated to June 2022.

## **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 30 November 2022