

HAMPTON LOVETT AND WESTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL WORCESTERSHIRE

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 28 July 2021

PRESENT

Councillors:

Cllr G.D. Crow (Chairman)

Cllr D. Nunn

Cllr R. O'Sullivan

Cllr J. Pointon

Cllr. F. Walker

Cllr. C. Ellson-Evans

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

Ms Jemma Towers (RFO & Clerk)

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

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Wright sent his apologies.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There was no declaration of interest declared.

3. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Residents 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. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself. There is a half hour at the end all meetings for the public to raise issues these could be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Parish Council Meeting to elect the Parish Council Chairman and Vice Chairman on the instruction of NALC – Wednesday 19 May 2021 – Unanimously agreed and signed

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cllr Crow confirmed that the most pressing issue currently facing the Parish Council is the location of the employment land. Cllr Crow accepted that there were opposing views on the best position for the land but explained that it was unlikely that a decision would be imminent, given that the officer in charge of such a decision had left the organisation

Cllr Crow explained that he had received an email from David Price regarding further delays to the SWDP timetable and that no revised dates had yet been provided. Cllr Crow said that the Parish Council would continue to engage and put forward its views but that it was unclear when progress would begin. Cllr Walker requested that Cllr Miller ensured that the Parish Council was kept up to date. Cllr Miller stated that he had submitted a response which was required by Monday 2 August 2021, but that he did not expect to have any further information until late Autumn 2021 – early 2022.

Cllr Ellson-Evans raised the issue of traffic on the A442 and the A4133. Cllr Ellson-Evans explained that she had had discussions with the Police, who advised her to speak to the Parish Council, in order for support to be requested from Highways. Cllr Crow discussed examples of traffic calming measures in other parts of Europe and Cllr Miller suggested putting forward such proposals, to see whether they would be accepted by Wychavon. Cllr Nunn stated that there was a real need to solve the traffic problem; that if Highways could see the problem, they may consider putting a restriction on the speed limit or a weight limit on the traffic able to use the road. There was a discussion between Cllr Nunn and Cllr Miller regarding the introduction of traffic lights, which would mean that the narrower parts of the road would be better managed. Cllr Miller stated that whilst this would have the positive effect of slowing the traffic, it would have a detrimental effect on the environment. Cllr Miller informed the councillors that any decisions made must adhere to Government guidance, Manual for the Streets. Cllr Miller confirmed that he would speak with the officer and make her aware of the Parish Council's concerns.

In summary, Cllr Crow stated that:

- 1) A temporary solution to control/calm the traffic on the A4133 was required and that the permanent solution of the bridge had been discussed amongst the councillors.
- 2) A traffic calming strategy for the A442 needed to be considered.

Cllr Miller stated that he was hoping to purchase a mobile ANPR camera. Cllr Miller explained that the camera costs £6000 but that it is a priority of the County Council to work with the Police to reduce speeding. Cllr Walker explained that her neighbour had had some success of calming the traffic by placing a sign outside his property and that she would find out some more information about this.

7. OTHER ITEMS

Amazon

Cllr Crow stated that Amazon had agreed to plant 10,000 bluebells in Bluebell Wood and had also organised a contractor to litter pick along Doverdale Lane, from the bridlepath to the main road, in particular the turn off to Amazon and the layby with the telephone box.

Divisional Fund

Cllr Crow thanked Cllr Miller for a contribution of £1000.00 to the Parish Council. Cllr Crow explained that the money will be used to maintain Bluebell Wood and keeping the Parish green.

Telephone Box

Cllr Crow confirmed that the telephone box had been secured back in position

8. PLANNING

Cllr Crow and Cllr Nunn discussed an email sent by Cllr Nunn regarding the requirement to ensure planning application notices are appropriately displayed. Cllr Nunn had cited four previous planning applications, which Cllr Crow confirmed had been rejected. Cllr Nunn accepted this but explained that he had spoken to Cllr Miller as one of the previous applications had been resurrected as a "Q" development.

9. FINANCE

Cllr Crow confirmed that the 2020-2021 Accounts were being checked for auditing purposes. Cllr Crow also stated that a new VAT recovery request would be submitted.

Payments up to 28 July 2021, as per Accounts presented by Clerk, summarised by Chair:

CHEQUE NO.	DESCRIPTION	£ AMOUNT
100840	Website	£100.00

100841	HMRC	£166.40
100842	BHIB	£303.54
100843	CALC	£120.00

10. ANY OTHER BUSINES

Car Cruising

Cllr Ellson-Evans confirmed that the boy racers had been quieter but her concern was that this was only because work was being carried out on the dual carriageway. Cllr Ellson-Evans stated that the Police had dispersal orders but to be activated they needed to be there at the time of the anti-social behaviour.

Service Road Maintenance

Cllr Walker commented that the hedge in the service road needed cutting and the drain needed to be sorted, given that grass is growing from it. Cllr Crow discussed the issues he had in getting the drain cleared previously, given the concern around needles being thrown into the drains. Cllr Crow explained that the County Council do not believe that it is their responsibility and asked Cllr Miller to investigate this further.

Water falling under bridge at the back of the Church

Cllr Ellson-Evans explained that a resident of Doverdale Park had raised concerns about water falling under the bridge at the back of the church. Cllr Crow reassured Cllr Ellson-Evans that the bridge is safe.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 22 September 2021