

# HAMPTON LOVETT AND WESTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL WORCESTERSHIRE

CLERK: MISS J TOWERS

Dear Councillor

You are required to attend the Parish Council Meeting of Hampton Lovett and Westwood Parish Council, Worcestershire which will be held on **Wednesday 29 May 2024** at Hampton Lovett Village Hall at **7.00pm**

Signed.....  
Clerk to the Council

## Attendance

Cllr Miller  
Cllr Crow  
Cllr Day  
Cllr Ellson-Evans  
Cllr Pointon  
Cllr Price  
Cllr Brookes  
Cllr Walker  
Clerk - Jemma Towers

### 1. APOLOGIES

No apologies given

### 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- a. Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their Register of interests.
- b. to declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature
- c. to declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature (Councillors with prejudicial interests must leave the room for the relevant items).

### 3. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

- a. 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.

### 4. PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Cllr Crow thanked the Clerk and Cllr Ellson-Evans for their time with the Parish Council, referring to this year as the "Year of the Change." Cllr Crow presented Cllr Ellson-Evans and the Clerk with a bouquet of flowers each.

Cllr Ellson-Evans read a letter regarding her time as a Parish Councillor and acknowledged all those who had had a part to play in fighting the planning application for 102 dwellings. A full update was provided by Cllr Ellson-Evans who was able to confirm that at the current time, the appeal had been withdrawn and no further action had been proposed.

## **5. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Crow resigned as Chairman of the Parish Council and requested that any Councillor who wanted to be considered as the new Chairman to bring this to the Parish Council's attention. Cllr Brookes put herself forward as a candidate for the role of Chairman and explained that she would continue to promote more community projects and keep the residents of the Parish better updated with a stronger online presence. Cllr Ellson-Evans commented that the Parish Council does much more, particularly in terms of planning and maintenance of the Parish. Cllr Crow stated that there is a requirement to work within the rules, policies and procedures; all of which was accepted by Cllr Brookes. Cllr Pointon proposed Cllr Brookes and Cllr Price seconded. Cllr Brookes was declared as the Chairman, the oath was said in the presence of the Clerk and paperwork to be signed following the meeting.

Cllr Brookes took the chair and the election of a Vice-Chairman took place. Cllr Brookes proposed Cllr Price as Vice-Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr Walker. Cllr Price was declared the Vice-Chairman.

## **6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (27/03/2024)**

Minutes were confirmed as accurate and signed by Cllr Brookes

## **7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Cllr Brookes confirmed that at Item 9 – Other Items a) Report on Taster Day by Cllr Brookes. There had been 12 people in attendance, not 4.

Cllr Price confirmed that with regard to Item 8 – Planning: W/23/01342/FUL (the Muller Site) Good progress had been made and included the cleaning of both storage tanks and interceptors being cleaned as well as an aeration system being installed.

## **8. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS UPDATE**

Cllr Day confirmed that the Council's plan for the next four years had been set and the main concern for Hampton Lovett and Westwood Parish Council is the current application for the solar farm at Fibden farm. Cllr Day advised that it would be beneficial if Hampton Lovett and Westwood were to provide a response as to the Parish's view of the application. A discussion was had regarding the effect that the solar farm will have on Elmley Lovett, with regard to the view, disruption to regularly used footpaths and the potential noise implications, particularly over such a large area. Cllr Brookes suggested the possibility of visiting an existing site to see the issues as this may enhance the impact of the Parish's response to the application. Cllr Day stated that Ombersley had only just started to develop and Defford is a bit smaller, but was supportive of a visit taking place.

**ACTION:** Cllr Brookes proposed a separate meeting to discuss the solar farm application.

Cllr Miller took the opportunity, following Cllr Crow's resignation as Chairman to thank Cllr Crow for his absolute commitment to the Parish Council over the last 30 years and his drive and determination to improve the Parish, commenting on the very impressive Parish Hall doors which Cllr Crow had project managed. Cllr Miller expressed how missed Cllr Crow will be as the Chairman but it is hoped he will still have an active role within the Parish.

In other news, Cllr Miller encouraged the Parish Council to identify what the Parish needs/wants and to raise it with the Council. Cllr Miller also encouraged the Cllrs and residents that when reporting matters, they utilise "what three words" to ensure that the Council can identify the exact location of the problem. Cllr Miller cited the amount of rubbish in the Parish being a particular concern, to which Cllr Price concurred.

Cllr Miller also discussed VAS signs and the ability to download the information, which Cllr Brookes and Cllr Price were keen to learn more about. Cllr Miller also confirmed that West Mercia Police will be informed where the speed limit is exceeded by a certain amount, which will result in

the speed enforcement van and/or motorcycle being sent to that particular location. Cllr Miller specifically raised his concerns around the poor driving capability of Amazon drivers in and around the local area.

## 9. OTHER ITEMS

### CALC

Information was shared regarding CALC providing zoom training courses.

### Parish Exercise Classes

Cllr Brookes confirmed that seated exercise would continue on Tuesday but would now be run by a trainer, rather than Active Worcester. Cllr Brookes encouraged the councillors to share any other ideas they had in order to try and facilitate more activities within the Parish.

## 10. PLANNING

Documents for circulation/items for discussion

**Planning applications for consideration**, together with any applications that may be received prior to date of meeting will be considered.

- a) Beechcroft development – Cllr Ellson-Evans raised her concerns once again regarding the possibility of future applications on this site.
- b) Fibden Solar Farm – discussed by Cllr Day under Item 8
- c) The Heliport – W/24/000823/FUL – Muller have taken over the storage and the enforcement officer has submitted a change of use on it but it does not appear that they wish to rebuild. .

## 9. FINANCE

Payments up to 29 May 2024 as Cash Book for authorisation:

CHEQUE NO.	DESCRIPTION	£ AMOUNT
100894	Clerk Expenses	58.39
100895	HMIC	162.00
100896	Lengthsman – W Pugsley	1400.00
100897	CALC	303.76
100899	Clerk Expenses	37.80

## 11. CORRESPONDENCE

## 12. CLERK'S REPORT

## 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

An update was provided regarding the incoming clerk. Rachel Jeffries is currently the Clerk at Chaddesley Corbett and she will be the Clerk for Hampton Lovett and Westwood going forward.

Cllr Ellson-Evans identified a couple of residents from Doverdale Park who were interested in being co-opted to take over Cllr Ellson-Evans's role on the Parish Council. It was advised that the role would be advertised in the Parish's notice board and anyone could then apply to ensure a fair and transparent process.

## 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Accounts Sign off meeting - TBC

Next Parish Meeting - Wednesday 4 September