

HAMPTON LOVETT AND WESTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL WORCESTERSHIRE

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 8 December 2021

PRESENT

Councillors:

Cllr G.D. Crow (Chairman)

Cllr D. Nunn

Cllr R. O'Sullivan

Cllr J. Pointon

Cllr. C. Ellson-Evans

District Cllr. N. Wright (Wychavon District Council)

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 Walker sent her 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 was highlighted by Cllr Crow and Cllr Nunn.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the meeting on 22 September 2021 were agreed and signed.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A discussion was had regarding the drain clearance and a manhole. It is believed that the issues will be sorted before Christmas. Cllr Miller was aware and explained that he had been in contact with the Highways Department to ask that they attend and see the drain as it is outside a residential property. Cllr Miller confirmed that he would obtain an update from the Highways Department. Cllr Crow stated that the drain is not a "quick fix" and it needs to be in full working order.

6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cllr Miller and Cllr Nunn discussed the major issue of HGVs on the A4133. Cllr Nunn stated that the traffic is increasing in size, the type of vehicle using the road has changed and yet nothing has been done to accommodate this despite conversations being had 18 months ago. Cllr Miller explained that the Highways department which deals with planning applications is not the same at the department for assess the roads as part of the overall travel plan, but that HGVs cannot be prevented from using that road. Cllr Nunn asked Cllr Miller to arrange a meeting with Alan Amos to discuss the issue further. Cllr Miller

explained that a report on the matter will hopefully be completed next year and when it is, he will ask the author of the report to present it to the Parish Council.

Cllr Miller stated that the Lengthsman Scheme is being reviewed and changes will be made in the new financial year. Cllr Crow highlighted a number of issues with the current scheme including the requirement for risk assessments and method statements to be signed.

7. FINANCE

Payments up to 08 December 2021, as per Accounts presented by Clerk, summarised by Chair:

CHEQUE NO.	DESCRIPTION	£ AMOUNT
100845	Interlay Driveways	£3200.00

8. ANY OTHER BUSINES

Installation of speed awareness signs

Cllr Crow confirmed that two speed awareness signs have been ordered for the A442. Cllr Miller explained that he had been awaiting confirmation of the signs that could be ordered, however as Cllr Crow had already ordered the signs, he would communicate this with Barrie Barnes at the Council to ensure that further signs were not ordered.

Amazon Correspondence

Cllr Crow explained that he received an email from Amazon, in which it stated that they want to introduce double red lines around Hampton Lovett employment land. Cllr Crow that this was a drastic measure as it would prohibit anyone stopping. Further discussion identified that such a measure would potentially put greater pressure on other surrounding areas such as Doverdale Lane and Cllr Nunn queried the enforcement of the lines, as this is not something that Highways is likely to be responsible for. Cllr Crow and Cllr Nunn were also concerned that Amazon had provided no justification for such a measure and without such justification, it was difficult to pass constructive comment. Cllr Ellson-Evans raised a concern regarding the impact the lines would have on other industrial units which may have deliveries and therefore need to stop regularly. Cllr Miller requested that the Parish Council documented their concerns and that he would take the matter forward.

Cllr Crow also stated that mirrors had been requested by Amazon to improve visibility. Cllr Crow explained that mirrors had previously been requested but were turned down. Cllr Crow stated that he had explained to Amazon that the vegetation needs to be cut back.

The issue of Amazon's litter picking was discussed and it was felt that the frequency of the litter picking (currently once a month) needed to be increased to once a week, and if not, fortnightly to prevent the build-up of litter, particularly down the lanes and in the layby. Cllr Crow confirmed that this would be requested.

Tree Planting

Cllr Crow confirmed that a tree would be planted in the copse for the Queen. Cllr Miller explained that he is looking to order trees for most of the Parish Councils that want them. Cllr Miller said that he is hoping to purchase evergreen oak trees, which grow to approximately, 20m at full maturity, produce acorns and are good for wildlife.

Fly tipping on the Bridleway

Cllr Crow explained that three posts have been erected at the end of the bridleway at Doverdale Lane and that these may cause an issue as access is now restricted in an attempt to prevent fly tipping, despite the County Council responding quickly and clearing the rubbish when it is reported. Cllr Miller stated that floy tipping is a constant issue and discussed the use of fines and the seizure of vehicles where it is possible to

identify the offender(s) from the rubbish that has been dumped. Such an act shows a total disregard for anyone and their safety.

Major Leak at Doverdale Park

Cllr Ellson-Evans confirmed that there is a major leak on Doverdale Park and that whilst Severn Trent are involved, this is a real concern for the residents.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 16 March 2022