

Hopesay Annual Parish Meeting – 8th May 2019

The meeting started with an informal session where people of the parish could write up issues and any matters of concern. The notes below in italics are verbatim taken from the flip charts.

Chairman's Note: The comments are what I think we discussed in the review at the end of the meeting.

Parish Paths:

Shropshire Council cannot do this so we ought to do it: This was a direct request for people to join the P3 group to both survey and carry out maintenance work. Group needs more volunteers.

We are lucky to have useable footpaths and open spaces: Agreed

Need more support on P3 footpath maintenance group: Yes as above

Arbor Tree Enclosure:

Dangerous parking at the corner of Mill Street: Shropshire Council has a plan for improved road layout at the junction, but funding still to be agreed.

Retain the Post Box agree, agree: Parish council accepts that the post-box should remain at the enclosure but may re-position as part of an improvement project to make better use of the space.

Keep existing notice board as is and repair rotted posts: Arbor Tree enclosure project group noted.

Do not move the post box: As above.

Retain the post box: As above.

No parking issue in my experience dwellings opposite need it: Yes we must ensure there is a safe place to park for residents.

Move post box into the wall: For consideration with Arbor Tree enclosure project group.

This is a rural area with agricultural vehicles coming up Mill St – v dangerous having cars parked here. Cars also make it difficult to access the tree enclosure. Where do they park then! - As above.

Aston Green:

Yes to play area for kids and adults, yes to paying for it – yes: Council would like to set up parish working party to carry out feasibility study to understand what is possible and support for play and exercise equipment. These comments are very useful and will be fed into any study undertaken.

What is meant by play area, area OK But equipment v expensive to maintain? Council agree that we must make due consideration for ongoing maintenance and hold a budget for replacement programme.

Yes to all (assuming adult area is similar to Craven Arms):

There are more children in the village now, so play equipment is important:

Play area for children good, but expensive to maintain!:

Dog poo bin – biased info sent out originally: If we go for a children's (or combined Adult and Children's) exercise / play area then we would consider the need for a dog waste bin on the green.

Speeding:

Yes to tackle speeding by any means legal: Parish council has tried to encourage local people to take up a police supported community speed check programme. This requires a team of 8 people. There was little support for this the last time it was suggested so the option was never implemented. We have also considered getting the speed awareness team in to carry out some analysis, but there is a cost for this work, council to check on fees and make a decision.

Yes – tackling speeding around “Arbor Corner” is VITAL!:

No problem experienced but a traffic mirror will be useful:

We should go for a 20mph speed limit:

2 week 24 survey in? 2014 showed speeds at each end & at Kangaroo were within acceptable limits:

Maybe solar powered speed limit sign each end of the village:

Other:

Parking in Mill St, can something be done; it's very dangerous entering from Craven Arms. Accident there inevitable with people hurt (illegible comment here, looks like “the are hear”?): This is clearly an emotive issue; working with Shropshire Highways we will consider safety and the need for parking at this location.

Potholes and general surface of road: Big issue for Shropshire Council, residents should be encouraged to report problems via highways web site.

Can the verges be cleaned and grass cut: Where?

If the post box is to remain it needs a car space limited to 15 mins parking on Mill St: This would just not be feasible or indeed required, would we really keep a parking space free for the odd occasion when someone wanted to post a letter and who would enforce any parking restrictions?

If letters are delivered by car to box why not use Hopesay/Broome/Long Meadow End/Brampton etc:

Potholes by the B4368 junction to Broome in Aston on Clun are terrible: Needs to be reported so we have a case number to chase up. This was reported following the meeting and the holes were filled.

Potholes desperately need fixing also parking around Arbor tree:

What about a mirror opp. the Arbor Tree for help with visibility: Issue for Shropshire Highways

Keep parking at tree need more houses for local people: