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Parish Council Meeting Monday 23rd August 2021, held in Aston on Clun Village Hall, 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. R Loynes, J Bowers, T Record, G Fryer.

Absent: Cllrs S Hingston, I Alebon.

In attendance: one member of the public.

Clerk: Mrs M Gwilliam.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Hingston; Unitary Cllrs Evans and Luff.

2. Co-option of Councillors (and Acceptances of Office): Mr Richard Hartas had submitted an application to be co-opted as a member, and was introduced to the meeting. Cllr Bowers proposed and Cllr Fryer seconded that he be co-opted onto Hopesay Parish Council. All in favour. **Resolved.** Cllr Hartas signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the clerk. Cllr Hartas undertook to send his completed Register of Interests to Shropshire Council within the 28-day period, and was welcomed onto Council.

3. Declarations of i) Disclosable Pecuniary and ii) Personal Interests, and written requests for dispensations: None.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 26th July 2021: The minutes were approved, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as an accurate record. **Resolved.**

5. Public Participation: None.

6. Planning: New applications: 21/03432/LBC, Broome Farm House, Broome, replace 2 dormer windows, 1 external door, missing roof tiles, asbestos roof covering with corrugated iron, repairs to stonework, guttering, fascia, drainage, grade 2 listed. Council **resolved** to support the application. 21/03884/TCA, Aston House Farm, Aston; to fell 1 'tree of heaven'. Council **resolved** to support the application.

21/03592/FUL, Smeathen Farm, Cheney Longville, erection of detached building for ancillary living accommodation following demolition of barn, the application was considered. There was no ecology report with the application and Council was concerned about the protection of and adverse effects on bats, birds, and the natural environment. Councillors queried whether this was in effect a new build, and whether it fell under permitted development or not. Council **resolved** to object to the application for these reasons.

Enforcements: 21/07680/ENF, Tadmor Farm, Hopesay, Alleged breach of Planning Control in relation to planning permission 20/02434/AGR – usage. As far as Council was aware this was still ongoing.

Decisions: Granted: 21/01910/FUL, erection of agricultural storage building west of Broome industrial estate.

7. Unitary Councillor Report: Brief comments sent in by Unitary Cllr Evans were read out.

8a. Chairman's report: The Chairman reported that a request had been submitted to erect a memorial bench on Aston Green. Council had no objections to this. Council's Zoom account would not be renewed, as current legislation did not allow remote meetings. Aston on Clun flood defences, the new drain under the Clun road has not been installed. The Clerk would contact Shropshire

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Council. The Chairman suggested that perhaps councillors could form a councillor flood team to assist low lying properties in times of flood? A policy / protocol for planning issues was needed. A Broadband for Hopesay village update was given.

8b. Updates from previous minutes, Clerk's report: The Clerk informed councillors that the contact form on the Council's website had been removed, and replaced with the Clerk's email. This was because the vast majority of contacts received via the facility were either sales pitches or spam. The Clerk reminded councillors that she would be taking 3 weeks annual leave in September.

9. Aston Green: Management: Council received a report from Mr J Campion on the re-wilding of the perimeters, on hedge laying, and on the topping of the lower field which would now be carried out using a vintage machine specifically designed for the job.

Marquee: Council formally authorised the erection of a marquee on Aston Green 11th September 2022. **Resolved.** Council had seen the details of the request at the previous meeting.

10. Correspondence: Various bulletins, newsletters and other correspondence circulated to Councillors. Information on Covid precautions etc received from Village Hall.

Temporary road closures: Hopesay, water connection, September.

11. Speed Indicator Signs grant application: The Clerk would email councillors the 4 quotes and associated info sheets for the speed indicator signs. Councillors would examine and assess the quotes and report back.

12. Policies Reviews: Council reviewed its Discipline and Grievance Policy, Complaints Policy & Procedure, and Reserves Policy. Council **agreed** minor amendments to the Reserves policy and no changes required to the other policies. **Resolved.**

13. Risk Register: Council reviewed risk 10. Council also reviewed risks 9, and 11.

No changes needed for Risks 9, 10, or 11. Council **agreed** to publish the Risk Register on Council's website. **Resolved.**

14. Platinum Jubilee: No updates.

15. Finance: The Council accepted and noted the July Bank Reconciliation. There were no unexplained variances.

The RFO had circulated an up-to-date statement of reserves. The total amount now held in Earmarked Reserves was £3,085.

INVOICES to PAY:

Voucher	Name	for	Budget (from)	£amount	Cheque
22	Meg Gwilliam	Net salary, & home working expenses allowance	Salary 426.50 Office admin 26.00	452.50	SO
23	HMRC	PAYE tax on salary	Salary tax	75.60	100722
24	Meg Gwilliam	Expenses: printer inks	Office admin £42.35	£89.75	100723

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		Card payment to NALC for Cllr Fryer Nov training booking re Making Rural Housing more Affordable	Training £32.44	incl £14.96 VAT	
25	T P Jones	Payroll April - June	Office admin £44.25	£53.10 incl £8.85 VAT	100724
26	SALC	Training invoices 954 @ £50, 902 @ £60, and 932 @ £95	Training	£205	100725
27	Ditton Services	Grass cutting monthly instalment	Aston Green 203	243.60 (VAT 40.60)	SO
28	Bucknell Nurseries	Fencing Forge garden / Aston Green	Aston Green £270.83	£325 inc 54.17 VAT	100726

Council resolved to accept the Finance Report and to authorise all payments as listed.

16. Clun Riverside Path Right of Way issue: Council discussed matters and **agreed** to wait for Shropshire Council's response; but also, to contact Clungunford Parish Council to ask if anything was happening over the footpath on their side.

17. Training: Council **resolved** to authorise Cllr Loynes attendance at SALC's Climate Change & Sustainability training on 21st October @ £30, and Cllr Fryer's attendance at NALC's Making Rural Housing More Affordable 17th November @ £38.93p, and Cllr Hartas' attendance at Code of Conduct training 6th September @ £10.

18. Climate Change: Council discussed various ideas it could promote/carry out to help combat climate change, including planting an orchard on part of the lower field at Aston Green, siting bee hives in appropriate locations, a local car share scheme, a local journey sharing scheme, an inter-parish free cycling scheme, an electrical car charging point at the Village Hall, solar panels on the village hall roof, generating electricity from the Mill stream. Climate change, and some of these ideas, should be an agenda item at the next Annual Parish Meeting.

19. Meetings attended: Cllr Loynes attended an IT session to do with hybrid meetings but it turned out to be more of a sales pitch by a specific company.

20. Reports of Parishioners and parish issues: None.

21. Next Meeting: Mondays 18th October, 15th November, 13th December 2021.

Council agreed the first 3 meeting dates of 2022 as 24th January, 28th February, 28th March 2022.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.00pm.

Chairman Signed:

Date: