

# Minutes of Hopesay Parish Council

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Parish Council Meeting, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024, held in Aston on Clun Village Hall, 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllrs. R Hartas, J Bowers, I Alebon, T Record, G Fryer.

**Clerk:** Mrs M Gwilliam.

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Unitary Cllrs H Luff and D Evans.

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

**3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024:** The minutes were approved as an accurate record, and the Chair was authorised to sign them. **Resolved.**

**4. Unitary Councillor Report:** None.

**5. Public Participation:** None

**6. Planning:** No new applications.

**7. Correspondence:** Various correspondence including RAF Shawbury Helicopter Liaison Group, Grass cutting memo from Shropshire Council's Street Scene, and other correspondence dealt with under various agenda items.

Temporary road closures: unnamed road between B4367 and Broome 28th July, Severn Trent; road between Basford Bank & Edgton 29th - 31st July, Severn Trent; B4369 Broome road Aston on Clun 8th September, Severn Trent.

**8. Speeding, West Mercia Response:** Council noted the response quoted below from West Mercia Police to Council's request for speed checks to be carried out within the parish on the B4367 as it passes through Broome, and along the B4368 Longmeadow End to Aston.

"The B4367 through Broome is a national speed limit with just a 30mph advisory, not a 30mph limit, a driver can still legally travel at 60mph along that road. Community Speed Watch would not be permitted by the Safer Roads Partnership unless the road is a 30mph, and then it has to meet certain criteria. The B4368 between Aston on Clun and Long Meadow End is another section with a national speed limit, Safer Roads Partnership and West Mercia Police generally enforce / monitor speeds in the parameters of 30mph and 40mph speed limits. This limit would need lowering in order to enforce if deemed fit. Shropshire Council are responsible for setting speed limits. In order to get the speed limits on these sections of road reviewed, the Parish Council is advised to email Shropshire County Council – Highways." The Police can only carry out speed checks and enforce a speed limit where there is one.

Council subsequently **resolved** to ask Shropshire Council to put speed limits on 1) the B4368 between Longmeadow End and Aston on Clun, 2) the B4367 between Longmeadow End and Broome to the parish boundary, and 3) the B4369 between the end of the Broome speed limit in Broome village and the start of Aston on Clun speed limit in Aston on Clun.

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**9. Lithium ion batteries, safety campaign:** Council **resolved** to support parliamentary campaigner Ron Bailey's campaign to introduce additional safety measures and regulations on use and disposal of lithium batteries.

**10. Police & Crime Commissioner survey:** Council **resolved** to submit approved responses to the survey.

**11. Chair's Report:** Cllr Hartas informed the meeting that there had been over 15,000 responses to Shropshire Council about the possible closure of a waste centre. No centres would now be closed, but instead they would be only open 6 days a week, and residents wanting their garden waste (green bin) collected would have to pay for the service from October. Thank you to everyone in the community who responded to the consultation.

**12. Aston Green:** Council discussed various options for verge markers or other kind of barrier to discourage unauthorised parking on the Green, and **resolved** to go with the posts and rope option, the design and look of which was to fit in with the proposed enhancements to the War Memorial and area.

The silt trap and how to clean it was discussed.

**13. Play equipment Working Group:** Councillors discussed the various ways and methods of consultation. An informal meeting would be called, to start with.

**14. Finance:** Council **accepted** the Bank Reconciliation to end of June. There were no variances.

**2024 2025 Budget, Reserves, Working Balance:** The current budget, and the current Reserves, had been circulated, and councillors were invited to use them to confirm the 'Working Balance' figures provided by the RFO.

## INVOICES to PAY

In between meetings an invoice from T P Jones for payroll services had been received and was paid on 2<sup>nd</sup> July using delegated powers, voucher 24 below. Unity Bank quarterly fee of £18.00 (3 x £6) was paid on 30<sup>th</sup> June, voucher 23 below.

Voucher	Name	for	Budget (from)	£amount	BACS/cheque
23	Unity Trust Bank	Monthly fee	Office costs	18.00	fee
24	T P Jones	Payroll April, May, June	Office costs 48.75 VAT 9.75	58.50	BACS
25,26	Staff costs	July 2024	Salary, tax, homeworking costs	676.13	SO, BACS
27	Ditton Services	Grass cutting, July instalment	Aston Green 277.83 VAT 55.57	333.40	SO
<b>Total</b>				<b>£1,086.03p</b>	

**Council accepted the Finance Report and authorised all payments as listed. Resolved.**

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**15. New Financial Regulations: FR 6.1** - Council **resolved** to confirm its banking arrangements with Unity Trust Bank.

**16. CIL Neighbourhood Fund Projects:** No new spends this month, but posts and rope for Aston Green, and War Memorial enhancements to come.

**17. Risk Register rolling review:** Council reviewed risk 6, and **resolved** that current measures were adequate.

**18. Assets Register:** Allocation of inspection of assets – remaining assets were allocated.

**19. Meetings Attended:** Cllr Bowers had attended a meeting of the Village Hall Committee at which an update of the hearing loop had been agreed upon.

**20. Reports of Parishioners Issues, Future Agenda Items:** At the recent cycle race some residents had been intimidated by cyclists using the gravel path circling Aston Green. Clerk to write to the Village Hall Committee. A resident in Longmeadow End had emailed complaining about speeding through the settlement and other road issues, and had been signposted to Shropshire Council. It was reported that the path circling Aston Green needed the encroaching grass removed and tidying up. The grass cutting contractor would be approached about this.

**21. Next Meetings:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

**The Chair closed the Meeting at 9.00pm.**

Chair Signed:

Date: .....