

# Minutes of Hopesay Parish Council

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Parish Council Meeting, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024, held in Aston on Clun Village Hall, 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllrs. R Hartas, J Bowers, I Alebon.

**Absent:** Cllrs G Fryer, T Record, Unitary Cllrs H Luff and D Evans.

**In attendance:** 3 Members of the Public.

**Clerk:** Mrs M Gwilliam.

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Fryer and Record, Unitary Cllrs Luff and Evans.

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

**3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 15<sup>th</sup> July 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:** Mr G Gwilt the parish Tree Warden spoke concerning the planning applications for various tree works within the grounds of Aston Hall. There are concerns that without careful replanting and replenishment the woodland will eventually be diminished to the point that it does not function as a wildlife habitat. The stream is a habitat highway. The visual amenity and biodiversity are at risk as no replanting appears to have been carried out as it should have been, according to conditions.

**6. Planning:** 24/02905/TCA and 24/02906/TPO: the applications were discussed and concerns expressed. Council will expect replanting and rejuvenation to be carried out with due care given to biodiversity. Council agreed to support that application provided that the recommendations in the accompanying report are fully implemented. **Resolved.**

**7. Correspondence:** Various correspondence including a Shropshire Council Place Plan review update, and a town and parish council survey on delivering services, and various newsletters and bulletins.

Temporary road closures: B4369 Broome road Aston on Clun 8th September, Severn Trent.

**8. Speeding on roads within the Parish:** Council **noted** that Shropshire Council had been requested to introduce more 30mph and 40mph speed limits on unpaved roads within the parish regularly used by pedestrians.

**9. Chair's Report:** Cllr Hartas summarised the developing situation with fibre broadband and how signing up/pledging works. Council **agreed** that the Chair would liaise with Clungunford parish and BT to see what could be done to bring fibre to residents.

**10. Aston Green:** New notices were needed for the orchard. Dog fouling around Aston Green, and in the orchard remained a problem. The path around Aston Green required clearing. The grass

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cutting contractor would be asked to quote for the work. A parish contractor had looked at the silt trap with the Chair and had commented that the present condition wasn't too bad.

**11. Play equipment Working Group:** A meeting would be called.

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

**2024 2025 Budget Monitoring Report:** A report had been circulated. Spending was as anticipated overall. The financial year is moving on and Council needed to move forward with its play equipment consultation process, and with spending CIL NF project funds. Council **accepted** the Monitoring Report.

## **INVOICES to PAY**

<b>Voucher</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>for</b>	<b>Budget (from)</b>	<b>£amount</b>	<b>BACS/cheque</b>
28, 29	Staff costs	August 2024	Salary, tax, homeworking costs	676.13	SO, BACS
30	Ditton Services	Grass cutting, August instalment	Aston Green 277.83 VAT 55.57	333.40	SO
<b>Total</b>				<b>£1,009.53p</b>	

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

**13. CIL Neighbourhood Fund Parish Project:** Council **resolved** to ask 2 or 3 contractors to quote for the post-and-rope verge markers approved last month.

**14. Risk Register rolling review:** Council reviewed risk 8, and **resolved** that current measures were adequate.

**15. Policy Review:** Council reviewed its Grants Policy and **resolved** to adopt the revised policy (submission date change). The Grants Policy and application form would be posted on the Council website.

**16. Meetings Attended:** None.

**17. Reports of Parishioners Issues, Future Agenda Items:** the meeting was informed that a volunteer was prepared to plant and maintain planters to smarten up Broome Station. An agenda item for the October meeting would consider the purchase of planters if/as required.

**21. Next Meetings:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

**The Chair closed the Meeting at 8.30pm.**

Chair Signed:

Date: .....