

HAMPTON LOVETT AND WESTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL WORCESTERSHIRE

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 25 September 2019

PRESENT

Councillors:

Cllr G.D. Crow (Chairman)

Cllr R. O'Sullivan

Cllr J. Pointon

Cllr F. Walker

Cllr C.Ellson- Evans

District Cllr. N. Wright (Wychavon District Council)

The Chairman plus more than 2 members being present, there was a quorum.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Tomlinson, Cllr Nunn, Cllr Wakelam, Cllr Miller and the Clerk sent their apologies

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There was no declaration of interest declared

3. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Residents 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. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself. There is a half hour for public questions at the end of the meeting, time permitting.

Cllr Crow welcomed Cllr Ellson-Evans to the meeting now that she is an elected Parish Councillor.

4. FORMAL REGISTRATION OF COUNCILLOR

Cllr Crow formally proposed that Cllr Walker be co-opted to the Council as at the election her formal papers could not be accepted as they required an additional liquid signature. This came about as Cllr Walker was in South Africa at the time, although her paperwork was all in order, and she was un-opposed. The meeting formally adopted this proposal and welcomed Cllr Walker back to the Council.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:-

Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 5 June 2019

All agreed unanimously and signed.

6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cllr Wright discussed the New Homes Bonus and confirmed that the Legacy Grant starts in May 2020. Cllr Wright explained that an application could be put in and that there is the opportunity for smaller grants of up to £500. Cllr Wright identified the "Parish of Culture" grant of £5000, in which parishes combine together. It was discussed whether this would provide possible funding for Big Bear Island. Cllr Wright discussed the Rural Activity Panel; a panel which he is a member of and which focuses on public transport requirements including buses. The purpose is to encourage communication and co-operation between parish councils.

Action: Cllr Wright to arrange to the minutes from the Rural Panel to be forwarded to the Clerk from Wychavon District Council.

7. OTHER ITEMS

Lengthsman Review:

The Lengthsman's costs have been reviewed by the Sub Committee, which involved a comparison of the cost per job between Top Cut and Greengrass Cutting was conducted. Schedules of the Lengthsman's work were considered.

It was identified that Top Cut's mechanisation produced much improved productivity over a one-man small business activity.

To ensure budget conformance, the VAT and frequency of jobs has to be carefully monitored to keep within our annual spend. The Schedule now needs progressing prior to the Winter to ensure that all hedge cutting, pavement clearance and late summer grass cutting is completed prior to the Winter.

The park residence requested the Trust to cut the hedge from Doverdale Park to Hampton Lane (this is now complete).

Westwood House Drive:

Top Cut to complete hedge cutting between main road and entrance to Westwood House.

Flytipping:

This is a constant problem and needs to be kept on top of.

Bluebell Wood:

Grant from Woodland Trust

Highways slippage:

The Westwood House Residence Association complained that slippage is taking place on the carriageway on Westwood Way from the Ombersley roundabout to the main house drive. Cllr Walker has concerns regarding a dip in the road and has written to John Frazer, the Highways Department to raise this, with the Parish Council to follow up.

8. PLANNING

Beechcroft appeal to take place on 8 October 2019 to determine the outcome of the planning application to build 144 houses east of the A442. See website for details of the enquiry.

There have also been two applications for comment: one for access from Great Horton Farm onto its associated lane and an office upgrade on the industrial estate at Crown House.

The South Worcester Development Plan is to be updated to 2041 and was discussed. Wychavon e-mail news to be circulated to Parish Councillors.

9. FINANCE

Payments up to 25 September 2019, as per Accounts presented by Clerk, summarised by Chair:

CHEQUE NO.	DESCRIPTION	£ AMOUNT
100803	Worcester Guide Association	£25.00
100804	Website update	£120.00
100805	Parish Hall rent	£150.00
100806	Wychavon District Council	£100.00
100807	Ballards LLP	£132.00
100808	HMRC	£166.40

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The County Council have reminded all those responsible for the salt bins to see if they are filled up by the end of October.

11. CLERK'S REPORT

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There is now a defibrillator on Doverdale Park and Cllr Ellson-Evans is to provide a photograph for the Parish website. It is positioned in the second car park on the right. A contribution to annual maintenance of £70 has been agreed from the Parish Council.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: Wednesday 4th December 2019 at 7pm.