

19<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**HOPE UNDER DINMORE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.00pm in  
Hope under Dinmore Village Hall

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

**Parish Councillors:** Cllr Leslie Legge (Chairman); Cllr J Pritchard; Cllr N Giles; (Vice Chairman); Cllr. Mrs K Clarkson; Cllr Paul Stephens;

In attendance: Parish Clerk: Mrs L Hay;

Four members of the public were present.

- 1. To Receive Apologies for Absence:** Cllr A. Morgan (Vice Chairman); Cllr John Stone;
- 2. To Receive Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensations:** Cllr Clarkson – Village Hall Committee
- 3. Report from local Police Officer** – no representative present.
- 4. Community Governance review** – no further update at present.
- 5. Ward Councillor Pauline Crockett** – not present
- 6. The Chairman opened the Open Session –**

Local residents came to the meeting to discuss the very dangerous A4117 - A49 junction where three accidents have happened in the last three weeks – all of which closed the road and necessitated a huge emergency services response.

It was acknowledged that this junction is renowned for being dangerous and has been the subject of on-going discussion for many years. Various suggestions were made on how improvements could be made.

The Parish Council agreed to pass on these concerns to Ward Councillor Crockett in the hope that she may be able to support a campaign to get some improvements to this junction.

There were concerns raised about random gun shots very near to Northside Park and the footpath. Cllr Pritchard will have a word with the land owner.

### **The Chairman Closed the Open Session.**

**7. Minutes of last meeting:** It was agreed that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were a true record and it was unanimously voted they be adopted and signed by the Vice Chairman.

### **8. News from:**

8.1 Cherry Brook – no representative present.

8.2 Newton all quiet at the moment.

Cllr Pritchard reported that although the verge cutter had again been up Newton Lane– it was only a forward swipe and it really would benefit from a higher cut. Clerk will speak with the Locality Steward.

Cllr Pritchard reported a recent incident of string on a gate being cut through and, it would appear, being deliberately being left open.

### **9. Finance Matters:**

9.1 Outstanding Invoices - schedule of payments had been circulated and it was agreed that the outstanding invoices should be paid and cheques were raised and signed.

9.2 The Clerk explained that she had now received the Precept Application Form for 2020/21. The Clerk will prepare some financial

forecast figures in readiness for the Precept/Budget discussion at the November meeting.

## **10. To Receive Reports:**

**10.1 Village Hall Committee** - Councillor J Stone had sent apologies.

Cllr Clarkson reported that, while bookings remain stable, the village community make very little use of the Village Hall facilities for parties etc.

The Village Hall had passed its fire check – the only requirement being that the fire blanket needed upgrading.

**10.2 Village Footpaths** – Footpaths Officer Cllr N. Giles reported that she had cleared all the brambles from the footpath from the village to Queenswood – otherwise, generally, the footpaths are in good order for the time of the year.

HD4 no further update available since the last meeting.

## **11. Highway Matters:**

**11.1 Lengthsman work schedule for September/October** – to replace the bin by the underpass with a larger green bin and to re site the original bin down by the SLOW road sign at the entrance to Cherrybrook.

Clerk to liaise with the Locality Steward with regard to the missing bin over the A49 by the bus stop.

Clerk to ask the Locality Steward about the possibility of erecting 'one way' signs in the lay by on the other side of the A49. It is understood that drivers are not supposed to go out of the Leominster entrance but come in that way - and out the other end. However, folk attending church are not aware of this and are attempting to go out the bottom end.

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**12. Planning:** No new planning applications since last meeting.

Update on previous planning application:  
192335 – Proposed Annex - Newton Lane.

The Clerk explained that this application had come in since the last meeting – Cllr Stephens had visited the neighbours and there were no objections. However, the Clerk had been asked to send a comment to the Planning Officer – in that this was not an annex but a building away from the main house on its own piece of land. As this building is totally separate from the house it could well be sold in the future as an independent residential property.

12.2 Planning application: 183231- Land described as off  
Cherrybrook– no further up date.

**13. Correspondence: - none not already covered in the minutes.**

Parish Summit – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – no one able to attend.

Drainage leaflet – Referring to the leaflet circulated – if a ditch has been subject to Highway grip (drainage channel dug from road to ditch) which applies to the main village road ditch running between Tavern Meadow and Cherrybrook (and its sole purpose is to drain water) then Highways Authority have a responsibility to maintain it. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the Locality Steward with regard to the maintenance of the main village ditch.

Greenspace funding – no applicable to Hope under Dinmore.

**14. Items for next agenda** – not for discussion – none raised.

**15. Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting** – on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 with a 7.00p.m. start.

Please note: This will be the Precept/Budget setting meeting.  
Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55 p.m.

Signed:

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