

HAMPTON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a scheduled meeting of the Parish Council held on
Wednesday 28th July 2021 at 19.00 in the Village Hall**

Present: Councillors: Steve Hunt (Chairman), Susan Marr, and Val Watson.

In attendance: Lynda Wilcox (Parish Clerk), and 11 local residents.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Julia Pearson and Jamie Rogers.
2. **Declarations of interest & written requests for dispensation:** There were none.
3. **Minutes of the previous meetings:**
The following two sets of minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman:
 - 3.1 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – 26th May 2021.
 - 3.2 Extraordinary Meeting – 29th June 2021.
4. **Flooding/Drainage/Ditch Issues**
 - 4.1 The Chairman's update included:
 - 4.1.1 An outline of the recent Environment Agency online meeting to discuss issues with all residents. He commented that the Flood Mitigation Group had emailed him their thoughts on the meeting.
 - 4.1.2 Quotation for drainage works on B4224 in the vicinity of Eightlands ... It was RESOLVED to authorise Wye Water Services to go ahead with the works at a cost of £800 + VAT. It was noted that Wye Water would be using Amberon to operate a traffic light system costing an additional £330 + VAT.
5. **Open Session**
 - 5.1 Ward Councillor John Hardwick was not able to be present.
 - 5.2 Views of local residents on parish matters included:
 - 5.2.1 Spraying of farmland – in response to queries about advance warning for local residents when spraying would be taking place, a local landowner suggested people could telephone him to ascertain such information.
 - 5.2.2 There was further discussion on the siting of the proposed 'Circle of Trees' and it was agreed that further information would be sought on possible underground facilities under the banked area at the entrance to the village hall.
6. **Parish Land**
 - 6.1 Setting up a Working Group to discuss proposals for and management of the Orchard ... It was RESOLVED that the Chairman and Chris Plant would
 - 6.2 To consider the siting of a possible 'Circle of Friendship'.
7. **Representation on the following Working Groups** was resolved as follows:
 - 7.1 Planning ... Steve Hunt, Susan Marr and Jamie Rogers.
 - 7.2 Finance ... Steve Hunt, Chris Plant and Julia Pearson.
 - 7.3 Village Hall ... Steve Hunt and Susan Marr + Parish Clerk.

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8. Finance

- 8.1 The Bank balance was noted as £85,288.52.
- 8.2 The following payments made under Clerk's delegated powers were noted:
 - 8.2.1 Employment – Clerk's salary, HMRC ... £199.80, Autela Payroll £43.50 +VAT
 - 8.2.2 Parish Contractor ... £510.00 for June and July.
- 8.3 It was RESOLVED to pay the annual fee for Microsoft 365 of £45.60 + VAT.
- 8.4 To consider possible investment of some reserve monies ... In the absence of Chris Plant, the item would be deferred to the September meeting.

9. A planning permission granted by Herefordshire Council was noted:

- 9.1 Application P210718/F The Elms, Church Lane. Proposed all weather turn out and riding arena.

10. B4224 Strategy Group ... The Clerk gave general feedback from a Group meeting held on 30th June and.

11. Footpaths ... Members considered the appointment of a new Footpaths Officer and it was RESOLVED to appoint Simon Labbett.

12. West Mercia Police: In response to a request from the Police, members RESOLVED that the following three items were the main areas of local concern re policing matters:

- 12.1 Speed of traffic.
- 12.2 Theft from houses and outbuildings.
- 12.3 Anti-social behaviour, particularly in Daggy Powell's Lane.

13. Items raised for the next meeting on Wednesday 22nd September 2021

- 13.1 Milepost.
- 13.2 Eastern Crossing.
- 13.3 Co-option of councillor.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.35

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