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HAMPTON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a scheduled meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 30th July 2025 at 19.00 in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors: Steve Hunt (Chair), Gillian Omar, Julia Pearson.

In attendance: Lynda Wilcox – Parish Clerk, Ward Councillor – Graham Biggs, 8 local residents.

1. Apologies for absence were received from:

1.1 Alistair McHarg, Jamie Rogers and Brendyn Rossoux.

2. Declarations of interest & written requests for dispensation – There were none.

3. Co-option of an eligible candidate to fill the current vacancy.

3.1 Leigh Stevens outlined why he wished to become a parish councillor and was co-opted unanimously. Councillor Stevens signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took his place at the table.

4. Open Session:

4.1 Update from the Chair on current matters included:

4.1.1 The Parish Contractor had been cleaning out all ditches around the village.

4.1.2 The head stone at the junction of Rectory Road and Church Lane was about to be repaired.

4.1.3 Some casting was required on the Penstock Valve.

4.1.4 Work on Mordiford Bridge was progressing well and was likely to be finished ahead of schedule in a couple of weeks' time.

4.1.5 The Clerk and Chair had been on a site visit with officers from Herefordshire Council, Balfour Beatty and West Mercia Police, to consider locations for the proposed gateways. Design plans were to be drawn up for possible roadside locations by the bus stop at Church Lane and the pond entrance to Court Farm – this could take a little time. It was suggested that poles opposite the proposed new gateways would be fitted with a white surrounds, to highlight the fact that motorists were entering a built-up area.

4.1.6 A replacement child's swing seat was being sought.

4.1.7 One of the SIDs (Speed Indicator Device) was playing up. The battery would be checked but both SIDs were likely to require a service.

- 4.2 A brief verbal report from Herefordshire Ward Councillor – Graham Biggs, included:
 - 4.2.1 Until a new Local Plan for the county was adopted, there was no 5-year housing allocation.
 - 4.2.2 The proposed western bypass would alleviate traffic problems in the city centre. £10m had been spent on the first phase and £30m remained in an approved budget.
 - 4.2.3 If government wants Herefordshire to build 27.5 new homes, it needs to understand that infrastructure is essential.
 - 4.2.4 A Ross on Wye master plan includes 3k homes, flood alleviation, dentist, doctors and a new school.
- 4.3 Views of local residents on parish matters ... None raised.

5. Minutes of previous meeting held on 22nd May 2025.

It was RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the above meeting, and they were signed by the Chair.

6. B4224 Issues ... Updates on the following items had been given in Item 4.1 above.

- 6.1 Design & location of roadside gates following site meeting with officers from Herefordshire Council, West Mercia Police Road Safety Team & Balfour Beatty.
- 6.2 Servicing of SIDs (Speed Indicator Devices) following report of malfunction.
- 6.3 Closure of Mordiford Bridge.

7. Flooding

- 7.1 An update from the new Cabinet Member responsible for flooding at HC was noted.
- 7.2 HC 'Flood Plan Workshop' on 2nd September for 38 flood-affected PCs ... It was RESOLVED that members of the Drainage/Flood Working Group would attend. Local residents, Graham Cobb and George Kerr had volunteered to join the PC Drainage/Flood Group, as Flood Wardens.
- 7.3 NALC and ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) flooding survey. The Clerk was authorised to submit a response from the parish council.

8. Footpaths:

- 8.1 Response to Wyescapes re public access to local routes... The Clerk was authorised to respond to the survey.
- 8.2 Appointment of a Footpaths Officer... No volunteers had come forward as yet.

9. Parish Land:

- 9.1 Orchard... Working Group report and considered action.
 - 9.1.1 There had been no recent meeting of the Group, but it was confirmed that all members would be invited to any future meetings.

10. Planning

- 10.1 It was RESOLVED to support the following two applications:
 - 10.1.1 Application P251426/FH - The Lodge, Hampton Bishop. Proposed extension, alterations and new garage.
 - 10.1.2 Application 250942 – Stable and Yard North of the Mews House, Mordiford. Application for variation of condition 1 following grant of planning permission 233229 (proposed variation of condition 1 of planning permission 192596 (Variation of condition 2 of planning permission application 143272/F (Proposed earth sheltered dwelling to replace an existing stable and storage building on a previously developed site) – to allow changes to design and detached garage) to formalise the adjustments in the scale, positioning and heights to ensure flood resilience of the property and reduce the amount of impact on the existing ground). To enable alternative dwelling design and a new outbuilding similar to the previously permitted outbuilding.
- 10.2 The following planning permission was noted:

Application 251168 – Cider Mill House, Whitehall Road. Works to Trees in a Conservation Area. Ash to be reduced by 1-2 meters and shaped. Sycamore to be reduced by 1.3 meters and shaped. Maple to be reduced by 1-3 meters and shaped.
- 10.3 Herefordshire Council new Local Plan for the period 2025 to 2045

Members noted the current Call for Sites.
- 10.4 Hampton Bishop Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

The Clerk outlined a West Midlands CALCs initiative to encourage government to continue funding NDPs. Members RESOLVED to call a Parish Meeting to commence a formal review process.

11. Finance

- 11.1 Bank balance noted as £101,153.79
- 11.2 Payments: It was RESOLVED to pay the following:
 - 11.2.1 Clerk's July salary.
 - 11.2.2 HMRC July payment ... £78.40.
 - 11.2.3 Parish Contractor – July payment.
- 11.3 Payments made by Clerk under delegated powers were noted:
 - 11.3.1 Five grass-cuts at Village Hall by Mr Barrell - March & May £500 + £100 VAT.
 - 11.3.2 Parish Clerk's June salary.

11.3.3 Parish Contractor ... June £272.

12. To note date of next scheduled meeting ... Wednesday 24th September 2025.

The Chair closed the meeting at 20.40

SIGNED DATE