

Cofton Hackett Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20th March 2023

Held at Cofton Village Hall, Cofton Hackett

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Cllr Mr R Westbury (Chair)
Cllr Mr M Pattison
Cllr Mr J Slack
Cllr Mrs J Fay
Cllr Mr N Banyard
Cllr Mrs J Webb
Cllr Mr R Deeming

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Andrew Billau

APOLOGIES:

Cllr Mr G Cook
County Cllr Mr A Kriss

Agenda Item	Discussion and Decisions	Action
031/23	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr Cook (work commitments), these were accepted.	
032/23	Declaration of Interests Register of Interests: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.• To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.• To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.• Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or an Other Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4) (b) of the code of conduct, must leave the room for the relevant items. Failure to register or declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest may result in the commission of a criminal offence.• To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) – written requests to be with the clerk at least 4 clear days prior to a meeting.• Interests were noted to be recorded in the Register	
033/23	Dispensations There were no applications for dispensations received.	
034/23	Public Forum There were no members of the public in attendance.	

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035/23	<p>Reports from Outside Bodies / County Councillor</p> <p>There were no outside bodied in attendance.</p>	
036/23	<p>Previous Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council dated 20th February 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>037/23</p> <p>037.1/23</p> <p>037.2/23</p>	<p>Chairman's Report</p> <p>Cllr Westbury reminded Councillors that there were 3 major outstanding items he had asked to be resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The new website is now ready to go live and will do so this month. - Mission Hall retaining wall or similar – Council has now agreed to dispose of the Mission Hall, the sale is being progressed. - Access to the Old Sewage Works allotment site - this was making good progress but has now been hampered by residents' objections (discussed in these minutes). <p>The Clerk advised Councillors that nomination papers for re-election need to be submitted to Bromsgrove District Council, by hand, by 4pm on April 4th. Councillors can submit their documents to the Clerk if they wish, Clerk will deliver to Bromsgrove DC.</p>	All
<p>038/23</p> <p>038.1/23</p> <p>038.2/23</p> <p>038.3/23</p> <p>038.4/23</p> <p>038.5/23</p> <p>038.6/23</p>	<p>Highways, Environment and Open Spaces</p> <p>Cllr Westbury reported that more than 80 residents had attended the traffic safety meeting, held on 23rd February. The County Councillor, Police and Crime Commissioner, local Police and members of WCC highways department also attended. There was plenty of good feedback and suggestions, reported in full on the Council's website. Cllr Kriss has emailed residents of Ten Ashes Lane for their views on possible traffic restrictions there. Cllr Kriss will report back at the next meeting. Councillors agreed to defer a decision on purchase of speed activated signs until all information has been collected.</p> <p>Decision on planting of trees in Oakfield Drive deferred – awaiting confirmation on positioning from Cllr Kriss.</p> <p>Cllr Westbury reported that the proposed meeting with residents from Shadow Close, regarding access to the Old Sewage Works site, did not go ahead. Instead, the residents have written to the Council to advise they are not in favour of the proposals and will not allow access across Shadow Close. It is understood that the residents 'own' the area of road in front of their houses. The Clerk was asked to seek legal advice from solicitors, Bromsgrove District Council and the Land Registry. Cllr Deeming offered to take the issue to BDC Legal department, Clerk to write a summary of the issue for Cllr Deeming.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that the situation regarding bus service 20 commencing outside residents houses appears to have been resolved, with Transport for West Midlands stating that the service will now commence from the nearby layby.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that all outstanding street light faults have been attended to.</p> <p>The Clerk reported on work carried out by the Lengthsman during the month. Grass cutting at the play area and Rose Hill Island has recommenced.</p>	Clerk / Cllr Deeming

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<p>042/23</p> <p>042.1/23</p>	<p>Communications</p> <p>The new website is in the process of going live, Clerk still need one final meeting with developer.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>043.22</p> <p>043.1/23</p>	<p>Correspondence Received</p> <p>The Clerk reported he had received an email regarding standing water and puddles on the Stocken bridleway. Councillors discussed ownership of the Stocken but asked if the lengthsman could try to make improvements.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>044/23</p>	<p>Items for Next Meeting</p> <p>None requested.</p>	
<p>045/23</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 17th April 2023 at 7.30pm.</p> <p>The meeting ended at 8.50pm.</p>	