

HOPTON AND COTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY March 6th 2019

Present: Cllr Gilbert (Chair), Cllr Brown-Bullivant (Vice Chair), Cllr Brindley, Cllr Bennett, Cllr Rogers and County Councillor Cllr Francis

Public participation: There were no members of the public present.

19/44 To receive apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Hilton

19/45 To receive Declarations of Interest: There were no Declarations of Interest

19/46 To consider requests for Dispensations under the Localism Act 2011: There were no requests for Dispensations

19/47 To consider and agree the minutes of the ordinary council meeting on 6.2.19: It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes. PROPOSED - Cllr Brown-Bullivant. SECONDED - Cllr Rogers

19/48 To note the Clerk's report: the Clerk's report was noted following the order of the agenda

19/49 Borough Councillors' update: There were no Borough Councillors present.

19/50 County Councillor's update: Cllr Francis confirmed that he is pushing for both a 40 mile per hour speed limit and a weight restriction on Within Lane. A discussion ensued about gully-emptying. The Clerk was advised to contact Richard Rayson to find out where the gullies are in Hopton and what the emptying programme is and then consult the parish council.

19/51 An update on previous council resolutions / decisions.

19/31 To consider arrangements for the delivery of the Hopton Parish Council information leaflet and flyer. (The flyer concerns HS2 and the village hall) Various Councillors and the Clerk opted in to delivering leaflets to particular roads in Hopton

19/52 To consider taking a resolution that Hopton and Coton Parish Council present a petition to HS2 in the second round of petitions and to look at the petition as it stands at the moment. There was a unanimous decision to forward a petition. Councillors read the Petition and suggested additions and changes.

19/53 To look at the situation with the Touring Caravan Park. The owner has a licence to operate a camping and a caravanning park and so is EXEMPT from planning permission.

19/54 To set a date for the Annual Meeting of the Parish and to decide who to invite. The date was set for 12th June 2019. It was agreed that the Clerk bring a list of possible invitees to the next meeting. It was also agreed to invite someone from Beacon Business Park.

19/55 To set a date for the Annual Meeting of the Council. The date was set for 15.5.19

19/56 To revisit the question as to whether Hopton and Coton Parish Council would like to make special arrangements to mark the death of a monarch including arrangements for the website. The Clerk went through the choices and how much it would cost to adapt the web

site between the dates of the Queen’s death and her funeral - £42. It was agreed to go ahead with the web site adaptations. One Councillor objected to the council making any arrangements to mark the death of the Queen as all of this is premature.

19/57 To gain feedback from the two-day conference that the Clerk has recently attended: The most useful lecture was about funding sources for a village hall. The Clerk went through the different funding sources: developers, precept, loan and Community Foundation (an organisation which facilitates local millionaires to give money) as well as all the usual sources of funding e.g. “Awards for All” etc. There was a suggestion that, instead of asking for money, ask one of the local developers to say how much it would cost if they built a new village hall for us, in brick. There is a possibility of researching how much it would cost to service a loan for £75,000 (as a match-fund for HS2 monies) over a period of 20 years. One Councillor said that it would not take much to get local businesses interested and get them to sponsor, collectively, a new village hall. In conclusion the Clerk is to ask Maximus Developments to have a meeting with the parish council, research a loan, continue to gain charitable status for the village hall etc., try to tap into all the usual funding sources as well as capitalising on the fact that Beacon Business Park is in the parish.

19/58 To consider progress on the village hall Facebook page: The councillor concerned said that the Facebook page is now up and running.

19/59 To note the correspondence which has come in: the correspondence was duly noted. One of the items was Cllr Frances Beatty’s input into an open planning meeting about the 120-house development which was praised.

Standing Orders were suspended in order to allow the meeting to continue beyond 10.00 p.m.

19/60 To consider the format of the meeting to help prospective candidates to fill in their nomination papers. The Clerk will be attending to distribute Electoral Roll numbers and also to show everyone a copy of one councillor’s Nomination Paper (with his permission) as, apparently, he has filled it in correctly apart from omissions that the Clerk can help with.

Items 19/61 – 19/65 were confidential and concerned: earmarking reserves going into next year, choosing an insurance provider out of the three companies which quoted, considering the situation with the first roofing contractor, authorising this month’s payments and looking at Financial Statements 34A and 34B. The reserves going into the new financial year were fixed, one insurance provider was chosen, a report was given about the first roofing contractor, the payments were authorised and the Financial Statements were noted.

19/66 To confirm the dates of future meetings:

20.3.19	meeting with would-be Councillors	15.5.19	Annual Meeting of the Council
27.3.19	village hall meeting	5.6.19	ordinary council meeting
3.4.19	ordinary council meeting	12.6.19	Annual Meeting of the Parish
2.5.19	local council elections	3.7.19	ordinary meeting of the council

The meeting closed at: 10.15 p.m.