Hopton and Coton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 13th October 2021

21/273 Present:-
Councillors Lewis Brindley, June Brown-Bullivant, Paul Gilbert (Chair), Paul Lamond and Steve Spennewyn (Vice-Chair)

In Attendance:-
Hannah Marr (Clerk) and John Blount (Assistant Clerk)

Public question time

Concerns were raised regarding the caravan dumped on Within Lane

Members were asked to introduce themselves to those present in the interests of transparency

Concerns were raised regarding the Councils website and the information which should be made available to the public

Concerns were also raised regarding the lack of publicity on the work of the Council and in particular its recent community engagement events relating to the Neighbourhood Plan

Concerns were raised regarding the recent tree inspection around the village

21/274 To receive Councillor David Stubbs Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor David Stubbs signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office

21/275 To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor John Rogers

21/276 To receive declarations of interests

No declarations of interests were received

21/277 To consider requests for dispensations under the Localism Act 2011

No dispensations were received

21/278 To consider the accuracy of the Minutes of the Council meeting of 8th September 2021

The Minutes were approved

21/279 To receive a report from a PCSO for the area

No report was available

21/280 To receive an update from a Stafford Borough Councillor for the Ward

No report was available

21/281 To receive an update from a Staffordshire County Councillor for the Division

No report was available

21/282 To consider matters arising which are not otherwise on the Agenda

The issues listed were:-

- Report on the Trent Valley Collaboration Group Meeting on 21st September in Tixall Village Hall
- Tree inspection at the Village Hall
- Report on the Community Engagement events related to the Neighbourhood Plan
- Highways issue 4243400 (inspection of pipework between two gullies)
- Caravan dumped in field in Within Lane which was reported to Stafford Borough Council

Members provided an update on the above

21/284 To consider the report for the Communications Working Group

Councillor Spennewyn provided an update

21/285 To consider the future ownership of playgrounds in the Parish

Councillor Spennewyn provided an update

21/286 To consider highways' signage issues in the Parish

Councillor Spennewyn provided an update

21/287 To consider the speed limit along the Tixall Road after Audlem Road

Councillors Spennewyn and Lamond provided an update

21/288 To consider requesting a dog waste bin to be fitted on the Staffordshire Technology Park sign on Beaconside

Councillor Lamond provided an update and the item was deferred to a future meeting pending further information and discussions

21/289 To consider changing the name of the Parish Council to Hopton and Coton Community Council

This item was deferred to a future meeting pending further information and discussions

21/290 To consider issues raised by Hopton Community Hub Charitable Trust

Councillor Lamond provided an update and the item was deferred to a future meeting pending further information and discussions

21/291 To consider comments on planning applications and appeals

There were no planning applications or appeals to discuss

21/292 To consider Borough Council consultation on the Gambling Act 2005, Draft Statement of Principles 2022 to 2025

The item was deferred to a future meeting

21/293 To consider authoring payments

It was ***resolved*** to approve payments totalling:-

- Net: £3,562.45
- Gross: £3,881.37

21/294 To approve the bank reconciliation as a true record

It was resolved that the bank reconciliation was a true record

21/295 To receive any correspondence

There was no correspondence to discuss

21/296 To resolve to exclude the press and public during the consideration of the following item under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business being transacted

It was ***resolved*** to exclude the press and public

21/297 To consider matters related to employment

Employment matters were discussed and it was ***resolved*** to call a meeting of the Employment Committee