

HOPE MANSELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Councillors are summoned to attend an
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL at BAILEY LANE END
7pm on WEDNESDAY 9th March 2016**

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To receive declarations of interest and written requests for dispensations.
3. Minutes of Last meeting - To agree and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2016
4. Open Forum – To hear views of local residents on parish matters
5. To review work of the lengthsman, approve the next tranche of work required, and approve payment Clerk has reapplied for 2016/17
6. To receive update on the Roads
7. To Note Riparian responsibilities
8. To consider the issue of Speeding at BLE
9. To discuss state of BLE & Dancing Green noticeboards
10. To review the progress on the councils application for defibrillator's – No funding
11. To Review councils IT grant application
12. 2017 – Family at War
13. Finance
 - 13.1 To note the council's bank balances and receipts and payments for quarter;
 - 13.2 To approve Clerks Expenses xxxx
 - 13.3 To Approve Payment to HALC for membership £322.34 (payment by 31/3 = 2x evening training places free)
 - 13.4 To Approve the payment to Herefordshire council for election expenses 2015. £50.30
 - 13.5 Lengthsman payment Dec / Jan / Feb £360
14. To review the requirement for a neighbourhood plan
15. To review and consider the purpose of the council
16. To note report from footpaths officer
17. To note the proposed date of the next meeting . Must hold not less than 4 meetings a year, one of which must be the Annual meeting in May.
 - May 18th HM - Annual Meeting
 - September 14th BLE
 - November 9th HM
18. To consider correspondence received.
19. To note Clerks information sheet and to raise matters for the next meeting

Clerks Information Sheet – January – March 2016

1. Speeding In Bailey Lane End –

Meeting held with BLE residents and Warwickshire & West Mercia Police Traffic management .Clerk chased for further info

2. Branches over Telephone Wires in Hope Mansell

No response received from BT .To discuss with Lengthsman

3. POSTCODE ISSUES - Complete

4. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS – Note for councillors

In order for meetings to be quorate one third of council members, or 3, which-ever is greater, must be present.

- Attendance and apologies, with reasons for absence, must be recorded.
- A councillor is disqualified if s/he does not attend a meeting in 6 months and his/her long-term absence has not been agreed upon by a full parish council meeting.
- If a councillor is late or leaves early, a record must be made as this could affect quorum, etc.
- Parish council meetings must be open to the public and press. However, they may be excluded for part of the meeting if the council resolves that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest, or for other special reasons stated in the resolution.
- Each resolution must be either Approved, Rejected or Actioned.

5. PLANNING ISSUES

- Circulated to councillors. Posted on notice boards as per Council Policy. Disappointing that 2x councillors didn't respond to clerk with comments / advise of attendance or non- attendance at meeting
 - Lily cottage – retrospective Planning
 - Clerk posted Councillors posted “no comment” comments
 - The Caravans – Bailey Brook
 - Clerk Posted “Following a visit to the Site the Hope Mansell Parish Council has concerns as to whether the proposed building is appropriate given its size and design. Design and Appearance Given its considerable size and its design, the proposed building would not fit harmoniously into the surrounding landscape, located as it would be at the highest point on the site and very close to the only access track. Because of this the proposals would change substantially the appearance of the area and block public views from the track down the valley. In addition, it appears that the proposed new footprint would be some 3 times the size of the existing. Given that the proposals are described as an extension this would seem to be excessive. Overlooking and Loss of Privacy Much of the house and curtilage of Lily Cottage, located some 60 metres south, and much lower than the proposed building, would be clearly visible from the elevated position, and this would undoubtedly constitute a highly undesirable overlook and loss of privacy. Should the Council be minded to grant planning permission a condition should be imposed to create some form of attractive screen to mitigate this. General Access The Proposed dwelling is served by a Single Track, that currently serves 7 properties The council has concerns about the access into the proposed development”
 - Palmer's Hill House -
 - Posted No comment
- ### 6. Response to correspondence
- R Margrett – re water across land – no response
 - Mr & Mrs Rippington – no response
 - Forestry Commission – re Eunice Saunders Way

- **Environmental agency – Re Flooding at “the goldmine”**

This incident was caused by a buildup of water in the Lea Bailey Level escaping suddenly the cause is fully understood by the mine owner and the Forestry Commission who have some overseeing role have also been involved.

When this happened 4 small 'trucks' sitting on the railway line in the level and the rails themselves were engulfed with water. There was some oil on the tracks and underneath the trucks which we believe was the cause of the oil observed downstream. As far as we know there was no leakage from any equipment or stored oil. If residents who were affected details are forwarded the agency will liaise directly with them”

Additional Information

Please let us know the main affected parishioners and contact details. Please send this information to Jeremy Churchill on 07767 480592 or jeremy.churchill@environment-agency.gov.uk and he will follow this up with them.

- Grit bins – Balfour Beatty confirmed will fill – Chased
- Pot holes in Hope Mansell – Locality steward agreed to review – Response – potholes are being refilled. Annual inspection in March. Only refills if reported