

Brockhampton with Much Fawley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on

Monday October 7th, 2024, at 7.30 pm

Venue Brockhampton Parish Hall

Attending Cllrs; R Garnett (RG), H Wood (HW), C Allen (CA) and M Wood (MW). Clerk L Yapp

Cllr; Barry Durkin (BD), One member of the public.

- 1) **To Receive apologies for absence.** Apologies were received and recorded from Cllr. J Thompson.
- 2) **The minutes from the previous meeting.** Held on August 5th 2024 were agreed and signed as a true record of proceedings.
- 3) **To receive declaration of interest and dispensation.**
None were received.
- 4) **To receive Ward Councillors latest monthly report. BD.**
Cllr; Durkins report had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.
BD reported that he had received mixed views on the Fords Hill Stage rally held in the Parish on Sunday the 15th September. Opinion was that the event was not as professionally organised as assured by the event organisers. BD appeared unaware of the numerous objections to the event the Parish Councillors had made. MW suggested that if a future event is to be organised, better timing and notice are needed to ensure the event would not clash with other Parish events as it had this September. This would hopefully ensure better and safer marshalling of the event.
BD also reported on his concerns at the suggested number of new houses to be built in Herefordshire, questioning the available infrastructure in the County.
- 5) **To receive a report from Highways and PFO. (HW)**
The chairman had received the resignation of Rodney Walker, the Parish PFO. A letter of thanks to be sent to RW. The clerk to attend to this.

The chairman asked if members knew of a possible volunteer. MW commented that the majority of the involvement was under taken by the estate, and questioned if a PFO was really needed. Also, mention was made of the new legislation received from HALC regarding PFOs which appeared to be a little stringent. MW reported that R Walker would continue working with the Wye Valley Walk 50th anniversary event.
- 6) **To receive representations from the public.**
None were received.
- 7) **Planning applications received.**
None were received.

Signed.....Date.

8) To receive financial report.

- a) Balances at the Bank C/A: £3914.10. Reserve Account: £549.12
- b) Expense against budget summary as per spreadsheet.
- c) The chairman will update the spreadsheet from the clerk's information.

After discussion it was agreed that an amount of £500.00 is to be transferred from the current account to the business reserve account, RG will do the transaction online in two parts firstly transferring £1000.00 to the reserve account and shortly after return £500.00 to the current account. These transactions should confirm the online Banking is functioning. RG reported he was still experiencing great difficulty with the Nat West Bank in obtaining adequate access for the clerk to implement online banking to enable her to process payments and reconcile the accounts. This is liable to incur additional charges as payments continue to be made by cheque.

d) To agree the Invoices listed below for payment.

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| i. PATA Payroll agency | £40.80 | Payroll admin |
| ii. HALC | £73.20 | Web Domain |
| iii. HMRC | £140.40 | PAYE L Yapp (4 months) |
| iv. Mrs L Yapp | £280.80 | Salary 2 months |

9) Correspondence received.

Correspondence received are circulated on receipt and prior to the meeting.

10) Items to discuss from the previous meeting.

The purchase of a replacement battery for the defibrillator was agreed, clerk to order,

11) Report from Parish Hall Liaison group.

It was reported that Cllr J Thompson had resigned from the Parish Hall management committee. The management committee are hoping to fill two vacancies, as Mrs Thompson had also resigned. A Management committee meeting would be held on Tuesday the 8th of October to address the situation and discuss filling the vacancies. HW and RG are aware of parishioners who would be willing to consider filling the vacancies. HW is acting as Parish Hall representative for the Parish Council.

12) Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 2nd of December when members will discuss and agree the Precept request for the 2025/2026 financial year.

The chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30.pm.

Signed..... Date.....