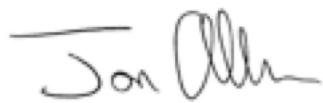


Minutes of Hopton Castle Parish Meeting 28 September 2021 held at Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall 7.30pm

Present Jon Allen (Chair) Veronica Mellings, Gill Allen, Peter Marquis, Jonathon Dean, Duncan Price, Chris Gad

1. **Apologies** were received from Ted Laidlar, Chris Laidlar, Steve Williams. Jack Chapman, Tanya Peppiatt, Elaine Dean, Jennifer Marquis, and Jane Price
2. **Minutes** of the Annual Meeting of 25th May 2020 were **agreed**
3. **Matters arising**
 - **Potholes** Jon Allen reported that although some remedial work had taken place recently, there were still a large number of potholes in the area, and he encouraged residents to keep on reporting them on the Council's web site. **Noted**.
 - **Church Signage** - It was **agreed** that no further action would be taken on this issue.
 - **Update on The Sarn** - Jon Allen reported that Alastair Carmichael had informed him that due to very unfortunate circumstances relating to insurance, he had sadly put the house on the market. **Noted**
4. **Stream Wall repairs** – Jon Allen reported that there was still no definite date for the work to commence. The hold up, according to Shropshire CC, is down to lack of action from the consultants acting on behalf of the Council and the Environment Agency so that the Council have the necessary permits to undertake the work. The Environment Agency will not allow work to commence on the stream after 1 October and therefore realistically it will be at least next spring before activity can start. Jon Allen has now contacted our county councillor to ask for his support in ensuring this work is given priority by the Council and a date for commencement is provided to us. **Noted**
5. **Stream maintenance day** – this will now take place on Saturday 2 October at 10.30 – all welcome with suitable clothing and footwear. **Noted**.
6. **Castle Trust** – matters of interest – Peter Marquis reported that work to sow wildflowers had been completed and recorded thanks to John Williams for clearing nettles, which made the task much easier. The Trust will be going ahead with planting 6 new trees, to make up for the ones lost in the storm in 2020. He also reported that the new guide to walks and cycle rides had been printed and was selling well. **Noted**.
7. **Defibrillator awareness sessions.** Jon Allen reported that one had now been arranged, scheduled for 4 December at 11am in Bedstone Village Hall. **Noted**.
8. **Financial report.** The current balance is £1918.26, with £465.26 identified as the Defib Replacement fund, leaving an unallocated balance of £1453. This sum is available for projects benefitting the parish. **Noted**.

9. **Village Bonfire event** – an emailed proposal had been received from John Williams who was not present to present. It was **agreed** that Jon Allen would follow up in more detail with John Williams.
10. **Any other business. Defibrillator** - Volunteers provided their names for the rota for 2022. Jon Allen to seek some more volunteers for the vacant slots and then publish on the web site. It was **agreed** that Peter Marquis and Neville Rollason would be place slab stone at the entrance to the telephone boxd.
11. **Next meeting will be Wednesday 12 January 2022: The annual meeting will be on 11 May 2020 at Bedstone and Hopton Castle Village Hall.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Allen".

Signed

Jon Allen – Chair 12th January 2022