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HINTON PARISH COUNCIL **NOTICE OF MEETING**

You are invited to the **Full Council meeting of Hinton Parish Council**, which will be held on **Tuesday 16th February 2021, Via Zoom Virtual Meeting at 7.00 pm**. Please find the agenda set out below- **Local Authorities have been handed new powers to hold meetings virtually by using video or telephone.**

Join Zoom Meeting

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Clerk to the Council

OPEN FORUM - **To include District & County Councilors reports**

Opportunity for members of the public to raise issues with the Council (2 mins maximum PP) on any items relating to the agenda. Once the meeting has been opened, no further comment may be taken without the agreement of the Chairman.

- 1. Apologies & Absence-** To receive & accept apologies and note absence
- 2. Declarations of interest.** To receive declarations from Councillors, any DPI 's (disclosable pecuniary interest or simply an interest termed a personal interest in the Code the Council adopted) relating to any items on the agenda for 16th February 2021. (Councillors should also remember that even if they do not stand to gain in any personal way, **also to be considered is the public's perception of whether a councillor might gain by being influenced or using influence in a personal capacity.**)
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting-** To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on January 19th 2021. Via Zoom (distributed by email & hand).
- 4. Committee Meetings** -To note the minutes from the Planning & Finance committee meeting held on 2nd February 2021 (Via Zoom)
- 5. Policy review-** To receive and resolve the Petition policy. See attached.

6. Internal Audit 20/21- To note the audit report.

7. Community events- We are a very small Parish; we should be doing a bit more around the Parish. (COVID-19 restrictions allowing)

1. The Clerk would like the Council to consider starting up the Christmas dinners again for the primary school, years ago the Council used to provide a social disco for the primary school, this stopped, then the Council started to contribute to the School for their Christmas Party food. (Council pay for the food not pay to the school)
2. The Clerk would also like the Council to Consider regular Senior citizens meals in conjunction with the Dockers Club or similar.
3. Scarecrow Festival- The Clerk would like the Council to consider a scarecrow festival in the Autumn, entry forms on line and voting slip for the best scarecrow receives Amazon voucher or similar.
4. Christmas lights- The Clerk would like to investigate the cost of Christmas light through the village.
5. Pumpkin Carving- The Clerk would like the council to consider a competition for best pumpkin carved, different ages etc. Voucher or similar for winners in each age group.
6. Autumn Flower and produce show- council to Consider a show to take place in September, with different categories including, kiddies' section, best animal made out of veg, tallest sunflower, then maybe longest runner bean and so on.

8. Community Christmas Tree- (See email) Cllr Birnie would like to discuss the Parish council erecting a Community tree. Cllr Birnie has found a parishioner who is willing to donate a tree. He would be happy to dig it up and transport it to the village and he thinks it would be best sited at the entrance to the village near the church (where the contractors had all of their gear), The trouble with this is that moving a mature tree would need to be done in the winter time, while it is dormant, so ideally, he would need to move it at the end of February (after the council have made a decision). Clerk has contacted highways and a member came out to inspect it week CM 1st Feb. highways concerns are-

Highway concerns are with access to the tree as there is no immediate pedestrian crossing, so need to clarify with you as this being a community Christmas tree will the public be accessing it or will the parish simply plant and decorate the tree as a visual amenity? If the public will have access to it, you will need to carry out a full risk assessment to ensure crossing pedestrians are safe guarded – any decorated tree is likely going to encourage the community from visiting it, adding their own decorations, take photos etc.

Other matters to observe are;

- The Christmas tree should be set back well away from the edge of the carriageway (we suggest a centralised position or even further back towards the allotment boundary fence)
- The Christmas tree will not cause any road safety hazards, such as obscuring visibility
- Any decorations/lights used must be secured to prevent these entering the carriageway

- The Christmas tree growing circumference regularly maintained to ensure it remains well away from the carriageway
- PPE to be worn at all times and advanced warning notices used to alert road users during the planting or any maintenance works
- Any overhead cables are not affected as a result of the Christmas trees introduction
- Checks for any underground services are carried out ahead of any approval
- A copy of your RA and public liability insurance is lodged with GCC Highways ahead of any approval

9. Garden Competition- Cllr Birnie -To discuss the possibility of a monthly gardening competition to run between May and September in order to improve the gardens around the parish. See below

The idea is to have a competition for all of the gardens in the parish that are visible from the road. There will be no enrolment and no formal rules. Anybody can nominate any garden (including their own) A judge (or judges) from the council will select a garden each month and a prize (a bottle of Prosecco or alcohol free equivalent) will be awarded to the owner. The prize will be presented by the council chairman (or his deputy) and a photo taken with prize winner and winning garden. This would now be posted on the Parish Facebook page/ noticeboards.

The main aim would be to encourage friendly competition amongst the parish gardens and so get more people working to improve their gardens (and the parish). If it is successful, the scheme would be the equivalent of employing hundreds of gardeners for under £50 a year. If it is less successful the worst that can happen is, we have given five parishioners a bottle of fizz.

Some may argue that anybody without a garden cannot benefit, but everyone should benefit by improving the whole parish.

I would hope we could provide £50 from petty cash, but if that isn't possible, I can try to find a donor.

To consider the above, if agreed consider the rules and budget for the competition.

10. Litter bin at the triangle at the top of Oldminster Rd- Six months ago we received a letter asking if the bin could be replaced as there has been lots of litter scattered on the triangle. This has been monitored, and no litter has been spotted there. The District council have had three complaints about re instating a bin on the triangle. **To consider re instating a litter bin**

11. Matters Pending list- To note the matters pending.

12. Park Reports-

12.1 Councilors to note the Park reports.

12.2 To receive a report from the Clerk relating to park issues. – **No report**

13. Chairs Report- To receive a report from the Chairman

14.Clerks Report- To receive a report from the Clerk.

15.Councillors Report - A brief report from Cllrs to **bring members up to date** on Parish matters since the last meeting. **No** decisions can be made under this heading but can be an agenda item for the next meeting.

16.Date of next meeting – March 16th 2021 Via Zoom Agenda items no later than 9th March.

Hinton Parish Council is opposed to discrimination in any form and at all levels and is committed to take all steps within its power to counteract it.

We wish to create an environment where all forms of discriminatory or oppressive behaviour are unacceptable and to provide community leadership in promoting tolerance, understanding and respect.

Please note that this meeting may be recorded