

Hinton Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 19th January 2021 Via Zoom
7.00 pm

MINUTES

In Attendance -

P Marsh (CHAIR)

D Beard (7.40 bad connection)

M Fryer

M Davey

L Freeman

P Jenkins

E Varnam

H Jones (District)

G Craig (District)

B Tipper (County) Bad connection so left

2 Parishioners

OPEN FORUM- Two parishioners attended the meeting to express a voice on item 9, also one parishioner who was attending for co-option in item 10. The Chair decided to let the parishioners speak on item 9 when it arose on the agenda and not in this item. Also, item ten would have a time frame for said parishioner to speak.

Cllr Green sent a report via the Clerk to say that the Covid signs will be erected at Purton very soon. Cllr Jones gave a report on the Local plan consultation and the way in which houses are allocated, the Government listened, and there is a slight decrease in the number of houses, and the focus is to look at bigger cities, but Sharpness is not out of the equation yet. Cllr Craig mentioned there is help available for people with their business to trade safely in these times, and also the citizen advice bureau is still operating using phone calls and not face to face.

- 1. Apologies-** Received and accepted from Cllr Lindsey Green. Cllr Beard and Tipper had internet problems throughout the the meeting, Cllr Tipper left and Cllr Beard attended at 7.40 but connection was weak.
- 2. Declarations of Interest-** None received
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held on November 17th 2020 were agreed** as a true account. Cllr Fryer proposed, Cllr Jenkins 2nd.
- 4. Committee meetings-** The minutes from the Finance & Staffing meeting held on Dec 1st 2020 were **noted by all**.
- 5. Standing Orders- It was resolved** that the updated Standing orders were fit for purpose. (Item 18 Financial controls EU procurement figures) Cllr Freeman Proposed this, Cllr Jenkins 2nd. **Carried**
- 6. Policy Review** – Cllr freeman proposed that the Vexatious, Public Participation, Co-option & remote meeting policies are adopted, Cllr Varnam 2nd this. **All agreed**
- 7. Precept & Budget 2021/22-**

- A) **To review and agree budget for Financial Year 2021/2022-** Finance Committee propose a budget of £38672.41 to Full Council. Cllr Varnam proposed this, Cllr Fryer 2nd **All agreed.**
- B) **To set the precept for Financial Year 2021/2022** -finance committee recommend to Council that in light of the coronavirus and people losing their jobs that the precept request stays at £38672.41 and the Saving account will be for EMR for long term sickness cover if needed, £10,000 from Current account to be put in GR. Cllr Davey proposed this, Cllr Fryer 2nd this. **All in favor**
- 8. Internal Audit** – Cllr Marsh proposed that the Council appoint GAPTC to carry out the internal Audit for 21/22, Cllr Jenkins 2nd this. **Carried**
- 9. Correspondence-** Chair let the two members of public speak at this point. A note was presented to the Clerk on the 9th Dec, this had 17 signatures on it from tenants of Sanigar Lane allotments. After a lengthy discussion and the Clerks advice, it was proposed by Cllr Jenkins to suspend standing order 7a and review the allotment gates in April and not June as originally stated in accordance with SO's. Cllr Freeman 2nd this. **Agreed.**
- 10.To consider co-option of Mr F Birnie-** Even though there is less than 6 months until PC elections, the Council agreed 4-3 to vote for a co-option. **Carried**
A vote was taken and Mr Birnie was elected as a member to HPC 4-3 votes.
Carried
- 11. Matters Pending-** Councillors noted the matters pending list- The fence on the half moon can now be removed from the list as this has been completed.
- 12. Park Report –**
12.1 Cllrs noted the park report
12.2 The Clerk mentioned that the repairs had been carried out on the toddler seat.
- 13. Chairs Report-** Cllr Marsh mentioned that the fence at the half moon looks superb and also the cutting back of the brambles and path way leading down by the recreation field looks excellent. Also, to be mindful when sending emails, if you are reporting issues as a parishioner, please use your own email address and not a Council address or address yourself as a Councillor on the signatory.
- 14.Clerks report-** The Clerks written report was noted. To note, trees will be removed end of February
- 15.Cllr Reports – Cllr Davey** mentioned there is an increase in the electric scooters in the village.
Cllr Beard mentioned that the wind Turbine money for 19/20 has been allocated to the purchasing of laptops for the elderly which will be used at Berkeley Library. Due to Covid, the laptops are being used at Berkeley & Sharpness Primary schools at the moment. Also, the Grammar school has funds to allocate. **Cllr Fryer** welcomed the new member to the Council.
- 16. Date of next meeting** February 16th 2021 remotely via Zoom.

Meeting closed at 9.20