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Hinton Parish Council Meeting held on  
**Tuesday 16th** March 2021 Via Zoom  
7.00 pm

## MINUTES

In Attendance -	G Craig
P Marsh (Chair)	L Green (District)
D Beard	B Tipper (County)
M Davey	
L Freeman	
P Jenkins	
E Varnam	
M Fryer	
F Birnie	

**A minute silence was held for ex Cllr Ray Sherman**

*OPEN FORUM-Cllr Green confirmed that the work has been completed on the drains that had been reported. Cllr Craig reported that a grant is available for local business who need PPE and shielding equipment, also the citizens advice is looking to move to the library as the cover a wide area and only have one day a week in the Town Hall. Cllr Tipper mentioned that he has found out that there is further funding available for buses, the bridleway work is continuing, and Alkington lane will be closed next week for a while.*

*Due to technical issues the Vice chair started the meeting*

*Council Varnam read out a report on Council life and what Councillors are here to do.*

- 1. Apologies-** None Received.
- 2. Declarations of Interest** - None received. Cllr Jenkins has a dispensation on allotment items.
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held on February 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 were agreed** as a true account. Cllr Jenkins proposed, Cllr Beard 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 4. Committee meetings-** The minutes from the Finance & Planning meeting held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021 were **noted by all**.
- 5. Defib-**
  1. Council received a report from Clerk.
  2. Cllr Fryer proposed that the Council agree retrospectively that the Clerk looks into removing the Defib from Purton Bridge hut to the Church area with consent from the Church/Vicar. Cllr Jenkins 2<sup>nd</sup> **All agreed**.
  3. **All agreed to** the cost of £250.00 to remove defib.
- 6. Allotment Bonfires- Cllr Jenkins requested that A)** Standing orders are suspended to discuss bonfires so that that a decision can be added to the Allotment Agreement if needed. Vice Chairman suspended SO's. At this point, the Clerk checked if anyone had declared an interest. The Clerk gave the Council

advice that there is a Councillor with a DPI and one with a personal interested.  
**Still no declarations received.**

**B) Cllr Jenkins** proposed that bonfires be allowed in incinerators or 50-gallon drums and are used for garden waste only. These bonfires will be held between October 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 and April 30<sup>th</sup> 2022, and so forth in the following years. These fires will be monitored and any complaints received from Residents or SDC, then the rule will be reviewed. Other Councillor input was that no fires to be left unattended and there to be no open fires. Cllr Varnum 2<sup>nd</sup> this. **Carried** (7-1 abstention. At this point Cllr Davey declared an interest hence his abstention)

**7. Petition** – Cllr Birnie presented another petition to the Council. Cllr Birnie had five minutes to present his case and then the Council had fifteen minutes to discuss. The Council decisions were, there had been no rule change to the current tenancy so no changes would be suspended. The Allotment gates were discussed in January, standing orders were suspended and this item was brought forward to April 2021, this motion still stands. The PC have no objection to consulting tenants on any future major changes. The Council found it very disturbing that parishioners were signing something that wasn't explained, and also some felt threatened into signing it as not to fall out with anybody. Clerk was instructed to write to the petitioner of the outcome. This item is now closed.

**8. Parking issues at Purton** -After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to have two people go away and talk to relevant parties to find ways to alleviate the pressure felt on Purton - Cllr Marsh proposed Cllr Varnam and District Councillor L Green (if they would be happy to do this), Cllr Jenkins 2<sup>nd</sup> this. All in favour. **Carried**

**9. Matters Pending**- Councillors noted the matters pending list.

**10. Park Report** –.

10.1 Cllrs noted the park report

10.2 Clerk had no other issues to report

**11. Chairs Report**- Cllr Marsh reiterated the role of the Clerk to all members and the advice the Proper officer gives, he also enquired if the Clerk had received a written response to the issue raised last month about people deliberately stirring items up in and around the Parish. Clerk responded to this and said she would still keep it confidential. Cllr Marsh apologised on behalf of everyone at the table for the hassle that this has caused.

**12. Clerk's report**- The Clerks written report was noted. Clerk also mentioned that the infected trees have now been removed from the half moon.

**13. Cllr Reports** – **Cllr Fryer** would like Fastershire on the agenda next month as road sides have not been put back to original state. **Cllr Freeman** mentioned the issue at the bottom of Sanigar Lane with the repairing of cars on the roadside. **Cllr Davey** reported that there are some homemade dog signs erected in the parish and some are not very pleasant. **Cllr Beard** mentioned the dogs and the mess that has been left by Fastershire. **Cllr Jenkins** mentioned that he was going to put this item on the agenda but there was not a lot to vote on, so he reported that DCO are a thing of the past, but the dog warden will patrol the recreation area and have a look. Dogs are not allowed in a fenced off play area, so the PC could put a fence from the back of the tennis courts across to the railway fence, hence blocking the play equipment off, so the only open space will be the recreation field itself. Finally, there was an incident on the half pipe on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>, so Cllr Jenkins went to the area and could see no danger, but he would like this on the agenda to look at it being removed or other options available. **Cllr Birnie**- Can we ask the fibre optic people to show us their ground survey which they must have had done while doing

broadband in the village, this will say cost on the PC, if a community tree is erected, on that note Cllr Jenkins mentioned that no permission has been granted by anybody to run a power line from the church to a community tree. Cllr Birnie said he must have misheard; Clerk is meeting Vicar on Thursday and will check this out. also, Cllr Birnie said the bricks at Sanigar tap, were to be put around the tap at Sanigar allotments, Clerk is aware of this and had asked somebody back in 2020 to tidy tap area up. The bricks have been removed to a safer area as they were seen to be a trip hazard.

**14. Date of next meeting** April 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 remotely via Zoom.

Meeting closed at 8.55