

Hinton Parish Council Meeting held on  
**Tuesday 20th** April 2021 Via Zoom  
7.00 pm

## MINUTES

In Attendance -  
P Marsh (Chair)  
D Beard  
M Davey  
P Jenkins  
E Varnam  
F Birnie

**A minute silence was held for HRH The Duke of Edinburgh**

*OPEN FORUM*- District Councillors sent apologies, the email from Cllr Craig was discussed.

- 1. Apologies**-Received from Cllrs Freeman & Fryer
- 2. Declarations of Interest** -Received from Cllr Beard and Davey on item 6. Cllr Jenkins has a dispensation on allotment items. Cllr Birnie stated he will explain himself in the next item.
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.** Cllr Birnie would like to propose the following changes, when the Clerk is mentioning DPI's, he felt that Councillors names should be included, Cllr Birnie proposed that his name should be include on PG 171 top of page, and not just state a Cllr. Cllr Varnum 2<sup>nd</sup> this, 4-2 in favour.

Cllr Birnie would also like the paragraph removed in item 7 where the Council found it disturbing etc, Cllr Birnie felt this was hearsay, No 2<sup>nd</sup> for this proposal. Not carried, minutes stand on this item. Cllr Birnie wanted the Councillor names noted as to who did not vote on this, Cllr Beard, Davey, Marsh, Jenkins & Varnam. Clerk will edit the one change and re send minutes for approval at Mays meeting to be approved.

There then followed a 45-minute discussion/debate on DPIs and Personal interests.

- 4. Committee meetings**- The minutes from the Finance & Planning meeting held on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 were **noted by all**.
- 5. Oldbury on Severn Flood Defence Meeting**- All agreed that Cllr Birnie represents HPC at this zoom meeting.
- 6. Allotment Gates & Hosepipes**- A) Cllr Jenkins would like to propose that the allotment gates are unlocked as soon as a disclaimer sign is erected stating that HPC accept no responsibility for loss or damage to equipment. Cllr Marsh 2<sup>nd</sup> this. **All in favour**, (4 agreed, 2 Personal Interest so note voted see item 2) resolved.

B) Cllr Jenkins would like to propose that if there is an increase in fly tipping then the gates are to be reviewed. Cllr Varnam 2<sup>nd</sup> this, **all in favour**, (4 agreed 2 Personal interest see item 2) resolution stands.

C) Cllr Jenkins would like to propose that hose pipes can be used, but if we have complaints then it is reviewed again. Cllr Varnam 2<sup>nd</sup> this, all in favour (4 agreed, 2 personal interests see item 2.) Carried

**7. Fencing of the play area-** Cllr Jenkins would like to investigate quotes for closing off the play area from the back of the tennis courts to the railway fence. This will then make it illegal for dogs to be in the Play Area. **All agreed** for Cllr Jenkins to go away a acquire quotes.

**8. Fastershire/ Gigaclear-** The Clerk has contacted Fastershire regarding the state of the verges, but no response has been received yet.

**9. Finance committee –** A) The finance committee would like to recommend to Full Council that the halfpipe is removed and replaced with the equipment from the half-moon. This will then give the Council time to apply for funding (if they wanted to) to help purchase a new piece of equipment. After a lengthy discussion, Cllr Marsh proposed this, Cllr Beard 2<sup>nd</sup> it, 5 for 1 against, resolution carried.

B) The Finance committee would like to recommend to Full Council the reserves plan/Policy-( Re: Internal Auditors comments) After a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Cllr Jenkins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr Marsh 5 for 1 against, resolution carried.

**10.Planning Application** received since last planning meeting- S.21/0763/FUL- Unit **1A Great western Road-** Erection of Storage Unit- After a short discussion Cllr Jenkins proposed the council support the application, Cllr Birnie 2<sup>nd</sup> this. All in favour, carried.

**11. Matters Pending-** Councillors noted the matters pending list. Cllr Jenkins asked if the half pipe working group can be disbanded as nothing has taken off yet, Cllr Marsh proposed that this item is taken off Cllr Varnam 2<sup>nd</sup> this. **All agreed**, carried.

**12. Park Report –**

12.1 Cllrs noted the park report.

12.2 Clerk mentioned the new seat for the toddler picnic table had arrived, and the frog bin is still in her garden. No other issues to report.

**13. Chairs Report-** The Chair gave a brief report on the year and hoped it would improve and he hopes face to face meetings will take place soon. He thanked the Clerk for all her work in and out of her hours and looks forward to working with new members as well as old.

**14.Clerk’s report-** The Clerks written report was noted. Clerk mentioned that when covid restrictions are lifted, the recreation field can be hired out to have car boot sales on there. Clerk also mentioned that Cllr Freeman is not standing again but we do have a new member.

**15.Cllr Reports – Cllr Marsh** will be attending what was called the PCCM meeting tomorrow night. **Cllr Varnam** mentioned she has a meeting tomorrow with a representative from CRT to discuss the parking and Toilet issues at Purton. **Cllr Birnie** asked if the contractors could cut the VH grass, Clerk mentioned this has been discussed on numerous occasions, and that it is highways land and was on the list to cut, but someone beat them to it., Also, had the Clerk contacted

Gigaclerar for a copy of the ground survey report, Clerk replies yes, but no response to date. In addition, Cllr Birnie asked if his item regarding the grass verge on the by-pass could be placed on agenda, the clerk responded saying she had already sent a reply to him over this. Cllr Varnam mentioned that GCC may be of some help with encouraging wild grasses etc growing. Finally, Cllr Birnie said that you can get a portaloo for £23.00 a week, Clerk informed him that it is not an agenda item, and she had already responded to his query on this matter.

**Cllr Davey** mentioned that the Brookend defib battery is low and should he report it yet, Clerk advised him to do it when he could. **Cllr Beard** mentioned that the parts for the wind turbine have still not arrived, Cllr Marsh asked when people can apply for funding, Cllr Beard was unsure as the turbine has not been working.

**16. Date of next meeting** Annual Parish Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 remotely via Zoom or outside TBC. APM 27<sup>th</sup> May 7-8pm. (Clerk & Chair, others can attend if they would like to) Please note, Cllrs retire on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May until the next Full Council meeting.

With there being no other business, the meeting closed.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm