

MINUTES

HUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT HUNTLEY VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 5th DECEMBER 2023 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Councillors: J. Green (Chair), I. Walker, J. Croxall, M. Evans, T. Hill, R. Watkins & A. Wood.

Present: Mr L Williams (Clerk), County Cllr. Phil Robinson (PR), District Cllr. John Francis (JF) 2 members of the public (MoP). The meeting started at 7.30pm.

1. **MEMBERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA – None.**
2. **APOLOGIES – None.**
3. **Members of the public, District and County councillors will be invited to address the council at this time.**
 - (i) JF provided a verbal report on FoDDC matters: **1.** After a thorough review it appears that many Publica run services and functions will return to FoDDC control; **2.** JF mentioned the upcoming Biospheres Briefing. The zones may serve to protect the Statutory Forest with a tendency to push development to the fringes.
 - (ii) PR provided a verbal report on GCC matters: **1.** £4.2m Dept for Transport funding under BSIP+ will be received to improve bus services, seeking to increase use, with emphasis on evening/weekend services. The Robin service will see an additional vehicle and with extend to North of the A40; **2.** The scrapping of HS2 will see £88m over 10 years to tackle potholes; **3.** The FixMyStreet system for reporting road, path and sign defects is working well; **4.** News today, the landslip on the A40 at Hopeswood Park is likely to see temporary traffic lights there for some time; **5.** GCC budget being formulated. Clear that the £19m income in 2023 from the Javelin Park incinerator is vital.
 - (iii) Cllr. Green had been contacted earlier by a MoP complaining about LGVs delivering to the Poplars Grove development site, one of which has hit a BT pole.
4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Members resolved** that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 7th November 2023 form an accurate record of the events and they were signed by the chairman. Re. item 11, Cllr. Evans pointed out that parking issues are not restricted to overnight use.
5. **CLERK'S REPORT – Members accepted** the contents of the report at Appendix A.
6. **ACTION LOG – Members accepted** the Action Log which was discussed with explanations. Key new points re: **1.** A40 Speed Signs, encouraging contact from NH, meeting to follow soon; **9.** Quad bike prohibition sign has arrived; **14 & 16.** D Day anniversary and Ecological Projects, sums allocated in 2024/25 budget.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- A. Received** – P1409/23/FUL Land adjoining Poplars Cottage, Tibberton Lane, Huntley. Variation of Condition 01 (Approved Plans) of permission P0197/23/APP for addition of footpath to plots 1 and 2, alteration of elevations of plots 10 and 11, and removal of a retaining wall. After discussion there were **no objections**.
- B. Dealt with Between Meetings** – None.
- C. Decided Since Last Meeting** – **(i)** P1033/23/FUL Blaisdon Meadow Caravan and Camping Park, Little London, GL17 0AL. Replacing a 3,770 x 11,000mm caravan used for storage, shop and communal kitchen by a 6,100 x 12,200mm caravan for reception, office and manager’s accommodation. **Refused** on 13th November 2023.
- (ii)** P0961/23/FUL, 8 Lambourne Avenue, Huntley, GL19 3HW. Erection of a single storey extension with associated work. **Consent granted** on 6th November 2023. Both decisions were **noted**.
- D. Withdrawn Since Last Meeting** – None.
- E. Appeals** – None.
- F. Enforcement Issues** – No updates forthcoming.

8. FINANCE -

- A. Members accepted** the parish account balances, **authorised** payments and noted payments and receipts as detailed including additional matters as explained.

(a)	Statement of Accounts as at 30 th November 2023		
	Deposit Account	£	23,214.03
	Treasurers Account	£	750.00
	Defibrillator Account	£	1,113.95
	Play Area Ringfenced Funds Account	£	14,615.36
(b)	Grant Applications - Section 137 of Local Government Act 1972		None
(c)	Adverse variance to budget (>£10)		No Report
(d)	To note payment made between meetings		
(e)	BACS Payments for Approval		
	REL Williams Expenses	£	33.74
	Clerk’s Wages (Net)	£	729.65
	HMRC Re Above	£	175.89
	Mrs E A Tustin (NDP Printing)	£	137.66
	Huntley Cricket Club (Room hire)	£	TBC
	Huntley Village Hall (Room hire)	£	20.00
	AM Groundcare Ltd (Dog Bins x 4+3)	£	140.00
	AM Groundcare Ltd (Grass Cutting, November additional)	£	360.50
	SSP Direct (Quadbike prohibition signs & fixings)	£	52.38
(f)	Payments made between meetings		Nil
(g)	Income Received – Since 3rd October 2023		
09/11	Bank Interest	£	44.33

- B. AUDIT** – It was resolved to appoint Iain A. Selkirk as Independent Internal auditor for 2023/24 at a fee of £120.
- 9. WASTE BIN** – It was resolved to buy a new waste bin to replace the unit next to the westbound bus stop on Main Road.
- 10. ECOLOGICAL PROJECTS** – After discussions the following **Actions** were agreed: **(i)** Clerk to invite Laura Ashton-Phillips to provide advice to the council regarding how to select and prepare sites for wild-flower planting and what to plant; **(ii)** Cllr. Wood to order bird boxes from the person who volunteered to make them.
- 11. VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK SIGNS** – This matter will appear on a future agenda.
- 12. BUS STOP** – After discussions it was agreed that the experience for westbound passengers using the bus stop opposite Hillview on the A4136 was unacceptable. **Action:** Cllr. Walker will make suitable enquiries about potential improvements.
- 13. HUNTLEY HEADLINES** – Items for inclusion in the December edition: **(i)** Poppy Initiative for 2024; **(ii)** FixMyStreet; **(iii)** Extra funding to tackle potholes; **(iv)** Village Hall events; **(v)** Carol services; **(vi)** Ecological projects.
- 14. RECREATION GROUND REQUESTS** – **(i)** It was resolved that a specific request to conduct metal detecting on The Recreation Ground would be granted. No such activity will be allowed on or very close to the football pitch. **(ii)** It was agreed that a memorial bench to honour the memory of the late Lynne Male may be situated somewhere in The Recreation Ground or Play Area. **Action:** Cllr. Evans to liaise with the applicant.
- 15. ITEMS FOR NEXT OR FUTURE MEETINGS** – No new matters were raised.
- 16. MEETINGS / TRAINING / SEMINARS** – The Deputy PCC has shared links to two forthcoming seminars on personal safety for elected members. Noted. **(ii)** FoDDC have shared details of a Biosphere member briefing being held on Wednesday 6th December at 6pm in the Council Chambers to which all members are welcome. District Cllr. Francis will attend and report back.
- 17. CORRESPONDENCE** – **(i)** The latest Charity Commission online newsletter has been shared with Huntley Recreation Ground trustees. Noted. **(ii)** FVAF's most recent newsletter was shared with members as well as an invitation to their AGM, 11am to 2pm on Monday 11th December 2023 at Forest Community Space, Dockham Road, Cinderford, GL14 2AN. Noted. **(iii)** A MoP has suggested that the Friday Craft Group at The Red Lion could make poppies to decorate the village for Remembrance Day next year. **Action:** For inclusion in Huntley Headlines. **(iv)** Gloucestershire Health & Care NHS Foundation Trust invite members to a site visit at the new community hospital in Cinderford at one four sessions on two dates in December. Noted. Cllr. Walker will attempt to attend in January. **(v)** A parishioner contacted the clerk to enquire whether HPC would consider selling land which abuts their boundary in Byfords Road. The information was

shared with members but there was insufficient interest to justify an agenda item. Noted. For possible inclusion on a future agenda.

(vi) A councillor has received a complaint about a footpath at the 'new' dwelling at The Fairways. It is believed the path was approved in 2019 and the matter is being followed up by Cllr. Walker. It was agreed that no further action is needed.

(vii) A councillor has received notification of a large tent having been erected in woodland near Blaisdon Meadows. Investigations will start shortly.

(viii) A councillor has received a report regarding Public Footpath 17, near Yew Tree Farm having been obstructed by builders. This has been reported to the PRow Officer. This appears to be a lawful diversion as posted on the notice board.

18. NEXT MEETING – Confirmed as 7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd January 2023 at Huntley Village Hall.

Before the meeting concluded, Cllr. Green read the latest update from the NDP Steering Group.

The meeting ended at 8.58pm.

Signed:

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