

MINUTES

HUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
HUNTLEY VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 6th JUNE 2023 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Councillors: Mrs J. Green (Chairman), Mrs J. Croxall, M. Evans
T. Hill & R. Watkins.

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

1. **MEMBERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA** – Item 9(e) Cllr. Watkins, recipient of BACS payment. Book signed.
2. **APOLOGIES** – Received and accepted from Cllr. Walker and Cllr. Wood. District Councillor D. Tradgett also extended his apologies.
3. **Members of the public, District and County councillors will be invited to address the council at this time.** (i) PR delivered a verbal report, in summary: 1. GCC awarded an additional £4m for highways upkeep. 39,000 potholes have been repaired since April 2022. Please report matters using the interactive map on the GCC website; 2. The new Community Speedwatch initiative is showing signs of early success; 3. 130,000 trees have been planted this season under the GCC schemes. 4. The Councillor Build Back Better fund has been granted an extra £3,000 specifically for youth projects.

(ii) JF introduced himself to the group and advised he is now a member of the Planning and Development committees. He was motivated to stand to provide more engagement than was previously displayed. FoDDC has a Green Party leader, the cabinet and committees have now been formed. Independents form the second largest group with 7 members.

(iii) MoPs raised concerns regarding the planning enforcement matter, agenda item 7F. There were concerns about road safety, the process of the investigation and poor communication from the department. One MoP expressed dismay at the potential loss of parking spaces outside the Village Hall, agenda item 11 refers.
4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – Members **resolved** that the minutes of meetings held on 9th May 2023 form an accurate record of the events and they were signed by the chairman.
5. **CLERK'S REPORT** – Members accepted the contents of the report at Appendix A. The clerk provided extra details about matters 1, 3 and 5.
6. **ACTION LOG** – Members accepted the Action Log which was discussed with explanations.

7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS A. Received – (i)** P0522/23/LD1 Pool Cottage, Main Road, Huntley, GL19 3SE. Application under Section 191 to establish whether the use of land as residential curtilage is lawful. This matter had been extensively researched by Cllr. Walker who had provided a report which was read by Cllr. Green. After debate members decided by a majority to **object** to the application on the grounds contained within the report.
- (ii) P0528/23/FUL 15 Newent Lane, Huntley, GL19 3SE. Installation of a new dropped kerb for vehicle access. It was accepted that the dropped kerb would assist with parking to the side of the dwelling in harmony with the NDP Design Code and there were no **objections**.
- B. **Dealt with Between Meetings** – None.
- C. **Decided Since Last Meeting** – None.
- D. **Withdrawn Since Last Meeting** – None.
- E. **Appeals** – None.
- F. **Enforcement Issues** – EN0046/20 Pool House, Main Road, Huntley. Case closed as **“not expedient to pursue.” Action:** members noted the decision but requested the clerk to write to FoDDC Planning Enforcement to make representations about the decision.
8. **Neighbourhood Development Plan** – No report tendered.
9. **Finance** - Members **received** the parish account balances and authorised payments as detailed.

(a)	Statement of Accounts as at 1st June 2023		
	Deposit Account	£	26,259.27
	Treasurers Account	£	750.00
	Defibrillator Account	£	1,108.38
	Play Area Ringfenced Funds Account	£	14,542.28
(b)	Grant Applications - Section 137 of Local Government Act 1972		None
(c)	Adverse variance to budget (>£10)		No Report
(d)	To ratify payment made between meetings		None
(e)	BACS Payments for Approval		
	Mrs L Tustin (NDP Printing)	£	327.49
	BHIB (Parish Insurance Renewal)	£	718.34
	RC Watkins (Bus Shelters etc 3/4, 4/4 & 1/4 Less T/Off	£	560.00
	REL Williams Expenses	£	3.60
	Clerk's Wages (Gross)	£	577.45
	HMRC Re Above (To Be Deducted)	£	TBA
	Huntley Village Hall (May 2023)	£	40.00
	AM Groundcare Ltd (Dog Bins x 4)	£	80.00
	AM Groundcare Ltd (Grass Cutting, May 2023)	£	873.60
	Greenfields Gardening Survey (Tree Surgery)	£	3,042.00
	Greenfields Gardening Survey (Additional Tree Surgery)		240.00
(f)	Income Received – Since 9th May 2023	£	
	Bank Interest	£	21.59

10. **PLAY AREA** – The inspection report was accepted. After discussion it was resolved that the following issues should be addressed without delay: **(i)** MUGA nets to be replaced; **(ii)** Decaying timbers on Multiplay unit to be replaced; **(iii)** Decaying timbers on Mixed Swing to be replaced. **Action:** Cllr. Hill will contact installing contractor to establish costs and availability.
11. **VILLAGE HALL ACCESS** – No progress has been made. **Action:** Cllr. Evans will contact the project contractor to arrange.
12. **GRASS CUTTING** – The clerk explained that complaints had been received earlier in the cutting season covering several locations including the allotments. Cllr. Wood had taken photographs but had not shared those with members. The clerk had called the contractor who had been responsive, and no matters had been raised since the most recent cut. The challenging conditions early in the season were mentioned. **Action:** The clerk was asked to write to the contractor requesting the highest standards be maintained.
13. **PARISH NEWSLETTER** – Cllr. Croxall proposed that a simple newsletter be produced with a relatively small print run to begin, with copies being left at four or five commercial outlets. After discussion this was **agreed**. **Actions:** Cllr. Croxall will produce a pilot edition, the clerk will print 100 units using parish resources.
14. **QUAD BIKES** – The meeting heard that after a hiatus there had been further reports of one or more quad bikes being ridden on The Recreation Ground and footways. The clerk clarified the legal position and a witness advised that police had mentioned the lack of signs advising of the prohibition of use of the vehicles. It was **resolved** that signs should be obtained and erected.
15. **JUBILEE TREES** – Cllr. Hill cautioned that tree planting season had now passed but that one of the Jubilee oaks was looking stronger and could go out in autumn. The possibility of planting fruit trees at the A40 end of The Allotments was suggested. **Action:** Cllr. Hill will contact the GCC tree planting team to establish if fruit trees could be obtained.
16. **ITEMS FOR NEXT OR FUTURE MEETINGS** – **(i)** Standing Orders; **(ii)** Community Speedwatch.
17. **MEETINGS / TRAINING / SEMINARS** – **(i)** As previously.
18. **CORRESPONDENCE** – **(i)** Two further reports have been received regarding the anti-social use of quad bikes on The Recreation Ground and footways. See Agenda item 14. **(ii)** Several complaints have been received regarding grass cutting in the parish. See Agenda item 12.
19. **NEXT MEETING** – The clerk explained the need for an Additional Ordinary Meeting. Agreed as 7.30pm on Monday 19th June 2023 at Huntley Village Hall. The meeting ended at 9.13pm.

Signed:

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