

# MINUTES

## HUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT HUNTLEY VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022 at 7.30pm

**Attendees:** Councillors: Mrs J. Green (Chairman), Mrs I. Walker, J. Albrighton, R. Barwell, T. Hill, I. Richards & R. Watkins.

**Present:** Mr L Williams (Clerk), County Cllr. Phil Robinson (PR) and up to six member 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.** No District councillors were present.

One MoP representing The Mayhill Society outlined funding commitments secured and anticipated and indicated that a contribution of £300 was being sought from Huntley PC.

Another MoP expressed concerns over the long-term future of the stocks if their removal is delayed by two years. They went on to report overhanging brambles by the footpath from North Road to Sunset Place, believed to be part of a garden hedge. **Action:** Clerk will follow up asap.

PR reported that, following serious levels of service delivery failure in July and August he had reported Stagecoach West to the Traffic Commissioner. The operator has returned 13 contracts around the county, 6 in FoD district. The demand responsive operation is up and running and does cover Huntley. There is no firm data yet, but early feedback is positive.

Whilst the Severnside nuclear fusion bid failed at short list stage, the sites are now being looked at by Rolls Royce in respect of their small modular reactor plans.

1,285 Ukrainian refugees are currently domiciled in the county, 214 in FoD. 378 Ukrainian children are on county school rolls.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING –** Members **resolved** that the minutes of meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 form an accurate record of the events. They were signed by the chairman.
5. **CLERK'S REPORT –** Members accepted the contents of the report at Appendix A having noted the correction to expenses.
6. **ACTION LOG –** Members resolved to accept the Action Log which was discussed. The clerk pointed out that Item 3 should read 'Closed.' Updates: 4. No progress between Gloucestershire Constabulary and National Highways; 7. Volunteers have all items, awaiting better weather; 8. No interest,

item closed; 9. Phil Matthews has spoken to Cllr. Green and Cllr. Richards, prices awaited to repair or replace the affected timbers; 10. Contact made with local stone mason; 11. Survey awaited; 12. Ongoing.

7. **HIGHWAYS MATTERS** – The clerk advised members that GCC Highways consider the footpath between Newton Close and Orchard Way to be in an acceptable condition and have closed the case.

8. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

A. **Received** – None.

B. **Dealt with Between Meetings** – None.

C. **Decided Since Last Meeting** – (i) P1326/22/TPO Parklands Estate, Oak Way, Huntley. Reduce the height of lime trees T6 & T7 of G41 TPO 172, by approx. 5 to 6 metres by cutting back to previous pollarding points. Repeat pollarding of both trees by cutting back to previous pollarding points on a three-year cycle. **Granted Permission** on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

(ii) P0875/22/FUL Land adjacent to The Laurels, Main Road, Huntley. Redevelopment of existing Class B8 site, erection of one dwelling (existing commercial buildings to be demolished). Improvement to existing vehicular access. **Granted Permission** on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Cllr. Walker pointed out that the improved vehicular access was in response to comments from HPC.

(iii) P1235/21/FUL Apple Barn, Hinders Lane, Huntley, GL19 3EZ. Conversion of an agricultural building into a dwelling house with single storey extension, a new detached double garage, the laying of hardstanding to provide vehicular access/parking and a change of use of land to residential curtilage. The erection of an agricultural barn. **Granted Permission** on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

D. **Appeals** – None.

E. **Enforcement Issues** – No updates.

9. **Cross Parish Group** – No recent activity.

10. **Neighbourhood Development Plan** – (i) Members **accepted** the latest report from the NDP Steering Group, Appendix B.

(ii) Members **unanimously approved** the Huntley Neighbourhood Plan and all supporting documents.

11. **Finance**

A. Members **received** the parish account balances and authorised payments as detailed including an additional invoice from Enfusion Ltd for NDP consultancy services.

(a)	<b>Statement of Accounts as at 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022</b>		
	Deposit Account	£	48,696.78
	Treasurers Account	£	750.00

	Defibrillator Account	£	1,105.25
	Play Area Ringfenced Funds Account	£	13,502.96
<b>(b)</b>	<b>Grant Applications - Section 137 of Local Government Act 1972</b>		None
<b>(c)</b>	<b>Adverse variance to budget (&gt;£10)</b>		No Report
<b>(d)</b>	<b>To ratify payment made between meetings</b>		None
<b>(e)</b>	<b>BACS Payments for Approval</b>		
	Clerk's Expenses (As detailed in Clerk's Report)	£	7.85
	Clerk's Wages (Net, inc. £287.00 Back Pay)	£	696.85
	HMRC Re Above	£	167.00
	Matthews Landscapes Ltd (VH Car Park Project)	£	34,296.00
	P Reeves Complete Garden Services (Hedge Cutting)	£	1,200.00
	AM Groundcare Ltd (Grass Cutting, Weed Killing)	£	840.00
	Huntley Village Hall (November Hire)	£	18.00
	Signs of Cheshire Ltd (Balance re Noticeboards)	£	1,026.00
	Enfusion Ltd (NDP Consultancy)	£	1,440.00
<b>(f)</b>	<b>Income Received – Since 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022</b>	£	
	Two Rivers Housing (Grass Cutting Contribution)	£	240.00
	Bank Interest	£	6.79

**B. MAY HILL SOCIETY FUNDING REQUEST** – After discussion it was agreed that, owing to heavier than anticipated recent expenditure, it was not appropriate to award funding at this time.

**12. ITEMS FOR NEXT OR FUTURE MEETINGS** – To consider adopting an updated version of Standing Orders.

**13. INFORMATION SHARE, NO DECISIONS REQUIRED** – Cllr. Walker voiced concerns about a road closure notice for Grange Court Lane from Gigaclear that had been issued by Herefordshire County Council.

**14. MEETINGS / TRAINING / SEMINARS** – (i) It was noted that GAPTC are now running both face to face and virtual training events.

(ii) The cost of living briefing/sustainable community food events and carol concert at Cinderford invitations were noted.

**15. CORRESPONDENCE** – (i) Forest Voluntary Action Forum's latest news bulletin was noted; (ii) GAPTC's notification of subscription rates was noted.

**16. NEXT MEETING** – Confirmed as 7.30pm on Tuesday 3rd January 2023 at Huntley Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.21pm.

Signed:

Date: