

MINUTES

HUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT HUNTLEY VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 7th MARCH 2023 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Councillors: Mrs J. Green (Chairman), Mrs I. Walker, I. Richards & R. Watkins.

Present: Mr L Williams (Clerk), County Cllr. Phil Robinson (PR) and four members of the public (MoP). The meeting started at 7.30pm.

1. **MEMBERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA** – Item 18 affects Cllr. Watkins.
2. **APOLOGIES** – Received and accepted from Cllrs. Barwell, T. Hill and J. Albrighton.
3. **Members of the public, District and County councillors will be invited to address the council at this time.** One MoP had contacted the chairman by email regarding planning application P0197/23/APP. The email was read out. There were no other representations made.

PR provided a detailed verbal report on GCC matters, particularly pertaining to the agreed budget and related matters.

No District Councillor was present. Last seen in September 2021.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – Members **resolved** that the minutes of meeting held on 7th February 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.
6. **ACTION LOG** – Members accepted the Action Log which was discussed.
7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
 - A. **Received** – (i) P0138/23/FUL 91 Oak Way, Huntley. Proposed front single storey extension and porch. There were **no objections**.

(ii) P0197/23/APP Land adjoining Poplars Cottage, Tibberton Lane, Huntley. Approval of reserved matters (Access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) of outline permission P0946/20/OUT for the erection of up to 11 dwellings with associated works. After discussions, members agreed to **Object** to the application on various grounds including but not restricted to: (i) Previous objection, unresolved visibility issues; (ii) Choice of unsuitable materials which are out of keeping with the local area; (iii) The type of housing proposed fails to meet that identified by NDP Housing Needs Survey; (iv) Location is outside village settlement boundary; (v) Allocations already met

under current Local Plan; (vi) Insufficient visitor parking provision; (vii) No evidence of electric vehicle charging points; (viii) No consideration given to landscape maintenance.

(iii) P0142/23/PIP Land at Solomon’s Tump, Huntley. Permission in principle for the erection of two dwellings. After discussions, members agreed to **Object** to the application on various grounds including but not restricted to: (i) Application dismisses weight apportioned to NDP; (ii) Location is outside village settlement boundary; (iii) Concerns about access; (iv) Allocations already met under current Local Plan.

B. Dealt with Between Meetings – None.

C. Decided Since Last Meeting – None.

D. Withdrawn Since Last Meeting – (i) P0107/23/PIP Land to the rear of Beechwood & Meadow View, Main Road, Huntley. Permission in principle for the erection of up to 3 dwellings. Application withdrawn, 23rd February 2023.

(ii) P1550/22/LD1 Pool Cottage, Main Road, Huntley. Application under Section 191 to establish whether the use of land as residential curtilage is lawful. Application withdrawn, 23rd February 2023.

E. Appeals – None.

F. Enforcement Issues – No updates.

8. Neighbourhood Development Plan - Members accepted the latest report from the NDP Steering Group, Appendix B.

9. Finance

A. Members **received** the parish account balances and authorised payments as detailed.

(a)	Statement of Accounts as at 2nd March 2023		
	Deposit Account	£	17,099.22
	Treasurers Account	£	750.00
	Defibrillator Account	£	1,106.53
	Play Area Ringfenced Funds Account	£	13,518.71
(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		
	Clerk’s Wages (Gross)	£	467.25
	HMRC Re Above (To Be Deducted)	£	110.20
	Huntley Village Hall (Feb 2023)	£	20.00
	AM Groundcare Ltd (Dog Bins x 8)	£	160.00
(f)	Income Received – Since 7th February 2023	£	
	Bank Interest	£	13.25
	HMRC VAT Refund	£	6,794.11

B. Audit - Members agreed to appoint Iain A. Selkirk as the independent internal auditor for the financial year 2022/23.

10. **WAR MEMORIAL** – The clerk reminded members of the challenges faced in obtaining a sensible price for the restoration of Huntley War Memorial before the quote from Cian Elliott was discussed. Members **resolved** to accept the quote subject to clearance from FoDDC Planning. **Actions:** Clerk to liaise with FoDDC Planning before instructing the works to commence and applying to War Memorials Commission for grant funding.
11. **GRASS CUTTING** – (i) After a discussion it was **agreed** the price uplift for 2023 will be 4%.
(ii) It was **agreed** that the contractor be requested to carry out first cuts in March this year if prevailing conditions suggest that to be desirable.
12. **HEDGE CUTTING** – It was noted that the most recent hedge cutting had been extremely good and **resolved** to activate the contract extension with the current contractor for one more year. A decision on price uplift will be made in September 2023.
13. **PLAY AREA** – It was **agreed** to instruct RoSPA Playsafety Ltd to carry out the annual inspection of the play area at a base price of £75 + VAT.
14. **ITEMS FOR NEXT OR FUTURE MEETINGS** – (i) Ownership of Huntley Village Hall car park; (ii) Hatch markings on access area to Village Hall; (iii) Extend an invitation to Deputy Police Crime Commissioner and Police representative to discuss progress on Vehicle Activated Signs.
15. **MEETINGS / TRAINING / SEMINARS** – (i) GAPTC are running both face to face and virtual training events. Please liaise with the clerk for details. (ii) Councillor networking (on-line) on 22nd March 6 to 7pm will focus on climate action. (iii) Self-guided on-line training on the updated Code of Conduct is available at £14 per delegate. **All noted.**
16. **CORRESPONDENCE** – (i) FoDDC advise that all district, city and borough councils have united for collective action to deliver Net Zero Transport. **Noted.**
17. **NEXT MEETING** – Confirmed as 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th April 2023 at Huntley Village Hall.

This part of the meeting ended at 8.25pm.
18. **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM, BUS SHELTER CLEANSING** - Cllr. Watkins was not required to leave but was not permitted to vote. After discussions it was agreed that the public would be invited to tender for the task of cleaning the bus shelter areas on Main Road, Huntley along with pavement sweeping in that vicinity.

The meeting ended at 8.43pm.

Signed:

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