

HUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT HUNTLEY VILLAGE HALL - TUESDAY 5TH JUNE 2018 at 1935 hrs

Attendees: Councillors Cllrs. A S Wood (Chairman), D Greaves, J Rebbeck (arrived late) I Richards, RC Watkins (arrived 19.05)

Present: No members of the public, Cllr. Brian Robinson (County Cllr.), Cllr. Brian Jones (District Cllr.), Miss A Jones (Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr. Mrs Green (family commitments)
2. **MEMBERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA** - None

Members of the public, District and County councillors will be invited to address the council at this time
Cllr. Jones had no update for the council.

Cllr. Robinson advised the following highways related matters:

- £150m highways budget over 4 years was starting to take effect:
 - Plump Hill works almost completed
 - Stenders due to be done soon
 - A48 works due to start the following week (near Westbury and Minsterworth with night time closures)
- Some footpaths within Huntley were due to be repaired
- Road Safety issues on Newent Lane could still be looked at and he asked for the Clerk to provide details of the activity in this regard to date.

Cllr. Rebbeck arrived at 19.40 hrs

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETINGS ON 1ST MAY 2018 (including the APM).**
It was resolved that the minutes of both the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the parish council (incorporating the Ordinary meeting of the council) were an accurate record of the meetings on 1st May, and they were duly signed by the Chairman.
4. **CO-OPTION** – It was noted that the person who was interested in becoming a councillor, had yet to receive the confirmation of being on the electoral register from the District Council.

CARRY FORWARD

5. (a) **PLANNING APPLICATIONS (received)**
 1. P0496/18/FUL Barn Field, Grange Court Lane, Huntley
Erection of two storey extension with internal alterations, changes to fenestration and installation of additional roof window. Demolition of existing porch and single storey garden room extension.
It was resolved that the parish council raise no objection.
 2. P0605/18/FUL Grain Store, Woodend Farm, Ross Road, Huntley
Conversion of agricultural building to residential dwelling and change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage. (Part retrospective)
It was resolved that the parish council raise no objection.
- (b) **PLANNING APPLICATIONS (decisions)**
P0345/18/TPO Huntley Manor, Newent Lane, Huntley
Fell x 1 Lawson Cypress tree in A6 of TPO68 at Huntley Manor **Permission Granted**
- (c) **OTHER PLANNING MATTERS**
 - DFTPO233 Land adjacent to The Poplars, Huntley
Confirmation that the TPO has been confirmed with modifications.
The TPO refers to 5 individual Oak trees and two groups of trees containing 19 Oak and mixed woodland respectively. **Noted by the council**

(j) **Returned Cheque**

Council noted that the Information Commissioner's Office has returned the registration renewal cheque (number 1439) as the renewal was requested early by them, in error.

It was noted that the balances detailed in the agenda did not include the income and that this would be correctly reflected in the July Agenda

7. NEW ITEMS

(a) **RECREATION GROUND / PLAY AREA**

- Council considered the safety report that had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that Phil Matthews (contractor) had previously advised that refilling the shrinkage gaps wouldn't work because it comes back out again, and that it may be necessary to cut it back further in order to achieve a temporary repair. **It was resolved** that the Clerk would provide Phil Matthews with a list of the actions recommended in the report and ask for a quote to undertake the work for consideration at the July meeting. **It was resolved** that the Clerk would (again) provide the details relating to the goal posts to Huntley FC, and that she would copy in the other football teams for due diligence purposes.
- Council considered the use of football ground by Huntley FC, Ruardean FC and Highnam FC. **It was resolved** that charges for Ruardean and Highnam would remain at the rate of £16.00 per match and that Huntley would continue to have free of charge use of the ground.

CARRY FORWARD – Agreements for the use of the football pitch.

- Council considered whether to meet with grass cutting contractor to discuss possible remedial actions for the football ground but agreed that since the weather had dried up, the ground was fine. It was agreed that the waterlogging was primarily due to the excessive rainfall that had been experienced in recent years.
- Council were due to review use of ground for parking by the Cricket Club on 3rd June but this usage had not occurred so no further discussion was necessary.

(b) **HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

- Council considered whether there were any new / urgent matters that need to be reported including concerns raised by a resident regarding lack of grass cutting Newent Lane. It was noted that the grass had now been cut and that there were no additional issues at this time.
- Community Speedwatch – council considered information provided by PCSO Joshua Griffiths and discussed whether to proceed. The key matter was the need for at least 6 volunteers to be trained and at least three to be present whenever the speed gun was in use. **It was resolved** that Cllr. Rebbeck would put the details on the Huntley Hub Facebook page and that the Clerk would advise the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator to see whether sufficient volunteers are available.

CARRY FORWARD – Speed Monitoring

ACTION : Cllr. Robinson to chase up Highways England regarding placement of speed signs.

(c) **STANDING ORDERS** – Council reviewed the amended Standing Orders (after introduction of GDPR) as provided by the Clerk.

Resolution : That the amended standing orders be adopted without alteration

Proposed : Cllr. D Greaves **Seconded :** Cllr. A Wood

Voting : All in favour

(d) **WIFI AVAILABILITY IN PUBLIC PLACES** – Council considered a request from Huntley Village Hall for the parish council to confirm their support of a grant application to help provide wifi within the village hall. It was noted that the grant application had to be made and managed by Forest of Dean District Council and that they had stated that they did not have any resources to do this. Alternative sources of resource were being sought but may not be available. **It was resolved** that the parish council confirm its full support for the grant application.

ACTION : Clerk to provide details to Cllr. Robinson

8. INFORMATION SHARE – NOT REQUIRING DECISION OR SPEND.

Cllr. Watkins advised that the issue of urination in the bus shelter had started to recur.

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT OR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Public Access Defibrillator (second machine)
- Notice board (new) – installation
- Doggie bins – relocation / siting of existing / new bins

10. TRAINING, MEETINGS AND SEMINARS

Wednesday 6th June – Gloucestershire Charter – Chartered parishes Group Meeting at GL3 Community Hub from 7pm

11. NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 3rd July 2018

12. CORRESPONDENCE (GENERAL)

(a) FoDDC

- Press release – District Council to phase out pest control service – Cllr. Robinson advised that this decision was currently under review. The decision had been made to withdraw the service when the staff member responsible for it left the council (rather than recruit to the vacancy)
- Press release – Applications invited for Community Grants – closing dates for applications is 27th July 2018. This information had been forwarded to councillors and it was noted that the cricket club intended to apply.
- Press release – Full council meeting to be streamed live on the web
- Press release – closure of Valley Road recycling bank in Cinderford due to fly-tipping.

(b) Gloucestershire County Council

- Street Lighting Improvement Works – schedule for remaining LED conversions.
- Information relating to the new housing with care initiative.

(c) FoD & Gloucester & District CAB – advice that the two organizations will be merging from 1st October 2018

(d) Seafarers UK – request for the parish council to display a Red Ensign on Merchant Navy Day (3rd September) to raise public awareness of the nation's reliance on seafarers and shipping.

13. CORRESPONDENCE (REPORTS AND CONSULTATIONS)

(a) Gloucestershire care services NHS Trust – Location of new community hospital in the Forest of Dean – public engagement from 21st May – 30th June – various locations and information available online

(b) Gloucestershire County Council – Gloucestershire Minerals local Plan – publication – available online from 31/5/18 to 13/7/18

(c) Forest of Dean DC – Consultation – Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Principles (policy) running from 21st May until 10th August 2018.

Miscellaneous correspondence not specifically relevant to Huntley parish council, but that may have been of interest to the public, was available to view at the meeting but is not detailed on this agenda

Meeting ended at 20.50 hrs

Certified as an accurate record of the proceedings of the open meeting of Huntley Parish Council on 5th June 2018.

Signed:
Chairman.

Date: