

## HUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT HUNTLEY VILLAGE HALL -  
TUESDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2019 at 1930 hrs

Attendees: Cllrs. Alan Wood (Chair), R Barwell, Mrs J Green, I Richards, Mrs I Walker, RC Watkins

Present: 8 residents, Cllr. Brian Robinson, Cllr. Brian Jones, Mr L Williams (Clerk)

Immediately prior to the meeting the Chairman made a presentation to the previous Clerk, Miss Annabelle Jones, and thanked her for her many years of service. He started the meeting by introducing the new Clerk, Leo Williams.

1. **MEMBERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA** - Nothing to disclose
2. **APOLOGIES** – None

Members of the public, District and County councillors were invited to address the council at this time

Cllr. Brian Jones advised that the site for the proposed new hospital had been agreed as land close to the Colliers Field playing fields near Valley Road, Cinderford.

Cllr. Brian Robinson made several points.

Gloucestershire County Council – Nothing to report

Forest of Dean District Council – FoDDC have a new way of dealing with matters relating to newts using a private company that has mapped the UK and can accurately predict the likely presence of newts in any location. Developers can pay for newt colonies to be rehomed. This will run alongside existing arrangements.

Local Plans are due to be refreshed following initial consultations in early October. It was likely that the development of a new garden village would be explored providing 3 to 4,000 homes and other facilities on a greenfield site. Connectivity would dictate potential locations and proximity to the A40/A48 had to be a factor. He recommended the Council looks towards Neighbourhood Development Plans to prepare for any implications. Cllr. Walker expressed her concerns re traffic volumes on the network. Cllr. Robinson advised that a scheme of this size would attract funding for infrastructure improvements and went on to discuss the potential for improved cycling routes and a multi modal transport hub near Highnam as the county moves towards low carbon transport systems.

Some residents then explained that they were likely to be adversely affected by Planning Application P1631/19/FUL.

The owner of The Old Forge, Main Road, Huntley, Glen Franklin, told the Council that he would like to erect a number of dwellings on the site to accommodate some of the 20+ staff who work there. Cllr. Wood advised that this site is outside the settlement boundary but would be classed as a brownfield site. Cllr. Jones suggested that Mr Franklin may be well advised to contact Nigel Gibbons as FoDDC in the first instance.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2019.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM CONFIDENTIAL MEETINGS HELD SINCE 1st OCTOBER 2019.**

It was resolved that all minutes for the October meetings were an accurate record of the proceedings and they were duly signed by the chairman.

4. (a) **PLANNING APPLICATIONS (received)**

P1631/19/FUL 2 Woodend Farm, Broom Hill, Huntley

Erection of extension to existing B8 storage building.

The council heard a list of detailed concerns by residents local the premises. In summary,

- i. The premises are not currently being used as B8 storage as industrial processes are taking place there;
- ii. Those processes are producing dust that appears to be vented outside without significant filtration;
- iii. The SW elevation of the plans included a large roller door but there is no mention of any access road for LGVs. There were concerns that LGVs would be passing within a few feet of a listed building where young children reside;
- iv. Cllr Wood noted there to be nothing in the application regarding access and GCC Highways were not named on the DC8 list for consultation.

**ACTION: Clerk to lodge a formal objection with FoDDC.**

(b) **PLANNING APPLICATIONS (decisions)**

P1453/19/TPO Verge, Oak Way, Huntley – **Matters now resolved.**

(c) **PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH BETWEEN MEETINGS**

P1424/19/FUL The Old Cold Store, Newent Lane, Huntley, GL19 3HG

Erection of a single story extension to garage to provide workshop including any additional works – **The Parish Council raised no objection.**

5. **FINANCE**

(a) Statement of Accounts (after October expenses)

Deposit Account (PAD funds) excluding recent interest	£	1,390.36
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Deposit Account – excluding recent interest	£	52,936.58
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Treasurers Account £ 923.05

- (b) Un-cleared Cheques (at 29/09/2019) - Unable to check – statement not received

Miss A Jones (expenses) cheque not yet banked £ 39.66

Miss A Jones (expenses) cheque not yet banked £ 85.28

- (c) Grant Applications - Section 137 of Local Government Act 1972 - None

- (d) Adverse variance to budget (>£10)

- (e) Cheques for Payment

Huntley Village Hall (room hire October) £ 36.00

Merlin Waste (October doggie bins) £ 45.00

Hags-Smp (Spare parts for the MUGA) £ 76.27

R Bowman (Grass cutting September) £ 848.00

Cllr. J Green pointed out that hire of the Village Hall was £36.00, not £18.00 as per minutes owing to the need for an additional use. All agreed to the alteration.

Resolution : That the above cheques be paid

Proposed : Cllr. I Richards Seconded : Cllr. R Watkins

Voting : All in favour

- (f) Other Expenditure

Clerk's wages – To be confirmed and included on next finance summary

- (g) Income Received - None

- (h) Bank Account / Online payments – Cllr. J. Green advised that the online banking materials had arrived but the previous Clerk could not recall the password. She was doing her best to set this up as soon as possible but it was likely that help from the bank would be needed.

- (i) Budget/Precept – Cllr. Wood invited questions on the first draft budget for 2020/21 and pointed out that the Council requested no increase in precept for the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

## 6. NEW ITEMS

- (a) RECREATION GROUND / PLAY AREA

1. Council to consider any urgent new matters and agree necessary actions including
  - a. Damage to the swing. ACTION – **Cllr. R Watkins to contact Phil Matthews and arrange repair.**
  - b. Dogs damaging trees. Cllr. Barwell advised that complaints had been received stating that people were enticing dogs to jump up and swing from tree branches which was causing damage to the trees. ACTION – **Clerk to post on Huntley Hub requesting information and to contact PCSO.**
2. Council considered updates on previous matters and agree necessary actions
  - a. HAGS spares. Fitting now in hand.
  - b. The abandoned hedge clippings have now been removed from the Recreation Ground.
3. a. Regarding the securing of the Recreation Ground, Cllr Barwell has obtained a padlock for around £35.00 which he will reclaim. The code number will be supplied to emergency service control rooms. ACTION – **Cllr. Hill to advise Richard Bowman of gate code.**

**b. VILLAGE HALL AND VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK**

1. Council considered the possible installation of CCTV. Cllr. Barwell has obtained quotes but these were forwarded too late to discuss today. Cllr. Mrs Walker said that she was still awaiting information from her previous parish as per previous minutes. CARRY FORWARD – **Quotes will be distributed ready for discussion at December meeting.**
2. Council considered the survey relating to the damaged village hall floor but it appeared inconsistent with the price quoted. Cllr. Green pointed out that these were Village Hall committee matters after much discussion.
3. It was agreed that all maintenance/repair issues had been discussed.

**(c) HIGHWAYS / FOOTPATH ISSUES**

1. **a. Double parking on Byfords Road** - After discussion it was agreed that the parking as described did not constitute an offence.
- b. Leyfold Farm Events** - Cllr. Walker advised that she had received a reply indicating that Planning Enforcement were looking into the matter. It appears that Leyfold Farm Events have obtained all relevant licences and all activities are lawful.
2. **Representations re upgrade to street lighting on A40** - Cllr. Wood said that Highways England had notified HPC of the upgrade but there had been no consultation. Cllr. Walker said that HE had stated that the upgrade was safety led but her concern was that enhanced lighting may lead to more speeding offences and even higher speeds. Cllr. Robinson suggested that a letter to our MP about the lack of consultation. He was aware that some of the latest street lamps are capable of being dimmed down to 30% of their potential output. ACTION – **Clerk to email MP, once elected, regarding lack of consultation**

7. **INFORMATION SHARE – NOT REQUIRING DECISION OR SPEND** – Nothing to report
8. **ITEMS FOR NEXT OR FUTURE MEETINGS** - Owing to recent changes these matters will be Carried Forward.
9. **NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December
10. **MEETINGS / TRAINING / SEMINARS** – Clerk will advise at next meeting
11. **CORRESPONDENCE – General** – Nothing to report
12. **CORRESPONDENCE – Consultations / Reports – Council noted, no responses or actions necessary** – Nothing to report
13. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** – 1. The Council heard that complaints had been made regarding bins and recycling boxes being left out on footways all week with resultant hazards. **ACTION – Clerk to post on Huntley Hub.**

2. Cllr. Wood reported that the last month had been extremely demanding and he formally thanked Cllr. Green and her husband, Vic, for all their hard work and support. He thanked the new Clerk for stepping in at very short notice.

Meeting ended at 20.53 hrs

Certified as an accurate record of the proceedings of the open meeting of Huntley Parish Council on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Signed:

Date:

Chairman.