**MINUTES**

**HUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON ZOOM (Pursuant to Section 78 Coronavirus Act 2020) –

TUESDAY 5th JANUARY 2021 at 1930 hrs

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

**Present:** Cllr. Brian Robinson (County & District Councillor) [BR] Arrived during Item 5, Mr L Williams (Clerk), up to seven members of the public. The meeting started at 7.30pm.

1. **MEMBERS’ INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA –** Item 8B(d), Cllr. Wood to receive BACS payment. Book entry made for signature when practicable.
2. **APOLOGIES –** Cllr. R. Watkins. Accepted.
3. **(a)** BR contributed later than programmed when he provided a lot of background information about housing stock, its reliance on fossil fuels, brownfield sites and wildlife mitigation. There were no questions from any members of the public. **(b) PREFERRED OPTION FOR THE LOCAL PLAN -** The Chairman advised that we await the detailed report by the planning consultant and will prepare the PC’s submission re The Preferred Option following receipt. He formally thanked Graham Carpenter for his great efforts in taking personal charge of leaflet delivery throughout the parish. He reiterated ongoing support for Churcham and then invited discussion re the Huntley greenfield sites identified for potential development. In summary: 1**. Woodend Farm** – FoDDC and HPC had always ruled out further development due to the location and distance from the village. FoDDC have stated it to be too far out; 2. **South of A40** – HPC have always objected to building on this side of the A40 where services are at capacity; 3. **Land incorrectly flagged as South of Huntley (Actually North of Huntley) -** Members agreed that the loss of ancient woodlands and other wildlife habitats in areas well outside the settlement boundary would be catastrophic. Poor transport links were a major concern; 4. **Eastern side of Old Golf Course** – Members were concerned about the distance from the settlement, access to A40, infrastructure and adverse effects on wildlife; 5. **Western side of Old Golf Course** – Members agreed that the area between The Fairways and the drive to Yew Tree Farm (Greenfields Lane) appears as a natural location with an existing access to A40. Buffers could protect Lambourne Avenue. Infrastructure costs would be relatively low and funds could be requested for school improvements. Members **RESOLVED**, if development in Huntley was necessary, development on the Western side of the Old Golf Course may be supported.

**ACTION** - The Chairman went on to reiterate that he and the clerk would submit a formal response to the FoDDC Preferred Option Initial Consultation by the 29th January. The response would be fully supportive of the Cross-Parish Group.

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING –** Members agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2020 were accurate.
2. **CLERK’S REPORT –** Members agreed with the contents of the Clerk’s Report. Resulting **ACTIONS:** Item 3. Clerk will follow up with Phil Warren; Item 4. Clerk will remain in frequent contact with GCC Highways, BR will maintain pressure on his contacts at GCC; Item 5. Clerk and Cllr. Barwell will progress this matter; Item 6e. Members discussed how salt/grit used to be stored in the shed at length before the clerk undertook to research various options and report back.
3. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS -**
4. **DEALT WITH BETWEEN MEETINGS – APPEAL APP/P1615/10/3261818 – Land adjacent to Maydene and Sequoia, Monmouth Road, Huntley.** Members noted thatthe clerk has formally submitted the resolution of Huntley Parish Council, at Minute 4(a) 3rd September 2019, to object to the application.
5. **RECEIVED – P1947/20/FUL – The Gables, Main Road, Huntley. Conversion of existing detached double garage into a two bedroomed annex, ancillary to the main dwelling.**  After involved discussions members resolved that the clerk would communicate the following concerns to the planning case officer: 1. It is believed that the application description may be wrong, based on the planned roof ridge being 1.5 metres higher than the existing ridge; 2. It appears to be proposing a separate unit of residential accommodation as no facilities are shared with the existing dwelling; 3. Members fully support the Conservation Advisor’s comments, and; 4. Should the Local Planning Authority be minded to grant this permission they ask for a condition be added restricting the use of the conversion/extension as strictly annexed accommodation to the main property and that it not be used as a separate letting residential unit.

**7. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN** – Cllr. Walker updated members and suggested a full NDP might take too long to produce given external pressures. The Facebook post had received 133 views and two likes but no comments. Mark Evans was willing to assist with the production and distribution of a village survey. Cllr. Wood suggested that liaison with Nigel Gibbons (FoDDC) would be useful for guidance.

**8. FINANCE**

**A.** Members **RESOLVED** to agree the second draft of the proposed budget and further **RESOLVED** that the Precept should remain unchanged. **ACTION** - Clerk to submit precept form to FoDDC.

**B.** Cllr. Green took over the Chair when members **RESOLVED** to agree payments as detailed and accept the statement of accounts. Afterwards the Chair was returned to Cllr. Wood.

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| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **(a)** | **Statement of Accounts as at 30th December 2020** |  |  | |  | Deposit Account | £ | 56,660.76 | |  | Treasurers Account | £ | 750.00 | |  | Defibrillator (Formerly S.106) Account | £ | 1,109.40 | |  | Covid-19 (Formerly YC) Account | £ | 1,151.26 | | **(b)** | **Grant Applications - Section 137 of Local Government Act 1972** |  | None | | **(c)** | **Adverse variance to budget (>£10)** |  |  | |  | Nothing to report at this stage |  |  | | **(d)** | **BACS Payments For Approval** |  |  | |  | Clerk’s Expenses (As detailed in Clerk’s Report) | £ | 55.39 | |  | Clerk’s Wages (Net) | £ | 400.20 | |  | HMRC Re Above | £ | 100.00 | |  | Merlin Waste (Dog bins to w/c 25/01/2021) | £ | 46.80 | |  | AS Wood (Chairman’s Allowance Oct, Nov, Dec 2020) | £ | 20.00 | |  | AS Wood (Printing re Preferred Option) | £ | 112.50 | |  | Greenfield Gardening Services (Tree Surveys) | £ | 240.00 | | **(e)** | **Income Received – Since 1st December 2020** |  |  | |  | Bank Interest | £ | 0.51 | |

**9. SPECIAL PROJECTS –** Itwasaccepted that matters had been covered within Appendix A.

**10. ALLOTMENTS –** Itwas furtheraccepted that matters had been covered within Appendix A.

**11. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD**

**(a) The Stocks –** The clerk advised that he was awaiting guidance from FoDDC Planning**.**

**(b) Tree Surveys –** Cllr. Hill advised that he had attended a course provided by Natural England where ash dieback had been covered at length. His understanding was that female ash trees, such as Trees 27 & 79 should be given a chance to develop resistance but should be treated by way of epicormic removal and the removal of deadwood greater than 25mm. Members **RESOLVED** that works should go ahead but Trees 27 & 79 should be treated as stated. **ACTION:** Clerk to request a revised price from Greenfields Ltd.

**12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

* Presentation Re Programmed Infrastructure by Gigaclear.
* Presentation by a Gloucestershire Constabulary Camera Enforcement Unit team member.

**14. MEETINGS/TRAINING/SEMINARS –** All GAPTC training remains on-line.

**15.** **Nothing to report.**

**16. Nothing to report.**

**17. NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 2nd February 2021 at 1930Hrs.**

Meeting ended at 9.32pm

Certified as an accurate record of the proceedings of the open meeting of Huntley Parish Council on 5th January 2021.

Signed Chairman

Date