

Hinton St George Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 19th June 7.30pm at

St George's Hall, Hinton St George

Present: Cllr's A.Cavendish (Chair), R. Lewin, B. Tyler, M. Herbert, F Voss, M. Phillips, C. Wookey, A. Dance (County Councillor)

I. Godfrey (Parish Clerk).

Members of the Public: 8 Members of the Public

60. Public Forum:

- The Public want a say in the development of any kind and asked if there was scope for the parish council to approach planning and look at the village as a whole? With two possible sites and infilling there is a potential of 75 extra people in the village, 50 extra cars and this would change the nature of Hinton Community. C.Cllr A. Dance mentioned that South Petherton are in the final stages of completing a Neighbourhood plan but we don't have time for that. It has taken south Petherton about two years to complete and have spent £10,000 so far in doing it. He also mentioned that Dave Norris from Planning could come and talk to us at our next meeting. AC said he doesn't have faith in Neighbourhood plans, we have a Village Design Statement but no attention has been paid to that. Fiona Piper offered to help in any way she could. FV mentioned that Dave Norris had been out before and said that a Neighbourhood plan wasn't justified but times change and this might be the right time. AC mentioned that extending the Conservation area is not possible. We could get a group together to look into doing a Neighbourhood plan. The Clerk to write an email to Dave Norris asking him to attend our next meeting and copy C.Cllr A.Dance into it. AC mentioned to the public that an extension has been asked for and agreed by Andrew Gunn for the proposed planning at Merriott Road, we now have until 20th July instead of the 6th July.

61. Talk from Wessex Community Land Trust by Steve Watson. In brief:

- CLT is a not for private profit organisation which enables communities to stay vibrant. The CLT holds the assets so they are kept for future generations. A CLT doesn't just do houses but shops too. Wessex CLT is a support service to help set up affordable housing organisations and has been established for 7 years. CLT's own the freehold with a long-term lease with Housing Associations. 10 affordable houses means a ground rent of approx. £2000 per year and the CCLT can buy the Housing Association out at any time. Local Authorities are very supportive of CLT's.

62. Apologies for Absence: P Maxwell (District Councillor)

63. **Minutes of last Meeting:** Approved as a true and proper record and signed by AC.

64. **Declaration of Interest:** None

65. **Matters Arising:** a) The Village Website will be live next week, CW thanked those who have given articles for the website and thanked the Clerk for providing information from the Pre School and the School. CW has asked if the P.C could pay £10 per month for the hosting fee (to be paid in full each year) Proposed by AC, Seconded by RL

b) Annual review of Policies and Procedures – agreed to continue with the current forms.

c) Grant Awarding Policy & Adoption Agreement - agreed to continue with the current Policies.

d) **HSTGPC 2017-2018 Action Plan** - all agreed.

e) **HSTGPC Training and Development Plan** – all agreed.

f) **Clerks contract** – agreed to discuss without the Clerk present but RL thanked Clerk for doing a fantastic job.

g) **Lighting Quote from SSDC** – AC has been trying to get County to do a 50/50 split on the payment of nearly £3000 but to no avail so we will have to fund this ourselves. We could do one light per year or do both at the same time though doing two doesn't reduce the costs. CW mentioned that speaking to people there is a desire to have the lanterns. AC mentioned that Old Farm place needs doing and the one by the School is ok but a new one would compliment the School. C.Cllr A Dance asked AC to forward him the refusal email and he will see what he can do, he also mentioned that there might be grants available for this sort of thing. AC will send D. Cllr P Maxwell an email to find out who to contact for a grant towards this and to copy C.Cllr A Dance into the email. CW suggested a Grant Sub committee to be put in but it was agreed to put on hold until grants have been looked into. We need to get 2 more quotes for the lighting as it is over £500, AC will organise this.

h) **The Church Drive** – it has been agreed to grant £2000 for these repairs. David Clements thanked the P.C very much on behalf of the PCC. Proposed by AC, Seconded by BT.

i) **The Village Cross** – it has now become an unstable structure; the upper part was repaired 20 years ago and the lower was last done in 1948. Ben Sabran has provided two quotes for the repairs: removal of loose mortar and repoint £1150 or removal of all cement pointing to the cross up to the shaft base and repoint £1875. We need to get another 2 quotes which AC will organise. RL asked the Clerk to get a further, fuller description from Ben Sabran for our next meeting in July.

66. **Planning:** No planning applications at the time of the Agenda being printed.

67. **Highways and Footpaths update:** AC mentioned that the potholes on Lopen Road and West Street have been marked. On High Street the resurfacing is unsticking and the current hot weather is melting it. A road sweeper was requested but has never arrived. C.Cllr A.Dance suggested taking pictures as evidence. AC has strimmed

most of the footpaths but they will need doing again soon.

68. P Cllr's, C Cllr's and D Cllr's Report

- a) D Cllr. P Maxwell no update was supplied in his absence.
- b) C Cllr. A Dance had nothing to report due to the elections, it is all very quiet at the moment. He will follow up with Area West tomorrow (20th June) about the lighting and will speak to Rick Pallister About the lack of attendance to P.C meetings by D. Cllr P. Maxwell.
- c) BT – the Lengthsman has requested an increase in his daily rate from £100 per day to £110 per day. Proposed by BT, Seconded by FV. Weeding needs to be done at Church Street. AC asked if the Lengthsman could do an extra ½ day per month.
- d) FV – The gutters need spraying, CW asked what the Lengthsman uses and is there an alternative to Roundup? Where the badger dug out on South Street, the tarmac has blown after the first heavy rain we had. AC will email Mike Fear about this.
- e) RL nothing to report
- f) MH nothing to report
- g) MP nothing to report
- h) CW nothing to report

69. Finance

- a. **Review of receipts and payments schedule:** Current A/C £14481.77, Reserve A/C £6091.28, Pelota Wall A/C £1841.88 (BT has asked Clerk to confirm with Came & Co our insurers if rebuilding of Pelota Wall is included in the Insurance)
- b. **Invoices for payment** – Richard Keylock Accountancy & Lengthsman all agreed.

70. Correspondence information.

No further correspondence to be considered.

Meeting Closed 9.10pm

71. Next Meeting Date –The next meeting will be held on Monday 17th July 2017 at **7.30pm**, in St Georges Hall.

Signed.....
A Cavendish (Chairman)

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