

# Hinton St George Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 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, A. Dance (County Councillor)

P.Maxwell (District Councillor) Rick Pallister (District Councillor)

I. Godfrey (Parish Clerk).

Members of the Public: 23 Members of the Public

## 60. Public Forum:

- State of public footpath outside Corner Cottage, it's dangerous as you have to walk around the bollards into the road to pass. AC to ask the owner to cut the vegetation back.
- Re Percival development and the open letter the Parish Council received urging objections to the development which was signed by 76 members of the parish. They are opposed to any development and not all of the people that signed it live in Merriott Road – they are interested in keeping the integrity of the village. The reasons why planning has been refused in the past still stand and this should be taken into consideration. 11 letters of objection and 2 of support have been received. Looking at the planning Support route, paragraph 2.7 suggests that there are a fair few busses that pass by, we are also on regional route 30 and whilst in the High Street recently 12 cyclists past by. As the planning is just under 1000 sq ft so the developer doesn't have to provide 3 affordable houses and the section 106 agreement looks like a bargaining tool at the moment. Having a Management Company to look after the Private Road and Green comes with its own problems. Currently on Home Finder South West there is only 1 person who has requested living in Hinton so there is no demand but another resident pointed out that just because there is only one on the list doesn't mean there isn't a demand.

61. **Apologies for Absence:** C. Wookey

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

63. **Declaration of Interest:** BT as he is a Governor of Hinton St George School.

## 64. Matters Arising:

- a) Lighting Quote: AC has a quote from Suggs at £1000 + vat for the Lantern only. AC proposed we went with SCC quote of £2901.19, seconded by BT. AC asked D. Cllr P Maxwell if District could help with the cost and he said that we may be able to get a grant. AC to investigate.
- b) Village Cross: AC has a second quote from Corbel and for the base only it is £2467 + vat whilst Ben Sabran is £1875 for a lot more. A third quote was obtained from Rob Hellis and his Odd Job Man could do it for £400. AC proposed using Ben Sabran, Seconded by RL
- c) Hinton School Request: Lisa Goodland the Head Teacher has requested we contribute towards the cost of new signage which is going to cost £1500 to tie in with the new school colour of purple. AC proposed £700 Seconded by RL. RL said that the Parish Council fully supports the School as it is doing a fantastic job.

## 65. Planning:

- a) **Application no:** 17/02545/FUL **Applicant:** Strawberry Property **Proposal:** The erection of 10 No. dwellings with associated car parking, landscaping and drainage details. Location: Land opposite St Georges House, Merriott Road Hinton St George. MP & RL agree that we need to reflect local opinions and we have a clear idea of how the local community feels with only 2 letters of support and 87 signatures of opposition, they don't feel the development is appropriate – **Opposed**. FV - Need to listen to the views of the Village, there is a good case for something there but not a Village Green, something done right there but this application doesn't tick the box – **Opposed**. BT – We have an obligation to support the Village – **Opposed**. MH – there is a convincing number of people opposed – **Opposed**. **The Parish Council oppose this planning application.** RL said it was a good letter written by David Mole with technical details and makes reference to the proximity to the Conservation area. As a Council we have considered all aspects of the application. If this application goes to Area West D.Cllr P.Maxwell said that the Committee take into consideration the views of the Villagers and the Parish and the more reasons for our decision we write in with the better. RL wants to make sure that no stone is left unturned. D.Cllr Rick Pallister says to focus on Value and reasons have to be valid planning reasons for why we object. RL thanked Rick Pallister for attending the meeting. AC refreshed the developer, Tim Percival, memory that if the application was refused he would drop it and make no further applications.
- b) **Application no:** 17/02773/FUL **Applicant:** Mrs Bernie Green  
**Proposal:** Erection of single storey rear extension to dwelling house 5 Old farm Place  
Proposed by AC, Seconded by FV **Application Approved**
- c) **Application no:** 17/02627/COL **Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Ruell

**Proposal:** Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of building as 2 No. dwelling houses Hinton Park Farm

Proposed by AC Seconded by RL **Application Approved**

**66. Highways and Footpaths update:** AC had a meeting with Mike Fear & C. Cllr A.Dance and Summerhouse Lane and Shute Hill are going to be made Tractor Tracks. Regarding the chippings on the High Street, Mike Fear assured us we would have 3 days' notice prior to the road being swept so that C. Cllr A. Dance could organise notices for residents informing them but a Sweeper appeared on a Saturday and all the cars were in the way. RL asked C. Cllr A.Dance what his position was on this and C.Cllr A.Dance replied that he is always complaining but he is hitting his head against a brick wall. C.Cllr A.Dance has agreed to contact Mike Fear to get a sweeper resent. Regarding the Tractor Tracks these won't get mended so C.Cllr A.Dance will go ask for a meeting with Mike Fears Superior. A discussion then followed regarding District and County's budgets and how Highways was not run in a consistent fashion. If C.Cllr A.Dance can't get a sweeper, D.Cllr Rick Pallister may have another route we can go down. Footpaths have been strimmed and are in good repair.

**67. P Cllr's, C Cllr's and D Cllr's Report**

- a) C.Cllr. A Dance met with County Officers regarding the Village lights but there is no funding available for this. C.Cllr A. Dance will talk to Mike Fear about the road sweeper and will also leaflet drop to let residents know when it will be happening. A resident questioned C.Cllr A. Dance on the state of the roads as a lady in the village cannot come out of her house as she has a built up shoe and she cannot walk on the gravel as in some places it is 2" deep. RL can see us having to manage this situation ourselves and we will have to consider our precept and raise more money to manage issues like this. D.Cllr P. Maxwell & D.Cllr R. Pallister will get a price for a sweeper. C.Cllr A. Dance said that South Petherton already employ a District Council Ranger to do the potholes as well as a road sweeper. To clear drains if multiple drains its £11 per drain or if a single drain its £12.
- b) D Cllr P. Maxwell reported that there is a reshaping of the organisation which means that hopefully they will be more responsive to Parish needs. A refurbishment of Yeovil Crematorium is going to be taking place. If residents need help with planning advice, D.Cllr P.Maxwell is always here to help. D.Cllr R. Pallister mentioned that there is a black hole of £4.7million and by 2020 will be up to £5 million. 65 -70 members of staff are to be made redundant to help save money but the aim overall is to improve services and try to make a return on money of 7%. By 2020 the aim is to have an income of £2.5 million and there is to be a major announcement in September of a big investment to keep services propped up. They would like to have a portfolio of renewables, property and businesses – a much more commercial operation. The regeneration of Yeovil and Chard are big focuses.
- c) MP – nothing to report
- d) RL – nothing to report
- e) FV mentioned to C.Cllr A that before Summer Lane becomes a Tractor Track there is a water leak outside Mr & Mrs Hurst's – can he do anything about it as Wessex Water have denied their responsibility as it's a natural spring. C.Cllr A.Dance will look into it. Mr Hurst mentioned also that his hedge was carved into by the contractors and he contacted Somerset Highways to tidy it up but nothing has happened. AC agreed to look into this.
- f) BT – The drain issue by Pineapple Gates has been resolved. BT suggested that the Lengthman look at the potholes and this was seconded by AC
- g) MH – nothing to report
- h) AC wanted to thank the people involved with the Village Fete as it as the biggest and most successful to date.

**68. Finance**

- a. **Review of receipts and payments schedule:** Current A/C £12293.33, Reserve A/C £6091.28, Pelota Wall A/C £1841.88
- b. **Invoices for payment** – Office supplies, Lengthsman, St Georges Hall Hire, Computer Repairs all agreed.
- c. The Parish Council have agreed to increase the Clerks hourly rate to £11 per hour and a monthly payment for the use of her home as an office of £10 per month proposed by AC and Seconded by FV. It was also suggested to look into a new laptop and printer for the Clerk – AC to investigate.

**69. Correspondence information.**

No further correspondence to be considered.

Meeting Closed 9.00pm

**70. Next Meeting Date** –The next meeting will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017 at **7.30pm**, in St Georges Hall.

Signed.....  
A Cavendish (Chairman)

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