

Hinton St George Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 21st August 7.30pm at

St George's Hall, Hinton St George

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

P.Maxwell (District Councillor)

I. Godfrey (Parish Clerk).

Members of the Public: 5 Members of the Public

60. Talk on Neighbourhood Plans by David Norris SSDC: In brief Neighbourhood Plans aren't for the purpose of stopping development but it can help if you want to develop a site and they conform with local plan. They can identify areas for development. Village design statements highlight things we want to preserve in a village. Hinton St George is in a conservation area, it is a "SS2" settlement so appropriate development can be permitted. Merriott are currently undertaking a Housing Needs Survey with a view to doing a Neighbourhood Plan. There are grants available from locality for £8000 towards doing a Neighbourhood Plan, South Petherton's plan took 4 years to do at a cost of £15000. Looking at the history of the village, David Norris was not sure there was a need for a Neighbourhood Plan.

61. Public Forum: The Parish Council were thanked for their work on the area at the Corner House. The problem of the vegetation overhanging has now been rectified and its hoped it will be maintained.

62. Apologies for Absence: M.Phillips

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

64. Declaration of Interest: No declarations of interest.

65. Matters Arising:

a) Village Cross: Work will be starting this in the next few weeks.

b) Village Website: The Website is now up and running and the more visits the website gets, the higher up the google ratings we go. If anyone has anything they would like to put on the Website, please let Caroline Wookey have it.

c) Gypsy Site: We haven't had a report from Andrew Gunn as yet and D.Cllr. P.Maxwell emailed him again today to find out what is happening.

d) Speedwatch: A few villagers have asked about it but the councillors feel that currently there is not a need for it but it will be reviewed as and when.

e) Defib Training: Community Heartbeat Trust can do a refresher course at a cost of £175 + vat for later in the year. BT to book for November.

66. Planning:

a) **Application no: Application no: 17/03004/FUL Applicant:** Simon Grant

Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to dwelling at West Barn, Tetts Farm

The Applicant mentioned that the extension was to allow for extended family to visit, concerns were raised from a neighbour who had concerns over the privacy. The applicant will plant trees and look at the window design. **No objections from Parish Council.**

b) **Application no: 17/03052/FUL Applicant:** Adebo Abayami

Proposal: Demolish existing outbuilding and erection of a replacement outbuilding to include a car port and a terrace at Field House, Merriott Road Hinton St George. **No objections from Parish Council.**

67. Highways and Footpaths update: Nothing to report regarding Highways but AC mentioned that working is going on on the stiles and AC will soon be strimming.

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

a) D.Cllr P.Maxwell reported that the Planning Application for T.Percival will probably be going to Area West in September but once he knows he will let AC know and D.Cllr P.Maxwell will also chase David Norris on this. AC & RL will be representing the Parish Council at this meeting and any villagers can go. The Council are going through their transformation, looking at income generated as well as commercial generation in a bid not to reduce services. A member of the public mentioned that Rick Pallister gave the impression that the Council has millions to invest commercially – will they be using fund managers to invest it? D.Cllr P. Maxwell said that there a currently 2 employees to manage investments but ideally, they will have a team of people to do this but they may outsource externally.

b) C.Cllr A.Dance apologised as there wasn't much to report as sadly his Gran recently passed away. He has spoken to Mike Fear regarding the Spring in the road at Summerland Road but nothing has happened. Regarding Mr & Mrs Hurst hedge that was cut by the Contractors, Mike Fear is looking into this.

c) CW – nothing to report

d) BT – nothing to report

- e) RL – Is concerned about the junction of Castle Hill onto the A30. Visibility is a major concern due to the hedge growth and weeds growing in the Sheep Netting. AC will speak with the land owner P. Irish regarding this and D.Cllr P.Maxwell mentioned that Highways could help get the hedge cut. We could ask the Lengthsman to cut the hedge initially. Clerk to write an email to Mike Fear at County regarding our concerns with the dangerous junction.

69. Finance

- a. **Review of receipts and payments schedule:** Current A/C as of 7th August £7712.14, Reserve A/C £6091.28, Pelota Wall A/C £1841.88
- b. **Invoices for payment** – Lengthsman and Clerks wages for 3 months all agreed.
- c. **Review and agreement of Statement of Internal Control**

70. Correspondence information.

No further correspondence to be considered.

Meeting Closed 8.55pm

- 71. **Next Meeting Date** –The next meeting will be held on Monday 18th September 2017 at **7.30pm**, in St Georges Hall.

Signed.....
A Cavendish (Chairman)

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