

Hinton St George Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 16th October 7.30pm at

St George's Hall, Hinton St George

Present: Cllr's A.Cavendish (Chair), B. Tyler, F. Voss, C. Wookey, M. Herbert, A. Dance (County Councillor)
I. Godfrey (Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public: 1 Member of the Public

60. **Public Forum:** Ann-Marie Lawson representing Hinton Youth Club asked if the Parish Council could fund the fee for the Youth Worker for another year, a cost of £1340. It was proposed by C.W and seconded by B.T

61. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. R.Lewin, M.Phillips, D.Cllr P. Maxwell

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

63. **Declaration of Interest:** F.V as Dawn Quince is a neighbour.

64. **Matters Arising:**

- a) Feedback from Mike Fear re Castle Hill: Following an email from the Clerk, Mr Fear emailed to say he would have a meeting with A.C but as yet Mr Fear has not responded to dates suggested by A.C. Farmer P. Irish said that the Council used to cut the verge but whoever cuts it is liable if there is an accident. B.T suggested that the Lengthsman does it, F.V said that the Lengthsman used to do it. C.Cllr A.Dance suggested that we emailed G. Warren from the Lines and Signs Department. Clerk to email.
- b) Gypsy Site & Percival Update: The reports by Andrew Gunn are currently being written and should hopefully be taken to Area West meeting in November.
- c) Defib Training: Date confirmed as 18th November and has been advertised around the village, on the village website, the Hinton Hound and Merriott Messenger.
- d) Wessex Water re leak at Summer Lane: A.C met with Wessex Water and they confirmed that the taps and stopcocks are all dry so no leak but he thinks it is a spring. Wessex Water or Highways don't want to know. A.C spoke to Mike Fear and also emailed him photos.
- e) British Legion Annual Poppy Appeal 2017: We received a thank you letter from Elizabeth Fisk on behalf of the British Legion for our donation of £65.
- f) Henhayes Centre Open Evening 20th October: Councillors will bear this in mind.

65. **Planning:**

- a) **Application no: 17/03907/FUL Applicant:** Ms Dawn Quince
Proposal: Retention of temporary agricultural workers dwelling for a further 2 years.
Location: Land adjoining Green Lane, Merriott Road, Hinton St George – **No Objections**
- b) **Application No: 17/04049/FUL Applicant:** Mr Simon Grant

Proposal: Change of use of existing dwellinghouse and annexe to mixed use of 1 No. residential unit (including ancillary annexe) and holiday let accommodation.

Location: Tetts Farm, West Street, Hinton St George, Somerset, TA17 8SB – **Not all Councillors had seen the plans and Clerk was going to ask for an extension**

66. **Highways and Footpaths update:** A.C reported that Teapot Lane has potholes marked and that District had done a great job on the field gate steps. A.C still needs to do some strimming.

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

- a) C.Cllr A.Dance – Libraries are under review over the next few years to see which are viable. District Council has bought the building where Marks and Spencer's is and will rent out to Marks and Spencer's. Other plans are underway to invest more money but no details as yet. Nippy Bus has withdrawn some of its services in a few places as they were short staffed. Slinky Bus will be operating some of these routes and this needs to be booked 24 hours in advance. C.Cllr A.Dance will email the Clerk more details. S.I.S Schemes (Small Improvement Schemes) have been discussed as every County Councillor gets to provide 2 per year. C.Cllr A.Dance has just put forward Merriott and Seavinton for this year but asked us to think of anything we would like to put forward for 2018. A.C suggested the pull ins on Lopen Road – this will be discussed more at the January meeting. A website to look at for more information is: www.trafficchoices.co.uk/somerset
- b) B.T – the Lengthsman has repaired the steps, painted the bollard, cleaned the phone box and still has to varnish the notice board, pressure washing, clean the gulley and brambles on South Street. A.C would also like the hedge cut on the road to Pineapple Gates. To prioritise pressure washing first.
- c) F.V – Enquired when the light on P. Millers property was going to get changed and A.C confirmed this was scheduled for February 2018. F.V felt that the village shouldn't be paying for this as it is on private property but A.C pointed out that it is replacing an existing light and that this was agreed in a previous meeting.
- d) M.H – concerned about the Village Hall and was aware that the Football Team were no longer using the pitch and had found alternative pitch which was a huge loss of revenue. It was agreed that the Council would like a representative from the Hall Committee to attend the next Parish Council meeting. C.W will arrange.

e) C.W – Has seen that the repair work on the cross has started. A.C mentioned that the Cross would not look good until the repairs have aged.

68. Finance

a. **Review of receipts and payments schedule:** Current A/C as of 6th October £6360.08, Reserve A/C £6091.28, Pelota Wall A/C £1841.88

b. **Invoices for payment** – Community Heartbeat Trust – agreed.

c. **Preliminary discussions on precept requirements for 2018:** It was decided to discuss more next month but it was agreed that an increase was required. Clerk to start looking at budget for next year.

69. Correspondence information.

No further correspondence to be considered.

Meeting Closed 8.50pm

70. Next Meeting Date –The next meeting will be held on Monday 20th November 2017 at **7.30pm**, in St Georges Hall.

Signed.....
A Cavendish (Chairman)

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