

Hinton Parish Council **Full Meeting** held on
Tuesday 15th August 2023 at 7.00pm in the Phyllis Collet Room Purton.

MINUTES

In Attendance -

S Brown

D Beard

A Mills

A Phillips

P Marsh

F Birnie

District- G Craig, L Green & H Jones

County –B Tipper

PCSO's Ellis & Ward

Three members of the public

The Chair & Vice chair were absent, Cllr Phillips proposed Cllr Mills, 2nd Cllr Brown Carried. Cllr Mills chaired the meeting.

OPEN FORUM-One member of the public raised an issue regarding the contractors didn't clean the gutters before resurfacing road, not good job as grass is growing up through the tarmac and raising the tarmac. Cllr Mills mentioned it is a poor job, and a site meeting would possibly be needed with Highways. In addition, the white lines in front of church for the vicar need to be reinstated too how it was originally. Cllr Tipper will take these comments back to County. PCSO reported on the crime rate this time last year we had 23 crimes, 14/2-14/8 23 there have been 27 crimes. The panel meetings will hopefully be starting again in November. Cllr Green thanked Cllr Tipper for the work at Wanswell, Cllr Craig gave the results of the garden competition. Cllr Jones reported on the Environmental Impact assessment, it is only a screening, District are planning a joint response. Cllr Tipper mentioned there will be some changes in the way roads are being treated/repaired.

- 1. Apologies**- Received from Cllr Fryer, Reynolds & Jenkins
- 2. Declarations of interest & consider request for dispensations**- None-received.
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting held on June 27th 2023** were taken as read, **it was resolved** the minutes were a true account.
- 4. Committee meetings** – To note the minutes from the Planning & Finance meeting held July 4th 2023 & 1st August 2023 and the staffing meeting 26th July 2023. The minutes were **noted** by all, Cllr Birnie wanted clarification on the wording in the Staffing minutes. Staff & associated cost as stated on the schedule of payments 04.07.2023 & 01.08.23 **were agreed under** contractual payments.
- 5. Policy Review**- Issues raised around the table were, 'we are in the same position as the last meeting', 'who had permission to take it off website'. The Clerk noted the behaviour of two Councillors which was not in accordance with the civility and respect levels expected and those two Councillors were called out as bullies by the Clerk. Due to the tone of the debate, the acting Chair thought it was the best decision to delay the matter to the next meeting. A vote was asked for, **no vote was taken**.
- 6. External Audit** – The outcome from the External Auditor **was noted by all**.

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- 7. Staffing Committee- The Council received** an update from the Chair of the staffing committee, and will be attached to the minutes.
- 8. Vindicarix Monument & Lease.** – The Clerk gave a report on the cost of a new lease (£960.00) as it cannot be transferred to the Parish Council. The Vindi committee have agreed to contribute towards the new lease. Clerk was instructed to find out the annual peppercorn rent before agreeing to new lease.
- 9. Tennis Court Tournament-Cllr Birnie-**Cllr Birnie would like to encourage more use of the courts and recommends the Council organise a tennis tournament- Clerk was instructed to contact a local person who knows a lot about tennis clubs etc to gain feedback.
- 10.Joint Summer Fete 2024- Cllr Birnie.** Cllr Birnie would like to recommend a joint Fete with Hamfallow PC. Cllr Birnie has spoken to Ms Ashton regarding potential funds available from the Turbine grant, and also the local ice cream person, who said they could help if they are booked soon. Clerk mentioned the possibility of a working party. It was resolved for the Clerk to contact the Clerk of Hamfallow PC to see if there is any interest.
- 11. Parish Clerks job – Cllr Birnie** would like it resolved that all email correspondence sent to all Cllrs, so he knows how the council is being represented. The Clerk mentioned this would be a GDPR issue and she would not be breaking GDPR/Data protection. The Chair invited Cllr Jones to speak, who read out some official guidance relating to the Clerks judgement, if there is something that a Clerk feels may be relevant to the community where Cllrs would be asked about it, they would copy all members in. There was nothing to resolve
- 12.Budget Cllr Birnie- Cllr Birnie** would like to recommend that the budget debate is moved forward to November so there is more time to debate. The Clerk mentioned that a meeting can be held in December, but its usual voted against. Budget figures are viewed monthly by all members. **It was resolved** 4-2 to keep the arrangements as they are and not move the budget forward.
- 13.Funding-** It was noted by all the funding has been applied for two benches by the pier view grass area. The grant has been agreed in principle, and the Clerk is in contact with the owner of the land.
- 14.Outdoor Gym-** It was noted that a new safety sign will be erected near the fitness equipment free of charge. This was supposed to be fitted by the company when equipment was installed.
- 15.Red Container-** It was resolved that the Clerk contacts the Vale of Berkeley Railway and ask if they would remove the rubbish & scrap, this way they can keep the scrap monies for their charity.
- 16.Clerks Report-** Clerk mentioned grit bins and if anyone would like a new one or one moved to another area.
- 17.Councillors Report-Cllr Birnie** mentioned he has used all the teak oil on the two benches in the toddler area and could it be added to the F & P committee to purchase more oil and weed killer. **Cllr Mills** mentioned the Severn voice meeting and how hopefully Brian can help with the verge mowing issue we have, and the sign is still missing from Hinton, Clerk mentioned using 'fix my street' app.
- 18.Date of next meeting was noted by all as September 19th 2023** (Agenda items by noon 13th September 2023)

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Date Signed