



Hinton Parish Council **Full Meeting** held on Tuesday 16th July 2024 at 7.15 pm in the Parish office, St Andrews Church, Sharpness.

MINUTES

In Attendance - Parish Councillors

M Fryer

A Mills

S Brown District- Cllr Tuffin

D Beard

P Jenkins County – B Tipper

R Reynolds

F Birnie 1 Members of the public

L Yeomans Jenkins-Clerk

OPEN FORUM- Cllr Tipper suggested the best way to report potholes, verges, or anything to do with highways is to use Fix My Street. Cllr Tipper has a meeting with Highways regarding the disappointing repair to the huge pot hole at the end of Coach Road. Clerk mentioned that she had reported the verges to Highways. Cllr Brown asked Cllr Tipper if people still come along and spray the kerbs as the village is looking awful due to weeds growing from the kerb and road. There is a policy in the County that they do not use weed killer any more.

Cllr Tuffin, Cllr Green sends her apologies, there is nothing to report in relation to Hinton. Cllr Tuffin reported on a DCC meeting, where a battery storage facility is coming to Slimbridge, there also might be a proposal for another storage facility at the Perry way Frampton. There is a scheme available for low-income Households that are on oil central heating.

Member of the public mentioned a small out building at top of Oakfield way, it is a danger and who do we report it to. Clerk said she will report it on Fix My Street, and try to find out who it belongs too.

- 1. Apologies- Received from Cllr Phillips & Cllr Cooke
- **2. Declarations of interest & consider request for dispensations-** Cllr Jenkins had interest in item 4A, and will leave the room when the items are discussed.
- **3. Minutes of the last meeting held on June 18th 2024 were** taken as read, **it was resolved** after an amendment was made, that the minutes were a true account, and were then signed by the Chair.
- **4. Committee meetings** The minutes from the Planning & Finance meeting held on July 2nd 2024 were noted by all.
 - A) **Clir Jenkins left the room**, Staff and associated cost were agreed.
 - B) **Lamp post poppies** It was proposed by the Finance Committee that £120.00 can be used from reserves (Pumpkin Carving) to pay for lamp post poppies, this is due to the donations allocation being reduced in the budget. Cllr Birnie, suggested an amendment, we have a donation budget, so should be used, there is an issue with reserves, because Hinton are a small Council, their Precept has gone up the last two years, and so should the reserves. The

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Earmarked reserves should be put over to general reserves and not spent on poppies in his opinion. There was no second for this amendment on the proposal. **It was resolved 6-1** to use £120.00 of reserves from Pumpkin Carving.

- **5. NALC Financial regulations- It was resolved** by all to adopt Nalcs new financial regulations 2024, with amendments agreed.
- **6.** To receive the pitch power report and resolve if the council proceeds with funding option. The member of the public was allowed to speak during this session. The clerk had sent the report to all members via email. The costings and recommendations were noted and discussed. The Clerk explained the funding process and the Council can apply for funding, and the breakdown of funding cost was perused, but after two years of funding the Parish council would have to contribute £888 for the next two years and £1778 for the last two years. It was resolved by all for the Finance committee to investigate lowline maintenance of top soil, grass seed, and not go ahead with funding at this moment in time. Cllr Mills said he would like to view this again near the budget setting period.
- **7. Training On the recreation field- Cllr Brown- It was resolve 4-3,** that the finance committee investigate a nominal fee for hirers using the football pitch on the recreation field for training
- **8. Severn Voice It was noted by** all that Hinton have been unsuccessful in joining the scheme for this year 2024-2025
- **9.** To receive and resolve the half pipe tender document- It was resolved that the document is suitable and should be published on the government website until 20th August 2024.
- 10. Fences- Clir Brown- Clir Brown had received a complaint regarding brambles growing in between the two fences on the park (Opposite village hall), this is cut once a year. He suggested that one fence is removed, the brambles are stripped out leaving a tidy boundary, also the fence down the junior swing side of the park is removed. The PC constantly repair the fence for it to be vandalised. It was resolved that the finance committee acquire quotes for removal of both fences and hedge and quotes for just maintaining of hedge.
- **11. Clerks Report** The Clerk gave a verbal report and mentioned that she had reported blocked footpaths, fly tipping, over hanging trees and over grown verges. The Clerk had tried to find the owner of the bench at top of Oldminster rd., two names came to light. Also, the Clerk had been approached by someone who can fabricate the frame work free of charge and Hinton would have to supply the wooden slats.

If any Councillor has some spare time and wood stain, the notice boards need a coat (Brookend& Purton) Finally, the winner of the Garden competition for June 2024 is The Old Severn Stores.

12. Date of next meeting was **noted by all as August 20th 2024** at St John Church, Purton (Agenda items by noon 14th August 2024)

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

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