



Hinton Parish Council **Full Meeting** held on  
Tuesday 19th February 2024 at 7.15 pm at St Andrews Church, Sharpness.

### MINUTES

In Attendance – Parish

Councillors

M Fryer

S Brown

D Beard

R Reynolds

A Phillips

F Birnie

District- Apologies.

County – B Tipper

3 Members of the public

*OPEN FORUM-* A resident asked if there were any vacancies for Purton allotments, The Clerk mentioned there maybe one becoming available, but there is a waiting list, and could they contact the Clerk. Two members were in attendance for agenda item 5.

1. **Apologies-** Received from Cllrs Mills, Jenkins & Marsh.
2. **Declarations of interest & consider request for dispensations-**None Received.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting held on February 19<sup>th</sup> 2024 were** taken as read, **it was resolved** the minutes were a true account, (2 abstentions) and were then signed by the Chair.
4. **Committee meetings** – The minutes from the Planning & Finance meeting held March 6<sup>th</sup> 2024 & the Staffing meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024, were **noted** by all, and staff & associated cost as stated on the schedule of payments 05.3.24 **were agreed under** contractual payments.

**Meeting was adjourned to allow Cllr Tipper to speak.**

The water levels are reducing in Brookend, lots of post on social media, which Cllr Tipper has tried to correct. The water level in the right-hand ditch is starting to drop, things were dry on the left-hand side.

5. **Recreation Field- Cllr Brown.** No decision was made in January when this was a previous agenda item. Cllr Brown believes there should be a policy in place, and the Parish Council have the final say on usage. We don't want to stop anyone using the recreation field but we need control over it. We have a couple of options available; we can leave it as it is, or we have a policy in place to say who can use it, it may be a case that one team uses it one week and the other team the next, or we leave it for the next year to give the grass chance to recover. Councillor Brown feels the PC need to take control who inspects it. Cllr Birnie felt it did not need anymore inspections, but more maintenance, the football teams could do two minutes of prodding with the fork at the goal mouths. The Chair allowed two members of the public to have their input in relation to this mater. Member of the Public agreed there is a maintenance issue, every pitch need maintenance. Clerk is still applying for maintenance funding for the recreation field.

**It was proposed** by Cllr Brown that, the fixtures for the rest of the season go ahead, then remove the goals into storage, and the Council gets together and draw up a policy/plan and we try and get maintenance sorted either by grant or other means. Cllr Phillips 2<sup>nd</sup> this. **All agreed, Carried** If we go down the route of one match a week, the Council need to inform teams by June at the latest.

- 6. Purton Phyliss Collett room-** It was proposed by Cllr Brown, second by Cllr Beard and **agreed by all to** support the residents of Purton, with the clarity of how the Phyliss collect room can be used.
- 7. Letter of Thanks-Cllr Brown- It was agreed** by all to send a letter of thanks to Berkeley Town Council for their contribution at the DCC committee meeting.
- 8. Training- It was resolved** retrospectivity (Cllr Fryer proposed, Cllr Reynolds 2<sup>nd</sup>) that Cllr Mills attend the 'Planning in plain English' training at a cost of £35.00
- 9. Top soil & Gravel** -The Clerk mentioned what quote the Finance committee had agreed on, and it would not be ordered until the working party and Risk assessments are in place. Cllr Birnie reminded the Council of the original agenda item. Cllr Birnie mentioned the litter pick will be covered by Stroud's insurance & Risk assessments. The Clerk informed the Council that it was only agreed for the Clerk to acquire quotes for topsoil and gravel, no other item was agreed. Cllr Birnie read out a quote from the Councils insurer, and the Clerk asked for a list of volunteers for H & S issues. Council Birnie mentioned he would be the only person carrying out the laying of the gravel & topsoil. There will be no working party. **All agreed** to Cllr Birnie being the only volunteer.
- 10. Letter to Land Owners- It was resolved** that the Clerk/Proper office sends an annual letter to Landowners to remind them of their duties, regarding hedges, gutters, verges etc.
- 11. Clerks Report-** The clerk expressed her thanks to Cllr Brown & Cllr Mills for attending the DCC meeting and representing the Council. In Addition, there is an event at the Sharpness Dockers Club. March 30<sup>th</sup> from 12.00 noon, relating to the 150 years since the new dock opened. A reminder that Siobhan Bailey will be at Slimbridge village hall on March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024 1pm.
- 12. Councillors Report- Cllr Reynolds** mentioned the monument is looking shabby and how far have the Council got with the this, the Clerk mentioned she had the lease, and will keep members informed. **Cllr Brown** and Cllr Mills attended the district Council DCC meeting for a few hours. The proposal was refused. The chair thanked Cllr Mills & Brown for attending. **Cllr Birnie-** Asked if the Clerk had spoken to the lady in regard to a Tennis tournament, the Clerk hadn't but Cllr Beard had, and was told it was not a very good idea, in addition, the Zip lane is still chained up, what is wrong with it, can we asked for the company to repair it under guarantee, the Clerk commented that it was out of guarantee , and she had chained it up as she felt it was not safe as it was brake related. Clerk has two quotes and is waiting for cost of individual inspection. Finally, is there a time line on the pier view benches, Clerk replied not at this time, waiting for confirmation on one area. **Cllr Beard-** had a wind turbine meeting, and a poster will be out soon. **Cllr Fryer-**asked B Tipper to look at drain covers on the Burma Road. Clerk will also email this to BT.
- 13. Date of next meeting was noted by all as April 16<sup>th</sup> 2024 at St Andrews Church, Sharpness** (Agenda items by noon 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024)

**Meeting closed at 8.25pm**