

Hinton Parish **Council Full Meeting** held on
 Tuesday 15th March 2022 at 7.00pm at St Andrews Church Sharpness.

MINUTES

In Attendance -	District – L Green
M Fryer	PCSO Mike Trebble
P Jenkins	
F Birnie	
A Billington	6 Members of the public. (1-member for
P Marsh	Co-option)

OPEN FORUM- Apologies received from Cllrs, Craig, Jones & Tipper. Cllr Green highlighted to make use of our wardens. There is a new service being provided via the care line, where it detects if an individual has fallen. Cllr Fryer had reported to Cllr Green that the ditch by the co op corner is full up of mud. A resident of Purton mentioned that the private road sign just over the bridge has been removed. Clerk said she would look into this. Cllr Birnie declared he would like to raise a point as a MOP regarding the new rules of allotments and told the public that he is looking at an insurance claim for compensation, and he would also like allotment committees formed and the new agreement suspended. Mike Treble gave a report on the crime figures. March 21- March 22, 55 Crimes. Purton residents concerned that no one from CRT are checking licenses.

1. **Apologies-** Received from Cllrs Beard.
2. **Declarations of interest-** Cllr Birnie in item 18, Cllr Jenkins in item 19.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on February 15th 2022.** The Chair mentioned that it stated January and not February at the top of the minutes. And Cllr Marsh wanted it in the minutes that he does not have to give five days’ notice to amend minutes as it states in standing orders this is not the case. All agreed the minutes with the amendment are a true account, Cllr Birnie proposed, Cllr Jenkins 2nd carried.
4. **Committee meetings-** The minutes from the Finance & Planning Committee meetings **were noted by all**. Councillor Birnie would like it in the minutes that the Finance Committee in week forty-six noted the budget review document and saw it had a 0.31% over spend on the budget with six weeks to go and staff cost to come out of that. Then they agreed for the tennis courts to be cleaned, it’s like paying your gas bill and not affording it and dipping into savings to pay it. There is shockingly bad financial management that is going on in the Finance Committee, and not being brought to FC for oversight. The reason it has gone badly is the reserves policy is a shambles, the budget is a shambles, they are not doing their job and they need to do their job.
5. **Casual vacancies-** Unfortunately the lady who was attending for co-option is poorly, and unable to come but will be up for co-option next month. The Clerk introduced Mr Andrew Mills to the Council. After an introduction from Mr Mills, Cllr Marsh proposed his co-option, Cllr Fryer 2nd this. **All in favour.**

6. **Jubilee-A)** It was agreed to purchase six bins to store ice and alcohol in for the Jubilee event, at a cost of £110. Monies to be taken from grant money. Cllr Birnie proposed this Cllr Marsh second it. **All agreed.**
b) The renting of portaloos was deferred to another meeting when more cost is available.
7. **Signage & Security Half Moon site Cllr Marsh.** - Cllr Marsh held a discussion regarding the security of the site. Unfortunately, no vote could be taken as it was a matter to discuss and not vote. Cllr Marsh asked for it to be added to next month's meeting to vote on. Cllr Green is chasing up the clearance of the path side of the half moon.
8. **To appoint a member to carry out internal controls-** Cllr Fryer said he was happy to do this. **All Agreed**
9. **Oldminster Road Recreation Field-** After a discussion on the quotes it was proposed by Cllr Birnie to use quote A, for the seeding work, Cllr Fryer second this.1 against. (5-1) Carried.

At this point it was mentioned by member of the public if the allotment items could be moved forward as time was moving on and some members of the public had to leave. The Chair moved this forward. Cllr Birnie left the room. It was agreed by the Council to allow Cllr Billington to have a dispensation to discuss allotment items, Cllr Jenkins has a dispensation also.

18. Allotment-

Cllr Marsh proposed Cllr Billington has a dispensation. **All agreed.** Cllr Birnie left the room at this point.

1. **Bonfires-** Cllr Marsh wanted consideration to relaxing bonfires so tenants can have fires the first Saturday of each month within the rules. The public had quite an input in this. The Clerk mentioned why can't bonfires be allowed whenever tenants would like one, subject to being responsible tenants and for garden waste only, if the council receive any complaints from individuals or the District Council, then individual will be approached accordingly. **All Agreed.** This amendment will be sent out with allotment invoices.
2. **Insurance-** After a long discussion, Cllr Fryer propose that if insurance is taken out perhaps the tenants rent is increased, Councillor Mills asked could the Clerk go away and speak to other Councils regarding this. All agreed for the Clerk to do this and re visit at a later date.
3. **To lift dog ban on allotments-** This item was discussed, and was mentioned that perhaps dogs could be allowed if they are on leads and supervised, failing to adhere to this will XYZ? Clerk to contact dog warden re: wording as they possibly come under dog control orders. As this was an item of discussion it will be added to next month's meeting for resolution, Clerk will mention it in the letter sent out with invoices.
4. **The New Agreement-** Cllr Birnies comments were noted. Other comments around the table, where bees and being a member of the bee association, planting trees.
5. **Committees-** Cllr Marsh wanted to discuss the forming of allotment Committees. Cllr Jenkins mentioned that he wants what is best for the allotments and tenants, and if this is what the allotment tenants want, not the Council, then Cllr Jenkins can't see an issue.

The Council should listen to what the tenants require. With this in mind, everyone was happy for Cllr Jenkins to speak to as many tenants before May's meeting, and get feedback, asking if they would like committees or not.

6. **Asbestos Removal**- Only one quote was available as people do not seem interested, Cllr Mills said he may know of a company who may be able to help at a reasonable cost, and will liaise with Cllr Jenkins regarding this.

At this point the time was noted to be 9.20pm.

10. Park Report –

- 10.1 Cllrs noted the park report
10.2 Cllr Birnie mentioned that the pictures are out of date on the operational reports, as he has fitted new caps on the fence.
10.3 It was agreed retrospectively (Cllr Birnie proposed this, Cllr Jenkins 2nd, Carried) to plant the young trees in the recreation area by the swings. Some of which have been already moved.

11. **Church fence**- It was duly noted that the Clerk is in talks with other bodies to ascertain whose boundary fence it is.

12. **Village Hall Grass verge** - Cllr Birnie asked if the council would look into using the Councils Contractors to cut this area of grass again. The Clerk was asked by the finance Committee for a quote, there would be no charge for the next financial year (2022-23). Cllr Jenkins proposed we go ahead and cut it, Cllr Fryer 2nd this. **All agreed.**

13. **Cllr Marsh**- To discuss joining the planning and finance committees into full Council in order that there are sufficient members present- A discussion was had, no vote could be taken as it was only for discussion. Comments around the table were, it's getting to be a two-tier council, there are four members on the committees and not three, Council committees are there to ease pressure from having a huge Full council agenda, planning could be emailed and correspondence back to Clerk to delegate back to District/County.

14. **Verge between Pier view Hotel and tree with dog bin** – Cllr Jenkins asked this to be deferred due to the time.

15. **Chairs report**- Cllr Marsh said his items can wait as we are short of time.

16. **Clerks report**- Clerk gave a brief verbal report on the defib at Purton which is back on line, the Internal Auditor visited last Thursday. Clerk has received a freedom of information request and the gentleman who makes the plaques will not be doing it anymore as materials are too expensive. He will try and make some for us with the materials he already has.

17. **Councillors Report**- Cllr Jenkins has been asked to make the path suitable for wheelchairs at Purton allotments. Cllr Jenkins will gather some quotes, also reiterated on the Purton defib being online. Cllr Fryer did not agree with Cllr Birnie's outburst regarding the Finance Committee, the auditors has been in and we are not here to spend money on ourselves, there was no need to have a go at us like that personally. Cllr Birnie said it was not personal it was aimed at the Finance committee. Cllr Fryer said the committee is not breaking any rules.

18. **Allotments** Dealt with above

19. Exclusion of public and press due to sensitive nature of business relating to staff matter. Public & Cllr Jenkins left the room. These items were noted and no resolution regarding item 3.

20. Vote of no confidence in the Chair- This matter was withdrawn by Cllr Fryer. Cllr Billington resigned at this point.

21. Date of next meeting April 19th at St Andrews – **Noted by all** (last date for agenda items 13th April noon.)

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm