



08/03/22

HINTON PARISH COUNCIL **NOTICE OF MEETING**

You are summoned to the **Full Council meeting of Hinton Parish Council**, which will be held on **Tuesday 15th March 2022, at St Andrews Church, Sharpness, starting at 7.00 pm**. Please find the agenda set out below-

Lesley Yeomans Jenkins
Clerk to the Council

OPEN FORUM - To include District & County Councilors reports

Opportunity for members of the public to raise issues with the Council (2 mins maximum PP) on any items relating to the agenda. Once the meeting has been opened, no further comment may be taken without the agreement of the Chairman.

- 1. Apologies & Absence-** To receive & accept apologies and note absence.
- 2. Declarations of interest.** To receive declarations from Councillors, any DPI 's (disclosable pecuniary interest or simply an interest termed a personal interest in the Code the Council adopted) relating to any items on the agenda for 15th March 2021. (Councillors should also remember that even if they do not stand to gain in any personal way, **also to be considered is the public's perception of whether a councillor might gain by being influenced or using influence in a personal capacity.**)
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting-** To confirm and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on February 15th 2022. (Distributed by email & hand).
- 4. Committee Meetings -To note** the minutes from the Finance & Planning meeting held on March 1st 2022
- 5. Casual Vacancies** – Stroud District Council has informed the Clerk that there has not been a call for an election so the Council can continue with co-option.
To Co-opt new members to Hinton Parish Council
- 6. Jubilee-** a) To consider the purchasing of bins for storage of alcohol in ice for the event at a cost of £110
b) To Consider the renting of a portaloos for the event at a cost of £186 per toilet.

7. Signage & Security Half Moon Site Cllr Marsh.

1. To discuss the security of the half moon site in view the traveller activity in the Worcester area involving thousands of pounds worth of damage and disruption to the community. This was raised in a Chairmans report and not taken any further.
2. To discuss and consider the quote for the clearing of the road side area of the halfmoon at a cost of £765.00 + Vat. To scrape back foliage and dirt encroaching the existing footpath. Remove from site

8. To appoint a member to carry out the Internal Control Checks for the period April - June 31st 2022.

9. Oldminster Road recreation field- The Clerk spoke to the Football Club as requested at last month's meeting; they have confirmed that a sand and seed mix would be suitable. The Clerk has obtained two quotes for the reseeding of the goal/penalty area, it was also discussed to go to builders' merchant and purchase sand and seed and the Council to carry out the repair their selves- **To consider the quotes below.**

A- £292.22

B- 651.30

10.Park Reports-

- 10.1 Councilors to **note** the Park reports.
- 10.2 To receive a report from the park Officer relating to park issues if needed. –
- 10.3 To agree retrospectively the planting of trees/Shrubs in the corner of play area by the adult swings.

11. Church Fence- To note the church fence started to lean in the strong winds, the Council have been asked to fix it by the Treasurer of the Church. The Clerk is speaking to Berkeley estate to find out if in fact it is the allotment boundary fence or the Church.

12.Village Hall Verge- Cllr Birnie- The Council may be aware that I mowed the village hall verge over the growing season last year. This was in response to a Facebook request which asked parishioners of the parish to like if they agreed the precept should be used to cut the verge. There were 82 likes, I no longer have a need or storage for a mower and am unable to continue this. I would like to suggest that the council consider using the contractors who cut the play area to include cutting this verge in the contract. I know this was put before the Council previously, but this was in August (over 6 months ago) and a number of Councillors were absent

13. Cllr Marsh- To discuss joining the Planning & Finance meeting into full Council meeting in order that there are sufficient members present.

14.Verge Between Pier view Hotel and tree with dog bin- Cllr Jenkins – would like the Council to consider taking on this piece of land, to fix the benches in the area and tidy it up with some wild flowers and make it a focal point for the local community.

To discuss & consider the above.

15.Chairs Report- To receive a report from the Chairman

16. Clerks Report- To receive a report from the Clerk.

17. Councillors Report - A **brief** report from Cllrs to **bring members up to date** on **Parish matters since the last meeting. No decisions** can be made under this heading but can be an agenda item for the next meeting.

18. Allotments- Members with DPI's and other interests to leave the room.

1. **Bonfire restrictions- Cllr Marsh**- Whilst having a walk around the allotments, Cllr Marsh spoke to one of its members and enquired how he felt regarding the running of the allotments. The member stated that the burning of rubbish between the agreed dates of October to April was restrictive to allotment care. **Cllr Marsh** would like consideration given in relaxing bonfires April- October and to be allowed to burn any items within the rules from April to October the 1st Saturday of every month between set times.

Cllr Birnie- Believes the new restrictions will only cause more problems. Insisting on containing fires only reduces the ability of the fire to breathe. This in turn causes a bigger smoke problem. Most allotment holders consider wind direction and weather conditions before lighting a bonfire. Those that don't, may need a little education in manners!

2. **Insurance- Cllr Birnie**- Most allotment holders consider 3rd party liability insurance costly and unimportant. The only reason they are considering it is because the new tenancy agreement. Cllr Birnie has tried on numerous occasions to find third party insurance but is finding it difficult. One of the purposes of a Parish council is to achieve collectively what would be difficult, expensive or impossible individually. Cllr Birnie believes that as administrators of the allotments, it is the Council who should take out the insurance for the allotments. To discuss & Consider the Parish council purchasing insurance at a cost of £386.22, depending on livestock numbers.
3. **To lift dog ban on allotments Cllr Birnie**- Cllr Birnie suggest that the PC lift the ban of dogs on the allotments
 - a. We would come into line with Stroud district Council rules on dogs
 - b. We cannot completely ban them as there is a public right of way at Brookend allotments and we have previously stated that we 'treat all sites the same'
 - c. The usual complaints about dog are the faeces issue. There are a number of anti-social dog owners in the parish who do not pick up after their dogs. Cllr Birnie would like to suggest this would be highly unlikely on the allotments for a number of reasons, the likelihood is that offending faeces would be on the dog owner's allotment. Most allotment holders don't tend to fit the anti social profile but the most practical reason Cllr Birnie believes is allowing dogs on the allotments would reduce faeces. Cllr Birnie is regularly faced with cat faeces on his allotment beds, the smell of dogs would reduce the cat poo issue.
4. **The New Agreement – Cllr Birnie** – The allotment agreement is a spectacular piece of administration, but in Cllr Birnie's opinion it is not well designed for a target audience. What allotment holders need is a concise and simple worded document. These are gardens and we don't need a lot of rules for gardening.

5. **Cllr Marsh-** As regards Councillor Jenkins resignation as allotments officer, I would like to discuss the possibility of an allotment committee. To discuss forming an allotment committee and dispense of the allotment officer incorporating all three sites. This will allow the smooth running of the allotments and give holders a voice.

6. **Asbestos removal-** A plot holder has found some asbestos on his allotment. Cllr Jenkins has asked for quotes to remove this- Only one received to date
A- 1250.00

19.Exclusion of the press and public- Under the public bodies act 1960 members of the public and press are required to leave the meeting due to the sensitive nature of the items relating to individual members of staff.

See attached-

1. To note the NJC & Unison pay award for 2021-22
2. To note the back dated pay to April 1st 2021
3. To resolve the Clerks hours

20. Vote of no confidence in the Chair-

21.Date of next meeting – April 19th 2022 (Last date for agenda items Tuesday 12th April 2022)

Hinton Parish Council is opposed to discrimination in any form and at all levels and is committed to take all steps within its power to counteract it.

We wish to create an environment where all forms of discriminatory or oppressive behaviour are unacceptable and to provide community leadership in promoting tolerance, understanding and respect.

Please note that this meeting may be recorded