

**MINUTES of the MEETING of HINTON BLEWETT PARISH COUNCIL held on
TUESDAY 22nd January 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in HINTON BLEWETT VILLAGE HALL**

(draft until adopted by the Council and signed by the Chairman)

- Present:** Councillors: Liz Brimmell (Chairman), David Duckett, Simon Keith, Jamie O’Nians, Dave Huffadine, Chris Arnold and David Elliott.
Locum Clerk to the Council: Deborah White (minutes)
- 19/523 One member of the public was present
Also present was Councillor Tim Warren – Bath and North East Somerset Council
- 19/524 All members of the council were present
- 19/525 Consideration of dispensations
- a) Dispensations were GRANTED to Cllrs. Brimmell, Duckett, Huffadine and Arnold, who are all members of the Hinton Blewett Village Hall Management Committee, to be involved in future Parish Council discussions and decisions regarding Hinton Blewett Village Hall
 - b) A dispensation request for Cllr. O’Nians to be involved in any future Parish Council discussion and decisions relating to the B&NES HELAA process was DECLINED
- 19/526 The minutes of the extra-ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 3rd January 2019 were APPROVED as an accurate record of the proceedings
- 19/527 Cllr Elliot gave a short address to the council regarding the Code of Conduct Complaints 1.18 b & 6.18. He explained the events that led up his actions. However, he accepted that the decision to declare an interest was his personal responsibility and apologised for his actions in relation to both 1.18b and 6.18 of the complaint. Cllr Elliott’s apologies were ACCEPTED.
Councillor Elliott then left the meeting.
- 19/528 The draft budget presented to the council by the Finance Working Group was APPROVED Appendix 1
- 19/529 The Parish Precept for 2019 – 2020 (based on the agreed budget in item 19/528) was AGREED as £8,900. Representing an increase of £325 (4.7%) over last year, with a Band D property council tax increasing by £1.09 (2.08%)
Appendix 2hr
- 19/530 A recommendation from the HR Working Group, on the appointment of a new Clerk, was presented. It was based on the contributions of two councillors, as the third councillor declined to be involved in the final assessment as he had concerns about how the assessment criteria had been applied. Reasons were given for the recommendation and concerns were raised about how previous advice from ALCA had been incorrectly interpreted.
The recommendation of the HR Working Group was APPROVED.

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- 19/531 Planning
Application 18/05422/FUL – Greenway House BS39 5AY was discussed following a communication from the Planning Officer. It was AGREED not to object.
- 19/532 Ward Councillor Tim Warren provided an update on the challenges of the Bath and North East Somerset Councils' 2019-20 budget, the value of Parish Councils and the Our Young Stars awards.
- 19/533 It was AGREED that the Town and Country Harriers Running Club would be given permission to erect a gazebo "aid point" on the Village Green for the Butcombe Trail Ultra challenge event on the 27th April 2019, provided a risk assessment had been carried out.
- 19/534 Highways and footpaths
- a) The issue of mud and slurry spread on the road outside Home Farm, Hook Lane was discussed as issues had become more serious of late and issues around poor farming practice in general at the location. It was AGREED that a request for Bath and North East Somerset Council to take prompt and more radical action to resolve the issues permanently would be made.
 - b) The stile at Long Dole Wood had been repaired by Bath Ramblers
 - c) The flooding on the Sutton Hill Road at the junction with Whitehill Lane had been fixed
- 19/535 The setting up Parish Council specific email addresses for Parish Councillors was DEFERRED until after the 2nd May 2019 elections
- 19/536 Items for Information from the Clerk included:
The Environment Agency action being taken at Stowey Sutton Quarry
No issues to be addressed in the annual Playing Field report

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 p.m.