

HINTON BLEWETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held virtually via Zoom on
Thursday 3rd September 2020 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors D Duckett, C Elliott, D Huffadine, J O’Nians and A Mills

IN ATTENDANCE: Jo Swift – Clerk

21/681 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None.

21/682 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
None, all Councillors present.

21/683 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were none.

21/684 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2020 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

21/685 REPORTS
The Chairman spoke about the condition of the roads, a meeting will be arranged with the local MP to see what the Governments view is in respect of the standard of repair and lack of maintenance as it is felt that it is not satisfactory. The Chairman mentioned that vulnerable residents are still being looked after during the Covid pandemic.

Land – the Chairman has been told by residents that there are parcels of land owned by the Parish Council, however it is unknown as to exactly what is owned. It was agreed to find out as much information as possible and add to the agenda for the next meeting.

The Clerk provided an update to her report – the hedges in the play area have still not been done by the contractor chosen by the Parish Council so the Clerk is obtaining further quotes. Also, quotes are being requested for the grass cutting as Alan Grant is no longer able to continue to do the grass cutting.

The contractor that presently does the footpaths will add Spring Lane to the list and from next year will also strim the play area. Councillor D Elliott offered to do the strimming in the meantime.

Finger posts – Councillor J O’Nians will do the work as agreed on the finger posts shortly.

21/686 PLANNING MATTERS

<p>20/02670/TPO Beechdene, Upper Road Hinton Blewett</p>	<p>Crown raise to height of 3m over driveway. Prune back to live growth points, reduce laterals extending over neighbours building. Prune back by 3 m to growth points to height of no more than 4m. Deadwood removal from trees down to diameter of 10mm.</p>	<p>Resolved to support</p>
<p>20/02902/TCA The Old Rectory Upper Road Hinton Blewett</p>	<p>2no. Limes (T1 and T2) - Crown reduction by a maximum of 4m from canopy extremities to live growth points. Prune to balance form and create an asymmetric crown. Sycamore (T3) - Crown interfering with structure of property. Prune back from building line to growth points to create a 2m clearance from built structure and roof. Ash (T4) - Stage 2/3 dieback. Roadside tree. Sectional dismantle to ground level in interests of safety. Yew (T5) - Lift crown to consistent 2m. Reduce canopy by pruning back by a maximum of 1m from canopy extremities to growth points.</p>	<p>Resolved to support</p>

21/687 FINANCES

- (a) The financial statements for months 4 (July) were approved and noted.
- (b) The payments and receipts listed on the agenda were approved and noted.

21/688 CHEW VALLEY CLIMATE AND NATURE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

Resolved – that Councillors D Duckett and D Huffadine are appointed to the Chew Valley Climate and Nature Emergency Working Group.

21/689 MEMORIAL SEAT

Consideration to the request was given but it was felt that agreeing to a memorial seat on the Barbury would set a precedent and there is not sufficient room to accommodate several seats. It was also mentioned that the Barbury is of historic interest and therefore it was preferable not to agree to any further street furniture or similar.

Resolved – that the request from the resident is to be refused.

21/690 PLAY AREA REPAIRS

The roof on the shelter will be replaced at some stage. Options were provided for the sand pit area in respect of a covering. It was agreed to purchase some sand, tidy up the area and see how this works before considering other options.

Resolved – it was agreed to purchase ‘play’ sand for the sand pit. To be done in the spring.

21/691 PROSPECT STILE

Chippings will be purchased, and the fence will be painted. It was agreed to repair the existing bench rather than purchase a replacement. Councillor J O’Nains will look at it and seek someone who can repair the bench.

21/692 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on **Thursday 19th November at 7.30pm** 2020 via Zoom unless otherwise notified

The meeting finished at 8.10 pm

Signed: Date:
(Chairman)