

HINTON BLEWETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held virtually via Zoom on
Thursday 4th February 2021 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors T Bowler, D Duckett, C Elliott (at 20.15) D Elliott and D Huffadine.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jo Swift – Clerk

21/731 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was done.

21/732 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and approved from Councillor J O’Nians.

21/733 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

21/734 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2021 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

21/735 REPORTS

Chairman – recently attended a ‘Local Plan’ update meeting. The Chairman asked those present if the Local Plan for the village should be revisited and the feeling was that there was no requirement as little has changed in the Parish. It was mentioned at the meeting that if no comment is received about a particular matter then the Parish Council would lose the right of appeal. The consultation is open until 18th February 2021, the Clerk will resend the email out again for comment.

Planning applications relating to solar panels and wind turbines are most likely to be approved by B&NES. There is still a housing shortfall of 11,000 in B&NES, brown infill sites will be filled first, then places such as Bath, Keynsham, Somer Valley and lastly rural locations.

Village development boundaries are being considered – there are 2 options, 1 is to stay as is and option 2 is to remove the housing boundaries and treat each location separately.

ALCA – the law relating to holding Parish Council meetings virtually ends in May. This is being looked into by NALC and the Clerk will provide any update to meetings in due course.

21/736 PLANNING MATTERS

21/00156/FUL Greenacre Farm Litton Lane Hinton Blewett	Extension of existing house. Conversion of barn to holiday let. External alterations to barn (Resubmission).	Resolved to support
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The planning decision was noted:

20/04354/FUL Fair Orchard South Widcombe Hinton Blewett	Erection of single storey extension to rear of kitchen, conversion of store to rear entrance and minor changes to front elevation.	Permitted
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- 21/737 DOG WALKERS AND VISITORS TO THE VILLAGE
A discussion was had about the visitors to the village and the issues. The signage that has been put up appears to be ignored overall. Closing the Barbury car park was suggested and it was decided to close the car park when the weather is nice to trial it, monitor and review.
- 21/738 TREE PLANTING PROJECT
Councillors C Elliott, D Huffadine and T Bowler will have a meeting before the next meeting in March.
- 21/739 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2021/2022
Resolved – that the schedule of meetings was approved.
- 21/740 TRAFFIC IN THE VILLAGE
The matter was discussed, this matter has been looked at in the past and the limited options considered. Some of the markings on the road are worn away, B&NES to be contacted for re-painting.
- 21/741 COMMUNICATION
Present communication is a village Facebook page albeit not a Parish Council one, emailing list that the Parish Council has and the Parish News. It was felt that this was not sufficient and not everyone was being reached. It was suggested that a Parish newsletter to be put together and delivered a few times a year which improve communication. All Councillors to contribute to it.

Resolved – that a Parish Council newsletter to be done 3 times a year – March, July and November.
- 21/742 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is on **Thursday 25th March 2021 at 7.30pm**. 2020. All meetings are via Zoom unless otherwise notified.

The meeting finished at 8.16 pm.

Signed: Date:
(Chairman)

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