

HINTON BLEWETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held virtually via Zoom on
Thursday 6th May 2021 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors T Bowler, D Duckett, C Elliott, D Elliott, D Huffadine, A Mills and J O’Nians

IN ATTENDANCE: Jo Swift – (Clerk)

22/749 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

22/750 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2021/2022

Resolved – that Councillor D Duckett is elected Chairman of the Council for 2021/2022.

The Declaration of Acceptance will be signed in front of the Clerk asap

22/751 ELECTION OF VICE- CHAIRMAN 2021/2022

Resolved – that Councillor D Huffadine is elected Vice Chairman of the Council for 2021/2022.

Declaration of Acceptance will be signed in front of the Clerk asap.

22/752 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There was none.

22/753 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

22/754 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2021 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

22/755 REPORTS

Chairman - reported that he has attended a course about virtual meetings.

Clerk - mentioned that the fingerposts were presently being done and should be back soon and that she had been working on the end of year accounts and audit.

Councillor T Bowler spoke about the recent Climate Emergency and Nature Working group in respect of transport she had recently attended. Work is being done with B&NES Council to improve transport infrastructure in the Chew Valley area. Suggestions are a possible shuttle bus, dial a minibus, the use of electric bikes or scooters etc. There are 2 surveys presently, one is for the over 16’s at Chew Valley school and the other is being distributed. the survey has been received by the Clerk and has been circulated to Councillors on 27.04.2021.

22/756 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

Resolved – members were appointed as follows:

Finance Monitor – Councillor D Huffadine
Emergency Planning and Snow Contact – Councillor D Duckett
Footpath Representative – Councillor D Elliott
Playground weekly inspector – Councillor D Elliott

22/757 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2021/2022

Resolved – members were appointed to the outside bodies for 2021/2022:

ALCA – Councillor David Huffadine
Village Hall Committee – Councillor David Duckett
Chew Valley Forum – Councillor D Duckett
Chew Valley Neighbourhood Steering Group – it was thought that this group was no longer in existence to the Clerk will investigate.
Chew Valley Climate and Nature Emergency Working Group – Councillor T Bowler and Councillor D Huffadine
Mendip Hills AONB – Councillor J O’Nians
Parish Liaison – to note this is to be attended by the Chairman

22/758 FINANCES

Resolved – the following finances for month 12 were received and noted.

- Bank reconciliation to 31.03.2021
- Receipts and payments
- Income and expenditure showing % against budget

22/759 PLAY AREA REPAIRS

Repair work on the roof of the shelter has been started and will be finished soon. It was agreed rather than reinstate the sand pit it would be preferable to plant wildflowers in the area. Councillors C Elliott and D Duckett to investigate sourcing the soil to put in it.

22/760 DRAINS AND POTHOLES

The Chairman has spoken to a Highways engineer, the criteria for repair work has changed again. The depth of a pothole now has to be deeper for it to be repaired. It was agreed to write to Bath & NE Somerset Council to find out what their policy is on the maintenance on drains and potholes.

22/761 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on **Thursday 24th June at 7.30pm** 2021 at the village hall.

The meeting finished at 8.05pm

Signed: Date:
(Chairman)