

HINTON BLEWETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Hinton Blewett on
Thursday 9th September 2021 at 7.30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Jo Swift – (Clerk)

22/794 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

22/795 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors T Bowler and D Elliott.
Apologies were received from Councillor (B&NES) D Wood.

22/796 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

22/797 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th August 2021 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

22/798 REPORTS

Chairman - it has been reported that the fence at Prospect Stile is rotten and has fallen down. A temporary repair has been made, a more permanent one will be made shortly. The fence, that leads up to the gate, at the play area also needs repairing and this will be looked into for repair as well.

The Pound – a combine harvester has damaged the posts in the area. It was agreed not to put the post back but to check first with the landowner to ensure that it will have no impact leaving them down in respect of the entrance to the field. As agreed at a previous meeting the area will be left as a wild area.

Councillor D Huffadine – recently attended the Climate and Nature Emergency Working Group - the group are working on a website to assist and direct people where to go for grants etc. It is also hoped that the group can help people switch to alternative energy supplies. Thermal imaging is available, at a cost of £200, to find out where cold spots are in houses. It was mentioned that fashion/clothing is 5 x times more damaging to the climate than aeroplanes.

Having done a carbon footprint calculation on the village - agriculture, housing and having no public transport are the main issues.

22/799 PLANNING MATTERS

The decisions made by Bath & NE Somerset were noted:

21/03127/FUL Homefields Widcombe Hill Hinton Blewett	Change of use of former residential annex to independent dwelling	PERMITTED
21/03449/FUL Elm Close Lower Road Hinton Blewett	Erection of single storey rear extension	PERMITTED

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FINANCES

Resolved – the following finances for month 5 were received and noted.

- Bank reconciliation to 31.08.2021
- Receipts and payments
- Income and expenditure showing % against budget

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CIL MONEY

It was suggested to use the money for seating as mentioned previously. There are some restrictions on what CIL money can spent on, it was suggested to put this in the newsletter to inform residents. It was agreed to put back on the agenda for future consideration.

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INTERNAL AUDIT

Resolved – that the internal audit for 2021/2022 and the cost was approved.

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UPDATE ON AGREED TASKS/PROJECTS

- Tree planting – Woodland Trust have applications available for March 2022, but they require a grid reference for a particular area, they also like to monitor the areas where the trees are planted. Chew Valley Trees are also doing a scheme. It was suggested that fruit trees would be a good type of tree to plant and a benefit to the community. An update will be provided at the next meeting to proceed with obtaining trees.
- Communication – a draft newsletter has been drawn up was emailed around for comment. 100 copies will be printed and will be hand delivered.
- Barbury area – this will be done in the Spring.

22/804

RECRUITMENT

Resolved - to approve the recruitment of a new Clerk on the NJC pay scale SCP17-20 (£12.69 - £13.47) and to advertise on Indeed.com, ALCA website, noticeboard and residents mailing list.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on **Thursday 25th November 2021 at 7.30pm** 2021 at the village hall.

The meeting ended at 20.17 pm

Signed: Date:
(Chairman)

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