

HINTON BLEWETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Hinton Blewett on
Thursday 25th November 2021 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors T Bowler, C Elliott, D Duckett and D Huffadine

IN ATTENDANCE: Jo Swift (Clerk) and Councillor D Wood (B&NES Councillor)

22/812 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

22/813 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor D Elliot, A Mills and J O’Nains.

22/814 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

22/815 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2021 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

22/816 REPORTS

Ward Councillor – B&NES are presently doing their budget. The services that have an impact on Hinton Blewett residents such as road repairs, flooding and recycling are being considered and protected in the budget to enable these front line services to be kept. Emission Charges – there will be a series of exemptions which include Blue Badge holders, travel to hospital, including visitors, and those on lower incomes travelling to work. Local Plan – houses to be located in areas where there are transport links. The resurfacing will be extended from Lower Road along to Hook Lane.

Chairman – there has been more vandalism at Prospect Stile. A conversation has been had with Western Power in respect of the power cuts in some parts of the village. They have said that they will look into this.

Climate and Nature Emergency working group – a verbal update was provided. A survey – WECA Supported Bus Services Survey has been sent out for completion.

22/816 PLANNING MATTERS

The following application was considered:

21/05160/FUL Perrymead South Widcombe Hinton Blewett	Partial demolition, conversion, and extension of existing outbuildings to holiday let	Resolved to support
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- 22/817 FINANCE
Resolved – the following finances for month 7 were received and noted.
- Bank reconciliation to 31.10.2021
 - Receipts and payments
 - Income and expenditure showing % against budget
- 22/818 2022/2023 DRAFT BUDGET
It was agreed to remove the amount for the Village Pound and add a new budget line for the Queens Jubilee.
- Resolved** – that with the above changes the draft budget was approved. The final decision will be made at the January 2021 Council meeting where the level of precept agreed.
- 22/819 RISK ASSESSMENT 2021/2022
Resolved – that the Risk Assessment for 2020/2021 was reviewed and approved with one minor amendment changing a risk level from low to medium.
- 22/820 GRANT REQUEST
Resolved – that the village hall is requested to complete the Councils grant application form.
- 22/821 MUD ON ROADS
A satisfactory reply has been received which will be passed onto B&NES Council subject to permission being given.
- 22/822 SEWERAGE IN THE VILLAGE
It was agreed to write to Bristol Water, Wessex Water and Western Power to ask if there is capacity in the village for the sewerage. It was felt that the Council should be aware of the situation which would be especially useful when considering planning applications.
- 22/823 NEWSLETTER FEEDBACK
There has been positive feedback from residents. There will be another issue and it is hoped that the next one will be issued in January/February which will include details of the budget and the Jubilee celebrations.
- 22/824 RECRUITMENT OF NEW CLERK
Resolved – that the recruitment of the new qualified Clerk, Philip Edwards, as the Proper Officer and RFO of the Council was approved at a rate of pay of SCP17-20 (£12.69 to £13.47), starting on SCP18 (£12.95) with a review after 3 months to increase to SCP20 £13.47.
- Resolved** - that the new Clerk, Philip Edwards, is added to the Councils bank Unity Trust as an administrator to the account and that J Swift is removed.

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INTERNAL AUDITOR

Resolved – that the appointment of Bridget Bowen as the Internal Auditor for 2021/2022 at a cost of £180.00 was approved.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is to be held at **7.30pm on Thursday 13th January 2022.**

The meeting ended at 20.42

Signed: Date:
(Chairman)

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