West Huntspill Parish Council Meeting Minutes

**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7:00 pm on 21st June 2021 at St Peters and All Hallows Church following Covid-19 regulations. Access available to the meeting for the public via Zoom.**

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| **i)** | | **Members present:** Cllr J Wakefield, Cllr A Gunnell-Parker, Cllr R Palmer & Cllr M Saunders  The Clerk – Mrs Alex Harris | **Action** |
| **ii)** | | **Members of public present via Zoom:** Mr Stephen Bishop (Unfortunately the Wi-Fi was intermittent and connection was lost) |  |
| **iii)** | | **County & District Councillors present via Zoom**: None |  |
| **1.** | | **Apologies for absence**: Cllr R Keen and District Cllr J Keen |  |
| **2** | | **Dispensation requests**: Cllr M Saunders – Planning application 52/21/00009 St Peters and All Hallows Church. |  |
| **3.** | | **Minutes and Clerks Report**  Cllr Wakefield proposed the minutes we a true record of the meeting held on the 24/5/21. Cllr A Gunnell-Parker seconded this and the Council were all agreed.  Cllr Wakefield and Cllr A Gunnell-Parker approved the Clerks report and the Council were all agreed. |  |
| **4.** | | **Matters Arising –None** |  |
| **5.** | | **County Councillor and District Councillor Reports:**  Report received form Cllr Healey via email – disseminated to all |  |
|  | | **Cllr M Saunders leaves meeting at 19.05** |  |
| **6.** | | **Planning**  **52/21/00009 The Parochial Church Council of St Peters and All Hallows Church**  Installation of 8.no. circular steel pattress plates to the west tower as part of structural tie bar, siting of new heritage interpretation panels in churchyard. Also, temporary printed wrap fixed to the temporary scaffolding.  **The Parish Council supported this application on the grounds of preservation of a listed building and supporting community activity.**  **Cllr M Saunders returned to the meeting 7.10**  **52/20/00024 Land South of New Road – West Huntspill LVA LLP**    Land south of, New Road. Outline application with some matters reserved for the erection of 45 dwellings, a carpark, open space and other associated infrastructure with all matters reserved for future consideration except access.  **The Parish Council continue to object to this application on the following grounds:**  The highways survey was completed during a national lock down and not a true reflection of traffic though the village.  Pedestrian Crossing – application only states suggested and the sizing on the application is not correct on application.  School carpark is not easily accessible to the school and not big enough  **The Council all agreed to consult with a planning consultant to guide them on further objection to this application.**  **52/21/00008 76 Church Road. Mr D Andrews**  This was carried over from the last meeting.  **The Council has no observations to offer.** |  |
| **7.** | | **Police report:**  Received form PCSO Sam Piers – All Council have read   * AGP Priority 1 & 2 have remained unchanged and figures are based year on year and not a full picture due to national lock down,   Invite PCSO to a future PC meeting |  |
| **8** | | **Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance**  Quote required to pollard trees at Old Pawlett Road/White Cottage  Alstone Gardens footpath has been trimmed but it is still impassable. Clerk to contact solicitors and thank them but inform it is not sufficient.  Neighbourhood Wardens – Carry over as Cllr Higgs absent from meeting.  “No Cold Calling” signs have been received and given to Cllr Palmer and Cllr Saunders to erect. | Clerk |
| **9.** | | **Common**  Site meeting was held regarding Map area on Common. Quotes are still required for bollards. Suggest a third bench to make a talking area.  Unsure whether a hedge is needed or not. Will complete the above works and review.  Women’s Institute – Holding a picnic on the Common 1/7/21 at 7pm (weather dependant) a plaque will be installed to commemorate the WI tree planted 2 years ago to celebrate 100 years of the WI.  Rhynes on Common have a lot of overgrowth. Will need to be cleared before winter to help with drainage. |  |
| **10.** | | **Pavilion**  Filing Cabinets need to be removed after 12/7/21 – Cllr A Gunnell-Parker will help with disposal  The Roof has been fixed  Plumbing is complete  Awaiting new boiler  All doors replaced except disabled toilet door  Flooring being done today  Home dressing room has been plastered  Mr J Davey is getting 3 quotes for the disabled toilet and ramp. Council can then apply for grant for this work. |  |
| **11.** | | **Railway**  The Council discussed the application to the Council to site a ticket office on the railway area. The application suggested a poured concrete base. The Council propose a gravel and slab base as this is for a temporary structure.  The Clerk will inform Mr Edwards and Mr Flower. |  |
| **12.** | | **Ilex Park**  A directional sign is needed for the park within the Ringstone area.  The Clerk will contact Arien Signs |  |
| **13.** | | **Training**  Cllr Gunnell-Parker has chairmanship training via zoom (SALC) on 29/7/21 |  |
| **14.** | | **Area Report:**  **Ringstone** – Wessex Water Stop Valve stones have appeared near the Withy Road sign. Clerk will inform Wessex Water so they can be reinstated.  Potholes have been repaired  Gas Main is being re-sleeved in Ringstone – Will be works going on for 3 months  **Church Road** – Mr Mullins land is for sale. Access to this land is over the Common. Rumour has suggested residential development (7 acres). Councillors inform the land is of archaeological interest.  Speeding cars within this area- Inform PCSO/PC  **Main Road** – Lots of rubbish along Main Road  Traffic has increased overnight due to M5 closures  Notice board has been refurbished by Arien signs.  **Alstone** – None |  |
| **15.** | | **Payments**   * + Mrs Alex Harris £598.76 – Clerk   + Mrs Alex Harris £37.99 – Telephone and website   + Mrs Alex Harris £14.39   + Mr Steve Chick £375.00 – Common/Ilex/Old Pawlett Road   + Mr Steve Chick £375.00 – Common/Ilex/Old Pawlett Road   + Huntspill Cricket Club – Pavilion refurb April £2769.52   + Huntspill Cricket Club – Pavilion refurb May £2145.70   + SDC Dog Bins (April) £167.23   + Wessex Water Pavilion £93.36   + Huntspill Cricket Club Grass Cutting £900.00   **All payments agreed by of Council.**  Financial Report given  Banking – Cllr AGP and Cllr Keen to be added to Bank Mandate |  |
| **16.** | | **Matters of report:** Cllr Gunnell-Parker will be absent from next meeting due to holiday |  |
| **17.** | **Date & time of next meeting: 12th July 2021 – 7pm – Balliol Hall** | |  |
| **18.** | The meeting closed at: 20.15 | |  |