West Huntspill Parish Council Meeting Minutes

**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7:00 pm on 13th December 2021 at The Balliol Hall, Church Road following Covid-19 regulations.**

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| **i)** | | **Members present:** Cllr J Wakefield, Cllr R Shaw, Cllr A Higgs, Cllr A Gunnell-Parker, Cllr R Palmer & Cllr M Saunders  The Clerk – Mrs Alex Harris | **Action** |
| **ii)** | | **Members of public present via Zoom:** Mr John Wilks via Zoom |  |
| **iii)** | | **County & District Councillors present via Zoom**: Cllr J Woodman |  |
| **1.** | | **Apologies for absence**: District Cllr J Keen & Cllr R Keen |  |
| **2** | | **Dispensation requests**: None |  |
| **3.** | | **Minutes and Clerks Report**  Cllr Saunders proposed the minutes were a true record of the meeting held on the 08/11/21. Cllr J Wakefield seconded this and the Council were all agreed.  Cllr Hills and Cllr a Gunnell-Parker approved the Clerks report and the Council were all agreed. |  |
| **4.** | | **Matters Arising –None** |  |
|  | | **Meeting Closed at 7.05pm for Public Presentations**  **Mr John Wilks regarding the Brue Farm planning applications** |  |
|  | | **Meeting re-opened at 7.15pm** |  |
| **5.** | | **Police report – PCSO Piers unable to attend but report received** |  |
| **6.** | | **County Councillor and District Councillor Reports:**  Cllr Healey sent report by email  Cllr Woodman – County, District and Parish Council elections will be held May 2022. However due to Covid-19 this is not confirmed.  Zoos are vaccinating zoo animals to protect ageing Covid-19  SCC is ready to submit a business case for road safety improvements for J22 M5 & A38.  Ambitious plan to improve bus services with SDC area also being discussed at a cost of £165 million pounds. |  |
| **7.** | | **Planning**  **52/21/0006 – Alstone Court – change of use from agricultural use to dog agility course**  **Withdrawn –** However public have advised that the site is currently being used for dog agility assumed business.  Extension of application has been granted by SDC.  **52/21/00021 – 12 Main Road**  Erection of first floor side (NE) extension above the existing garage, with the installation of the roof windows and sliding doors to existing rear (NW) extension  **No Observations**  **95/21/00001 – SPH land at former, Royal Ordnance Factory (Gravity), Woolavington**  Consultation on the Draft Gravity Local Development Order  **No Observations**  **52/21/00016 Land At, Brue Farm, Huntspill Road**  Variations of conditions 3,21,28,32 of planning permission 52/19/00001 (Hybrid (full and outline) application for the erection of up to 171 dwellings together with associated infrastructure, including provision of roundabout and public open space and seeking outline permission with all matters reserved for the erection of a primary school.) to reduce number of plots to 167 and associated layout changes.  **Object –** proposed 3 storey townhouses boarding the main road in West Huntspill is out of character for the village and contravenes the Parish Plan/Village design statement which was approved by SDC in 2015.  Increased traffic generation on to A38  Where is the Main access proposed for this site? Clarify with Highways and Burnham Town Council  **52/21/00028 – Erection of advertising material**  **Object** – Retrospective permission, material already in place. Distraction to drivers and has been erected approx. 100m in wrong place.  **52/21/00022 – 13 silver street**  Erection of a garage linking to existing workshop on site of existing garage to be demolished and pitched tiled roof.  **No Observations**  **52/21/00023 Land off, Alstone Road**  **Object –** Two storey house planned in development of bungalows – out of keeping  Loss of privacy to neighbours  Drainage  Is the site of historical interest?  Shared driveway  Erection of two storey detached self-build dwelling  **52/21/00026 JOM Land at Huntspill Sluice to the West of Cadwells Lane**  Retrospective application for the erection of signage/information board for the public using the costal path.  **No Objection** – however Gate was recently removed at the North section needs re-installing.  **52/21/00024 – 25 Main Road**  Erection of rear (East) conservatory part on site of existing store (to be demolished)  **No Observation**  **52/21/00025 – 19 Church Road**  Fell cluster of 7 False Acacia trees. Reduce spread of roadside row of three sycamores trees by up to 3 meters form the roadside and raise away from BT phone lines. Fell one sycamore tree.  **Observations**– Site visit required as unsure why this is needed and nesting Egrets. |  |
| **8.** | | **Common**  Low hanging branches on trees on Common have been removed.  Map area – Nothing to report  No dog fouling signs have been installed  New door fitted to electricity cabinet and duct of Christmas tree lighting. Large tree in place and good feedback so far. |  |
| **9.** | | **Pavilion** –Nothing to report |  |
| **10.** | | **Clean Sweep**  Next Clean sweep planned for March 2022 |  |
| **11.** | | **Ilex Park**  Over hanging trees form Ilex Park onto properties 97,98 & 99 has been rectified | MS  JW |
| **12.** | | **Area Report:**  **Ringstone –** Road sign at Withy Road bent over  Pot Hole outside pumping station Withy Road  **Church Road** – None  **Main Road** – Pollarding of trees: White Cottage & Ilex  Mr M Fiddes £2200 inc Vat  Landing Trees £1350 +Vat  Somerset Trees £1150 inc Vat  Quote awarded to Somerset Trees - All agreed – Cllr Higgs will contact  Huntspill Villa hedge is hanging over footpath and brambles present. Landowner not taking ownership and cutting back. Contact SDC.  **Alstone** – M Woollacott awarded quote for phone box £500 inc vat. Clerk has tried to contact but unable to get hold of him. Cllr Keen will try and contact. If this fails then Steve Chick to be awarded contract.  **Laburnham House –** reports of multiple fires with large bangs (aerosols) | Clerk  AH |
| **13.** | | **Platinum Jubilee**  June 2022 will be the Queens Platinum Jubilee.  Beacon to be resized and erected on the Common as per Jubilee Plan   * Ask Jake Richards if able to do this   Jubilee coins for all school children at West Huntspill school – Need numbers | Clerk |
| **14** | | **Remembrance Sunday**  Well attended  Cllr Gunnell-Parker requested if we could get hold of a carboard wreath rather than plastic for next year. |  |
| **15.** | | Financial items:   * Statement of accounts * To agree the following payments   Mrs Alex Harris £598.76 – Clerk  Mrs Alex Harris £37.99 – Telephone and website  Mrs Alex Harris £14.39  Mr J White – Xmas Tree £120  Mrs A Harris – Christmas Lights £22.99  The Council agreed the banking statement and all payments were approved. |  |
| **16.** | | **Matters of report:**  Precept and Budget to be discussed at January 2022 meeting  Letter received from MS Thompson, The Barns. Cllr Wakefield will respond.  Tree Preservation order granted to copse of trees at 1 Church Road. |  |
| **17.** | **Date & time of next meeting: 10th January 2022 – 7pm – Balliol Hall** | |  |
| **18.** | The meeting closed at: 20.20pm | |  |