

West Huntspill Parish Council

Minutes of 16th May 2022

Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7:00 pm on 16th May 2022 at The Balliol Hall, Church Road following Covid-19 regulations.

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| i) | <u>Members present:</u> Cllr J Wakefield, Cllr R Shaw, Cllr Shaw & Cllr M Saunders The Clerk – Mrs Alex Harris | |
| ii) | <u>Members of public present:</u> None | |
| iii) | <u>County & District Councillors present:</u> None | |
| 1. | <u>Apologies for absence:</u> Cllr A Clapp, Cllr R Keen, District Cllr J Keen & County Cllr Healey | |
| 2 | <u>Dispensation requests:</u> None | |
| 3. | <u>Minutes and Clerks Report</u> Cllr Shaw proposed the minutes were a true record of the meeting held on the 11/4/22. Cllr Saunders seconded this, and the Council were all agreed. Cllr Shaw and Cllr Saunders approved the Clerks report, and the Council were all agreed. | |
| 4. | <u>Matters Arising –None</u> | |
| 5. | <u>Elections 2022</u> Acceptance of Office forms were signed by the Clerk and witness by Council. Notification of personal interest forms have all been completed and the Clerk will submit to Sedgemoor District Council. A non-contested election took place on 9/5/22. West Huntspill & Alstone now have seven elected councillors: Cllr John Wakefield Cllr Ann Clapp Cllr R Shaw Cllr M Saunders Cllr A Higgs Cllr R Keen Cllr J Wilks Cllr Saunders proposed Cllr Wakefield as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Shaw and the Council were in full agreement. | |

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| | <p>Cllr Shaw proposed Cllr Clapp as Vice Chair, this was seconded by Cllr Wilks and the Council were all in agreement</p> | |
| 6. | <p><u>Policy</u></p> <p>The council resolved to adopt the SALC code of conduct – All were agreed</p> <p>The Council resolved to adopt the updated standing orders – All were agreed</p> <p>The Council resolved to adopt the updated financial orders – All were agreed</p> | |
| 7. | <p><u>Banking</u></p> <p>The Council resolved to change the current Barclays Bank account to Unity Bank, due to the loss of branches. This will also allow online banking.</p> | |
| 8. | <p><u>Nomination of Councillors to committees</u></p> <p>SALC – Chair and Clerk Ilex Park – Cllr Saunders Balliol Hall – Cllr Higgs and Cllr Clapp SPFA – Cllr Saunders Coastal Cluster group – Cllr Keen Drainage Board - Cllr Shaw & Cllr Keen</p> | |
| 9. | <p><u>County Councillor and District Councillor Reports:</u></p> <p>County Cllr M Healey reported by email: Distributed to Councillors District J Keen reported by email: Distributed to Councillors</p> | |
| 10. | <p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>Brue Farm Development – Phase 2 Cllr Wakefield and Cllr Wilks have agreed to meet the developer and possibly highways to discuss the current issues with the development. An extra-ordinary meeting may be required to facilitate this. There is no date planned yet, possibly 14/6/22</p> <p>Cllr Wilks informs there is no highway warning signage and there are two areas of access to the site but no signage or contact details displayed for the developer. Cllr Wilks has asked SDC for their compliance information regarding this development, but nothing received yet.</p> <p>Over the two previous weekends there has been failure of the site security warning system. Loudspeaker messages were played repetitively all weekend but no-one to contact to advise of issue, residents very upset.</p> <p>Cllr Wilks would like to know who is the principal contractor?</p> <p>Cllr Shaw informed poor traffic control again with no signage recently.</p> <p>Cllr Wilks informed we need to be prepared for phase two. Only outline planning at present by Barrett Homes.</p> | |

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| | <p>Council suggested contacting Cllr Healey and Cllr Woodman for their input.</p> <p><u>9 Main Road</u> Ms Naomi Maratty contacted the Council for pre-planning advice on the possibility of building an annex in their garden to house and elderly relative. The Council could not comment at this stage as no formal application had yet been submitted. However, the properties in this area have long gardens and could see no obvious issue.</p> <p><u>41/21/00018 Pawlett application for West Huntspill Comment – Dog walking area</u> No Objection to the application</p> <p>The Old cricket field behind the old post office has been put up for sale for possible development. Guide price is £90,000 The Council discussed whether it was possible to purchase the land and protect as community asset. Any future development on this site would be outside of the settlement boundary. There are also several footpaths that would need to be diverted. The Clerk will investigate possibilities.</p> | |
| 11. | <p><u>Queens Platinum Jubilee</u></p> <p>Flyers have been displayed and issued to all households Information on Village website and Parish Council website 2 x marques have been arranged and will be erected Friday afternoon The grass will be cut 2 days before event The Crossways will be supplying a licenced bar The Orchard Inn will be providing a burger van Tables and chairs will be set up Saturday morning The King Alfred Brass Band will be performing (£75 Chairmans Allowance) Cake stand will be available and will be donating any monies raised to charity A village photo will be taken by Mr D Bishop</p> <p>A beacon which has been kindly fabricated by Cllr Saunders will be lit on the Common on Thursday 2nd June at 9.45 as part of a nation event.</p> | |
| 12. | <p><u>Ilex</u> Some recent mess has appeared at the Ilex Park (Tinned Tomatoes on the slide) A kind member of the public has cleared up the mess.</p> <p>Some Dog fouling has occurred within the park – signage is needed A fence has been damaged between the park and a property (Homes in SDC?)</p> | |
| 13. | <p><u>Projects:</u></p> <p>Yellow Lines (Church Road and Alstone) – Clerk to chase</p> <p>V-Board for Common – Cllr Saunders will remind fabricator that this is still wanted</p> <p>Common Map – Jim from Media Edge has said it will be possible to copy the existing map on to Perspex. He will need photos and sizes before he can quote.</p> <p>Clean Sweep – Next Event end of Sept 2022</p> | |
| 14. | <p><u>Pavilion</u></p> | |

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| | Cricket Club has a requested an annual weed treatment to the site – The Parish Council resolved this could go ahead. | |
| 15. | <p><u>Area Report:</u></p> <p>Ringstone/Withy Road – None</p> <p>Church Road – None</p> <p>Main Road – The surface of the pavement at Orchard Inn entrance is in a poor state there are potholes (Clerk to contact Highways).</p> <p>Alstone – the hedge on the footpath leading to the phone box is still obstructing the footpath (Clerk to contact Ashford’s Solicitors)</p> <p>Residents would like a public access defibrillator in the area. Some residents are happy to donate towards the cost. The owner of Taunton Kitchens is happy for it to be sited there. Discussed would need a business case as there are ongoing costs and maintenance to consider. Look into grant funding also. To discuss further at next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Wilks would like to utilise the phone box. He would possibly like to place some shelves inside so a “bring and swap” of items could take place.</p> <p>Cllr Wilks also requested a notice board be erected at Alstone. The Council advised this would need to be budgeted for as the cost is upward from £650.</p> | AGP Clerk |
| 16. | <p><u>Financial items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of Accounts • To agree the following payments: Mrs Alex Harris £598.76 – Clerks salary Mrs Alex Harris £37.99 – Telephone and website Mrs Alex Harris £14.39 – Zoom Freedom of Information £40 Mr Steve Chick Footpaths £275 Mr Steve Chick Grass areas £412.22 BHIB Insurance £1000.22 (Annual Payment) Arien Signs Notice Board £614.40 <p>The Council agreed the banking statement and all payments were approved.</p> | |
| 17. | <p><u>Matters of report:</u></p> <p>Clerk East Huntspill (Jim) enquires if we have had any issue with heavy vehicles using bleak bridge as there have been lots of resident complaints in East Huntspill for the new development.</p> | |
| 18. | <u>Date & time of next meeting:</u> 13th June 2022 – 7pm – Balliol Hall | |
| 20. | The meeting closed at: 20.49 | |