West Huntspill Parish Council

Minutes of 13th June 2022

Parish Council Meeting

**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7:00 pm on 13th June 2022 at The Balliol Hall, Church Road following Covid-19 regulations.**

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| **i)** | | **Members present:** Cllr J Wakefield, Cllr R Shaw, Cllr Higgs, Cllr M Saunders, Cllr R Keen, Cllr A Clapp & Cllr J Wilks  The Clerk – Mrs Alex Harris | **Action** |
| **ii)** | | **Members of public present:** D Pepper, Gary Druce, Emma Snook, Lyndsey Gardener, Paul Gardener, V Evans, and Janet Hill  Chris & Andy (CLJ Construction) |  |
| **iii)** | | **County & District Councillors present**: None |  |
| **1.** | | **Apologies for absence**: County Cllr Woodman & County Cllr Suria Aujla |  |
| **2** | | **Dispensation requests**:  Cllr Mark Saunders – 35 Ringstone |  |
| **3.** | | **Minutes and Clerks Report**  Cllr Keen proposed the minutes were a true record of the meeting after minor alterations held on the 16/5/22. Cllr Wakefield seconded this, and the Council were all agreed.  Cllr Shaw and Cllr Wakefield approved the Clerks report, and the Council were all agreed. |  |
| **4.** | | **Matters Arising –None** |  |
|  | | **At 7.05pm the Chairman (Cllr Wakefield) stopped the meeting for a public question and answer session from CLJ Construction.**  **The meeting re-opened 7.35pm** |  |
|  | | **Cllr M Saunders leaves the meeting at 19.38 due a Declaration of personal interest (52/22/0003)** |  |
| **5.** | | **Planning**  **52/22/00003 Mr T Orchard 35 Ringstone**  Erection of a single storey rear (North) extension (Retrospective)  **The Council offered No Observations** |  |
|  | | **Cllr M Saunders returned to the meeting 19.40** |  |
|  | | **Planning Continued**  **Brue Farm Development** – Please see attached comments from public meeting |  |
| **6.** | | **County Councillor Report:**  County Cllr M Healey reported by email: Distributed to Councillors  District J Keen reported by email: Distributed to Councillors  **Cllr M Healey also reported in person:**  All systems are ready for the new administration for the Unitary Authority next April.  There is no CEO for this post yet.  There are plans for a new luxury golf course in Taunton next year.  Controversial discussion regarding Parish Councils joining together  A boundary review consultation is due shortly. |  |
| **7.** | | **District Councillor Report:**  **Cllr Janet Keen reported in person:**  17 households in Huntspill and Pawlett received household support grants between 1/12/21 & 31/3/22  A delay in Universal Credit applications and personal debit causing financial issues for family.  Pharmacies are struggling to receive mediation to fill prescriptions due to most manufactures being in Europe and deliveries are being delayed.  The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) comes to an end 30/6/22, this will be replaced by the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP). The ICP will incorporate Care, health, and housing under one heading.  Cllr Keen will be feeding back information from the scrutiny committee regarding the climate change emergency.  Up To £2500 grants are available to community groups. The groups must apply to the Parish Council first then apply for the grant whether they are successful or not.  The next grants panel will sit on July 19th2022. |  |
| **8.** | | **Jenefer Tiley Pavilion and grounds**  Cllr Clapp reported:  The Pavilion is near competition and an opening ceremony will be arranged shortly.  Mr Mark Fiddes has quoted £300 + Vat for the removal of the large tree at the field which boundaries Mrs Thomas property and is destroying the wall. |  |
| **9.** | | **Yellow Lines**  The Clerk will chase the extension of yellow lines at Church Road and New double yellow lines at Alstone Lane.  Also, the solid white lines at Ringstone need re-painting | CLERK |
| **10.** | | **Footpaths/Grass areas/Trees**  99/98 Ringstone- Tree still in situ and fence has been damaged in recent storm. SDC are responsible. Cllr M Saunders will take photos and send to the Clerk.  The Bench opposite Alstone lane has brambles around it. Cllr M Saunders will sort.  The Council discussed possibilities of purchasing land in the village to protect from future development. The Council agreed if this was a possibility a pole of the village would be needed to gain opinion. If the Public were in favour money could be sort via the precept/loans and or grant funding.  The Clerk to contact Greenslade Taylor Hunt to find out value of land. Also, what would the land be used for? Would need to be a community benefit. | MS  CLERK |
| **11.** | | **Unity Bank**  The Council agreed and signed that the Council bank would be changed from Barclays Bank to Unity Bank. |  |
| **12.** | | **Common & village map area**  The bin has been stolen from the Common. The Council agreed that the bin was hardly used and should not be replaced for the time being. However, a new bin should be installed near the school. The Clerk to investigate costs and styles.  The Map on the Common needs to be photographed and measurements taken so Jim at Media Edge can quote for replacement. | CLERK  MS |
| **13.** | | **Events**  Clean Sweep to be held in September 2022  Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – The event was a huge success.  The King Alfred Concert Band will be awarded a donation from the Chairmans allowance of £75 – All members agreed  £63 in cash donations was received on the day from the cake stall. This will be divided between the Horticultural Society and the Church for their help during the event.  The Council thanked Cllr Mark Saunders, Cllr John Wakefield, Cllr Alan Higgs, Bonnie and Di Wakefield for their help and support during the event.  The Council agreed to build a register of games available within the village so groups could hire them for other events.  Christmas – The Council agreed a Christmas tree lighting service would be held on the Common on Sat 10/12/22. The King Alfred Band would be invited to play, the Reverend to say some words and carols to be sang.  Bonnie’s daughter Tilley would be asked to design a poster for the event. | JW |
| **14.** | | **Area Report:**  **Ringstone/Withy Road –** Invite Ryan Collins PCSO to patrol Ringstone as cars are being parked on the pavement.  **Church Road** – Laburnham House Hotel – recent fire destroying bungalow, escape rooms and a boat, no injuries.  Site visit still to be arranged.  **Main Road** – Huntspill Villa: Brambles are overgrowing the footpath again.  Work Vans are parking on the pavement outside 18 Main Road, Cllr Wilks will have a word.  The fence which borders Millgreen Close and Main Road is giving way.  Large withies bordering Main Road and Greenwood House.  Poor pavement surface bordering The Orchard and the main road – Clerk to report  Huntspill Projects – Deliveries are arriving before 7am. They are also turning into the site from the wrong direction – Clerk to speak to owner  Heavy rain causes flooding between properties 8-32 on the main road - report  **Alstone** – To investigate Defibrillator grants.  Notice board – Speak to Barrett Homes to see if they would donate cost of this for the good of the community and communication. | Clerk |
| **15.** | | **Financial items:**   * 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  Mr Steve Chick Grass areas £412.22  The King Alfred Concert Band £75  The Orchard Inn – Jubilee £64      The Council agreed the banking statement and all payments were approved.  PK Littlejohn – Annual Return.  The Council completed the return and resolved this was a true record.  The return will now be submitted to PK Littlejohn. The Exercise of Public Rights will start on 13/6/22 – 22/7/22. |  |
| **16.** | | **Matters of report:**  **Local Development Framework - Open spaces consultation**  Closing date 11/7/22 – will offer comments at the next meeting once document has been read.  Cllr R Keen may not be able to attend any meetings for a minimum of 6 weeks due to heart surgery. |  |
| **17.** | **Date & time of next meeting: 11th July 2022 – 7pm – Balliol Hall** | |  |
| **18.** | The meeting closed at: 20.55 | |  |

Public meeting notes

CLJ Construction regarding Brue Farm Development

1. A mobile number will be provided for the Parish Council to contact CLJ Construction if any issues.
2. A Mobile number will be displayed at the site for any urgent/immediate issues regarding the development
3. A Facebook site will be arranged so public can view any updates to the site and up and coming works
4. CLJ will speak to Highways to see if a temporary 20mph speed limit can be put in place around the development area.
5. Road brushes are used hourly to keep roads clear of mud.
6. There is no planning requirement for a wheel wash on site (these can make issues of mud worse).
7. Would it be possible to have CCTV on site so members of the public can view the site?
8. CLJ will speak to Highways about increasing road warning signs.
9. Ground works are scheduled to finish October 2022.
10. House building will start by Barrett Nov/Dec 2022
11. The Principal Contractor at present is CLJ Construction. In November 2022 this responsibility will be passed to Barrett Homes.
12. CLJ are not aware if vibration studies took place before groundwork commenced.
13. Cottages and houses next to development are being damaged by vibration from ground equipment. Cracks are forming and houses shake like an earthquake.

CLJ will try using more passes of the roller rather than vibration, if possible, to see if this eases problem. CLJ welcome feedback and wish to work with the public.

1. Groundwork is starting before 7am. Planning restriction in place that no work should start before 7.30am. CLJ will speak to the sub-contractors

Plan to audit work and proposed changes over the next 2 weeks and feed back to CLJ Construction.