

HINTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at Hinton St Mary Village Hall
on Tuesday April 23rd 2019 at 7pm

Present:-

Chairman – Charles Wright (CW)

Councillors – Janet Bolton (JB) Howard Burbidge (HB) Cllr Kevin Jones (KJ)

Clerk – Vivian Hitchmough (VH)

4 members of the public and Councillor - Mrs Jane Westbrook,

2019.13 *Apologies*

Councillor Jo Curtis (JC)

2019.14 Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday February 12th 2019 were agreed as a true record and duly signed. These will now be added to the village web page.

2019.15 *Matters Arising*

Speed Indicator Device

The Chairman informed everyone that Dorset Highways would be installing the Speed Indicator Device on Wednesday 24th April. He said the defibrillator battery and pads will need to be replaced in May at a cost of approximately £67. John Lewis may be able to purchase several in order to access a better price.

A member of the public asked if there a way of providing a map for those volunteers who have opted to be contactable in the event of an emergency. The Chairman said that at the present time there is nothing available. He explained the need to have two people at an event as one would need to provide CPR and the other would be dialling 999 to be given the code for the defibrillator and to request an ambulance.

2019.16 *Declarations of Interest*

None

2019.17 *Updates from Officers*

Planning None

Roads, drains and potholes

Potholes outside Yew Tree Cottage and the public house were a considerable size and the Chairman will report these. KJ said that anyone can report potholes, but unless they are over 2" deep they are not considered to be

actioned. However, both KJ and the Chairman were meeting with Roger Bell and intend to bring these matters to his attention.

Village Liaison

None

Village Garden

JB reported that there had been a tidy up already and another planned for May. The Estate is to provide chalk and John James will be delivering it next Tuesday. JB was asked who was cutting the grass and she said it was Robin and his neighbour.

Steve Johnson asked about the bus shelter and the Chairman explained that ownership had never been decided and it was thought that although it had been a substantially built construction it was now held together by the ivy. The Chairman to look at the rubbish which was building up in the bus shelter again.

Rob Bartlett asked about the telephone box and the Chairman explained that the Parish Council had tried to purchase it but BT had decided not to decommission it and it was unable to sell it because it did not own the land on which the box stood. The Chairman said whilst the box had been painted the door, being wooden was in a poor state.

Rob Bartlett suggested a Volunteer's weekend to get some help with specific issues and projects within the village. It was agreed this was a good idea and will be followed up.

2019.18

Finance

A cheque for the clerk's salary was signed.

Cheques for donations to the Village Hall, Church and Mosaic were signed.

The Clerk had written to the Insurance Co to add the Speed Indicator Device to the policy but had not heard whether there would be an increase in premium.

2019.19

Reports

Cllr Mrs Jane Westbrook explained this was her last official visit and said she had enjoyed coming to the meetings. The Chairman thanked her sincerely for all her advice over the past years. She said the new Unitary board should respect the local knowledge of Parish and Town Councils and will work closely with them. She said the future of planning will consider more widely the opinions of the local Councils.

2019.20

Questions from members of the public

- 2019.21 *Correspondence*
The Chairman advised that there was to be a training course at Durweston for new Councillors on Saturday July 6th 10-12 , provided by DAPTC. He asked the Clerk to forward details to the new Councillors should they wish to attend. The Clerk will also circulate email information.
- 2019.22 *Any Other Business*
JB thanked the Chairman for all his hard work and also to Cllr HB as both were retiring from the Council on May 6th.
The Chairman extended his thanks to everyone for their support over the years.
- 2019.23 *Items for next agenda*
AGM and audit
- 2019.12 Date of next meeting

Annual General Meeting Tuesday May 7th 2019 at 7pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8 pm