

HINTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at Hinton St Mary Village Hall
on Tuesday November 26th 2019 at 7pm

Present:-

Chairman – Kevin Jones (KJ)

Councillors – Janet Bolton (JB) Rob Bartlett (RB) Steve Johnson (SJ) Jo Curtis (JC)

Clerk – Vivian Hitchmough (VH)

Cllr. Carole Jones

2019.37 *Apologies*
None

2019.38 Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday August 20th 2019 were agreed as a true record and duly signed.

2019.39 *Matters Arising*
Adoption of the telephone kiosk.
Councillors decided to adopt the kiosk and British Telecom have been informed. They responded and advised the Clerk to contact Planning at Dorset County Council to seek their consent for the adoption. The Clerk has made a written request to DCC. The Clerk also sent an email to BT to enquire as to whether permission was needed to move the kiosk but has not received a response in this regard. JB has made an entry in the Mosaic asking villagers for ideas for the use of the kiosk. Councillors thought information on the Mosaic would be useful.

2019.40 *Declarations of Interest*
None

2019.41 *Updates from Officers*

Planning None

Roads, drains and potholes

JC reported that many of the drains were blocked with leaves and mud. RB and SJ have cleared many of the drains but the Chairman suggested reporting on DorsetForYou as they are obliged to act on reports and the clearance of drains is low priority. JC was concerned regarding the drain by the cemetery which was not the Council's responsibility and RB will investigate.

Village Liaison

JB advised that the Church has suggested a periodic meeting between the Parish Council, the Church Council and the Village Hall Committee may be advantageous when community projects and events are being organised to

enable everyone to be aware, to input ideas and provide practical help. JB said the initial meeting could indicate the frequency of subsequent meetings.

Village Garden

Nothing to report

Speed Indicator Device

The Chairman had received positive feedback on the SID in general. There is an indication that speeding increases when the device is moved to the other end of the village but it acts as more of a deterrent than if it were a permanent feature in one place. There is a legal requirement to move the equipment every six weeks.

Defibrillator

SJ reported that he was disappointed in the response to people to come forward to train. He had arranged some training, but had to cancel due to low numbers. Advanced First Aid courses often include defibrillator training so some people may already be fully trained.

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Finance

A cheque for the clerk's salary was signed.

The clerk circulated a bank reconciliation statement and a budget prediction statement for 2020/21 as the precept will need to be claimed prior to the next Parish Council meeting. The Clerk said there was an acceptable level of working capital and the Chairman said that there were no plans for big expenditure in 2020. The Chairman proposed the precept be set at £1800 and this was agreed by Councillors. The Clerk will make claim for this in January 2020.

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Reports

Cllr Carole Jones circulated "Developing Dorset Council's Plan" and explained how progress was being made. She gave details on various projects planned for the Sturminster Newton area. Cllr Jones reported on a Community Landtrust project, to identify parcels of land to build affordable homes for local people run by a Housing Association.

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Questions from members of the public

None

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Correspondence

No outstanding correspondence

2019.46

Any Other Business

The Chairman reported that he had been the target of anti-hunt saboteurs who had left stickers on his vehicle. The Rural Crimes Unit of the police have been informed and they ask for people to be vigilant in this respect and ring

101 to report any incidents as their actions are a serious threat to the countryside.

2019.47 Date of next meeting

Tuesday February 18th 2019 at 7pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55 pm