

HINTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at Hinton St Mary Village Hall
on Tuesday August 7th 2018 at 7pm

Present:-

Chairman – Charles Wright (CW)

Councillors – Janet Bolton (JB) Howard Burbidge (HB) Jo Curtis (JC) Kevin Jones (KJ)

Clerk – Vivian Hitchmough (VH)

4 members of the public and County *Councillor* - Mrs Pauline Batstone

2018.33 *Apologies District Councillor* – Mrs Jane Westbrook

2018.34 Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday May 8th 2018 were agreed as a true record and duly signed. These will now be added to the village web page.

2018.35 *Matters Arising*

Speed Indicator Device and village speed limit

The Chairman gave a breakdown of known pledges for the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device with costings of £2395 or £2000, post installation at £ 300 and an option for a solar recharge unit at £100 each post, all plus VAT. With fund raising the Chairman was confident that enough money could be raised to cover the total cost and over half the monies needed had already been promised.

A member of the public had several relevant questions and felt strongly that residents in Hinton St Mary should have more input into whether a SID is purchased. She asked if a circular could be included with the next issue of the Mosaic to ask opinions. In response to a question from the floor, the Chairman confirmed that the SID would be owned by the Parish Council and that it would be insured by them for damage, repair or loss. Also, any volunteers moving the equipment from one end of the village to the other would be covered by public liability insurance. JB had canvassed the main road and people said there was a significant increase in speed through the village and would welcome the equipment.

Asked about a speed restriction the Chairman explained that as the village did not have a school or any other criteria, a speed restriction would not be allowed. KJ said that a flashing speed indicator is generally enough to remind a motorist whose thoughts may be elsewhere that s/he is exceeding the speed limit and they slow down. KJ said that the East Stour SID was very successful and he had been approached by another neighbouring Parish Council who would share costs with Hinton should that option be taken.

The device also records vehicle speeds (but not registration numbers) allowing monitoring of speeding and backing up requests for additional speed camera vans.

The Chairman will now investigate the pledges and Councillors agreed to a flyer for the next edition of the Mosaic.

ACTION Clerk to produce flyer.

2018.36 *Declarations of Interest*
None

2018.37 *Updates from Officers*

Planning The Chairman reported that the application for windows in 6 Hinton St Mary had been withdrawn.

Roads, drains and potholes

KJ said there were no issues at the present time due to the dry weather. He reported that all the drains had been jet washed over a two day period.

The Chairman said there was a lot of straw thrown up which may cause a problem once the rain starts.

Village Liaison

JB reported that the new bench for the church yard had been placed and thanks went to JCs son, Philip for the work. JB announced that the War Graves Commission is to erect a plaque and she is at present investigating the names on the War Memorial. She will put details into the Mosaic.

Village Garden JB said that it was in need of rain.

2018.38 *Finance*

A cheque for the clerk's salary was signed.

2018.39 *Reports*

District Councillor – none

County Councillor – Cllr Mrs Pauline Batstone explained her work on a variety of committees. She reported on the issues surrounding the sale of the Shaftesbury Cattle Market. She was also involved with children slipping through the education net through parents and carers self educating. There was a review of the cost of children in care and the complex medical needs of some children. She was also involved with domestic abuse issues. JB asked if the womens refuge in Shaftesbury is closed and Mrs Batstone will make enquiries as to the nearest and report back to the Clerk.

Cllr Batstone also advised that some County Farms were being sold. She said that at the present time there were 174 Councillors and after the reorganisation this number will be 82.

2018.40 *Questions from members of the public* none

2018.41 *Correspondence* The Chairman read a invitation from Marnhull Parish Council re a seminar on new planning laws. There was no other Councillor able to attend so the Chairman will accept the invitation.

2018.42 *Any Other Business*
None

2018.43 *Items for next agenda* Update regarding SID.

2018.44 Provisional dates for meetings throughout 2018

 Tuesday November 13th 2018 7pm budget meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8pm