

HINTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at Hinton St Mary Village Hall
on Tuesday February 6th 2018 at 7 pm

Present:-

Chairman – Charles Wright (CW)

Councillors – Janet Bolton (JB) Howard Burbidge (HB) Jo Curtis

Clerk – Vivian Hitchmough (VH)

District Councillor Mrs Jane Westbrook

3 members of the public

2018.01 *Apologies* County Councillor - Mrs Pauline Batstone , Cllr Kevin Jones

2018.02 Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday December 12th 2017 were agreed as a true record and duly signed. These will now be added to the village web page.

2018.03 *Matters Arising*

Speed Indicator Device and village speed limit

The Chairman advised that a meeting was held with local North Dorset villages sharing their concerns regarding speeding.

Representatives from Highways attended, and although there is no available funding from Dorset County Council they are able to offer advice. The Chairman said that a Speeding Indicator Advice placed at the entrance to the village would cost approximately £2265 plus VAT. It cannot be left in the same position for more than six weeks and the cost of a post and installation was around £200/300. There is already a post in place one end of the village. Only Dorset County Council approved S.I.D.s could be purchased and they would need evidence of speeding. JB asked if a printout would be available and this is an option. The Chairman suggested sharing costs with another village or perhaps buying with a discount if five or more were purchased together. The Chairman recommended a 20 mph speed limit.

Cllr Mrs Jane Westbrook suggested that Highways may be approachable regarding purchase and the Chairman questioned the VAT element if this option were used. JC said that an S.I.D. would probably be cheaper than the cost of village gates and more effective.

Raised Pavements

The Chairman and Mr Collins had a meeting with Dorset County Council's Highway representative, Paul who was very helpful in this regard. The work would be overseen by Dorset County Council and whilst they own the pavement the repairs would only be carried out if DCC felt they were necessary and tarmac would be used. As it is important that this work is sympathetically carried out a competent person will be sourced to repoint etc using the exact stone which the Chairman could resource.

A member of the public advised that the surface of the steps to church were extremely slippery but they did not meet the trip hazard criteria according to Dorset County Council. It has been suggested that the wording of structure rather than pavement could help the issued. Mr Collins said the 140 metres slab top pavement in question is the only one left in Dorset that has not had tarmac repair and we would like to keep it that way. Cllr Jane Westbrook suggested Historic England. The Chairman said that costings needed to be done and then bring the question back for discussion.

2018.04 *Declarations of Interest*

The Chairman has an interest in the Planning Application.

2018.05 *Updates from Officers*

Planning

Castlemans Farmhouse – vehicular access – no comment

Roads, drains and potholes

JC said the middle drain was blocked and she will investigate.

Village Liaison

JB said the pavement repair may be a good fund raiser and village liaison project and coffee mornings could be arranged.

HB asked about other village matters and JB reminded Cllrs of the Village Show in September.

Village Garden

JB said there will be more action in the Spring.

2018.06 *Finance*

A cheque for the clerk's salary was signed and she circulated the bank reconciliation to Councillors.

The Chairman said new pads would be needed next year for the defibrillator and the excess funds would certainly be useful for the pavement repairs.

2018.07 *Reports*

County Councillor - none

District Councillor

Cllr Westbrook reported that the Secretary of State had still not signed off on the Unitary re-organisation. The social care bill for the elderly and children is extremely high in Dorset and the "accountable care" system will endeavour to work towards preventative care and reorganise the services to provide a more efficient system. Cllr Westbrook recommended the website for the Kings Fund which explains the "accountable care" system.

JB said the concern over the lack of G.Ps is a worry and said Stalbridge surgery is closing as the Doctor has no replacement and many more houses are to be built. She said the surgery at Sturminster Newton has an On Line system where patients may be advised whether to attend the surgery or not.

2018.08 *Questions from residents* none

2018.09 *Correspondence*

The Chairman read out a letter from DAPTC regarding the new Data Processing coming into force shortly. It was not explanatory except a suggestion that funds should be in place when the new laws come into force. The new Dog Warden services number is 454111.

2018.10 *Any Other Business*

JB reported that there is now only one ATM in Sturminster Newton to provide a service for Sturminster and all the surrounding villages. Cllr Mrs Jane Westbrook said there is a lot of publicity at the moment regarding “cash deserts” as small villages and towns are losing their ATM machines as they are not profitable. JB said there were two cash points at Dikes in Stalbridge. JC said that the visiting mobile banks sometimes lacked signal so were not able to provide a good service.

Cllr Mrs Westbrook will make enquiries regarding ATM and bank provision.

JB said the dog fouling issue was still a problem and CW said that whilst the Parish Council could purchase and place a bin the Council will not empty it so it remains a problem. The major issue is dogs off the lead and owners not paying attention to their fouling.

2018.11 *Items for next agenda* none at the present time

2018.12 Provisional dates for meetings throughout 2018

Tuesday May 8th 2018 7pm AGM followed by Council meeting

Tuesday August 7th 2018 7pm

Tuesday November 13th 2018 7pm budget meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm