

Hullavington Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 9 February 2022 at 19:30 in the Village Hall.

Councillors in Attendance:

Cllr G Slaymaker – Chairman, Cllr R Anderson, Cllr M Bawden, Cllr M Cundick, Cllr S Greenman, Cllr M House, Cllr A Maltby, Cllr D Martin, Cllr H Slater.

Also present: Wiltshire Councillor N Botterill and twelve parishioners.

Public Question Time – *an opportunity for members of the public to address the Council on any Council matter before the meeting commences. (Limited to 10 minutes).*

The Chairman ascertained that there was likely to be many questions. He moved the public question time to after the meeting.

Gemma Lovering briefed that the planning department isn't going to permit the outdoor area that POSH had hoped for on 690. She went on to ask how the Parish Council would provide suitable open space for sports and recreation for the village. Through discussion it was re-established that Landowners had already been approached and that no land at the time was available, the following was agreed:

That Groups would be properly formed in much the same way as a committee, charity trustee arrangements were mentioned, the Parish Council suggested this could happen later.

It was agreed that the Parish Council will support the Group on speaking to the Landowners seeking land for recreation and sports provision.

It was agreed that no financial commitment is to be made with the Landowners on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Maltby suggested consideration for renting/leasing land, it may be more attractive to the Landowner and an easier discussion to have with them.

Sarah Tompkins requested that the Parish Council speak with Sarah Holloway Wiltshire Council and Hannick Homes about off siting S106 monies, was it possible for an option to be put into the planning application. The Chairman agreed to discuss the matter with the relevant parties.

The finances of the Parish Council and recommended balance/reserves was discussed. The Chairman stated there is no legal requirement to reduce the reserves. The levels mentioned are for guidance purposes only. The Parish Council can hold reserves over and above the recommended levels providing that it explains why the reserves are being held.

Jon Atkey identified that transparency would be good on reserves and budget and what projects the Parish Council has in mind to spend the reserves on.

The Chairman reminded those present as said in previous meetings, the Council is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the Cemetery and its boundaries, bus shelters, the raised bed to the rear of the Watts Lane bus shelter, village green, village hall and benches dotted around the village. The Council is also responsible for general maintenance of the Churchyard such as grass cutting tombstones and surrounding walls, but the churchyard does not fall under the ownership of the Parish

Council. It is difficult for the Parish Council to plan how to spend reserves when the Parish Council has very little to spend it on.

The accounts are owned by the Parish Council who are accountable for setting the annual precept and managing the income and expenditure throughout the year not the community.

The Chairman provided clarity on the legal obligations of a Parish Council and how an Annual Audit Report must be publicised at the end of the auditing period. The official means for this is the Parish Council Web Site and notice boards. The electorate then has 30 days in which to request to view the audited accounts and ask questions.

The Clerk suggested she would be happy to provide answers to questions providing the Parish Council understand why the question is being asked and agree to release that information for that purpose.

Consensus, communication could be improved. Cllr Mandy House volunteered to be the link between the Groups and the Parish Council, but not a Parish Councillor on the groups, to be discussed by Council and ratified at the next meeting.

76/22 Apologies for absence

None

77/22 Declaration(s) of Interest - In accordance with the Parish Councils Model Code of Conduct Order 2001 and revised Wiltshire Council Model Code of Conduct July 2012 Cllr Slater in agenda item 6a.

78/22 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting – *To receive and agree as a true record the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 12 January 2022.* The minutes were signed as a true record.

79/22 Clerk's Report – *To note items received for circulation and/or future discussion and items to be updated from last meeting.* The report was circulated prior to the meeting, Councillors acknowledged receipt of the report. The Chairman identified the emails received from parishioners and hoped that the requests could be answered in public question time.

80/22 Planning Applications – *to note observations on applications received and to record comments on applications currently circulated or received after publication of agenda. All applications must conform to the Hullavington Neighbourhood Plan Policies.*

- i. 20/10972/OUT – Land at The Street – awaiting Wiltshire Council's decision.
- ii. PL/2021/05600 – Land at Lordswood Farm (Fosse Way) – awaiting Wiltshire Council's decision.
- iii. PL/2021/06026 – 9 Royal Field Close – approved with conditions.
- iv. PL/2021/09043 – 7 Greens Close – approved with conditions.
- v. PL/2021/09310 – Bradfield Manor Farm – approved with conditions.
- vi. PL/2021/10638 – Gardners Farm – awaiting Wiltshire Council's decision.
- vii. PL/2021/11191 – 11 Mere Avenue – approved with conditions.

81/22 Finance and Administration

a) Schedule of receipts and payments

It was proposed by Cllr Bawden, seconded by Cllr Anderson and unanimously agreed to receive the submitted receipts and payments previously agreed. No receipts received, total payments – staff costs, SLCC membership £992.08

b) Consideration of donations

It was proposed by Cllr Bawden, seconded by Cllr Slater and unanimously agreed to donate £100 to Messrs Butler for cutting the hedge around the cemetery, £100 to Mr Jeff Simpkins for the cutting and removing the grass in the unused area of the cemetery and £1000 to Jolly Tots.

c) Consideration of reverting to part night lighting following installation of LED street lights

It was proposed by Cllr Bawden, seconded by Cllr Slater and unanimously agreed that part night lighting should be returned. Cllr Bawden will inform Wiltshire Council.

d) Consideration for funding for possible village Jubilee celebrations

It was decided that requests would be considered when full details were given to the Parish Council.

82/22 Church Yard

a) Consideration for the PCC to plant a Hawthorne tree in the Churchyard to commemorate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

It was retrospectively agreed to accept the proposal from the PCC to allow a Hawthorne tree to be planted in the Church Yard, which will be maintained by the PCC and to undertake the list of other tasks presented to the Council.

83/22 Village Maintenance

Concern of siting of the wigwag sign

It was proposed by Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Slater and unanimously agreed for the Chairman to contact Wiltshire Council with the Parish Council's concern that the sign has been sited in the wrong place as five junctions join the main street after the sign and before the school.

a) Consideration to enter the Best Kept Village competition

It was agreed to enter the Best Kept Village competition again this year.

84/21 Exchange of Information, Councillors' reports and Items for and date of next meeting

a) Items and date for next ordinary meeting

Wednesday 9 March 2022.

Meeting closed at 8.18pm.