

Hullavington Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 12 January 2022 at 19:30 in the Village Hall.

Councillors in Attendance:

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

Also present: Wiltshire Councillor N Botterill and three 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).*

Sarah Tompkins asked for details of the grass cutting contract for the Church. The Chairman briefed that the Parish Council must maintain the church yard which includes the likes of surrounding walls paths and grass cutting, it is up to the Church whether it requires the council to cut the grass. Sarah also asked what the procedure/policy was for spending village reserves. The Chairman briefed that the money is to be spent to benefit the majority of the community and reminded those present that the same question had been raised at the previous Parish Council meeting. Other than the bus shelters, raised bed behind the Watts Lane bus shelter, village green, cemetery and the village hall, there is very little for the Parish Council to write a policy for spending the reserves on. The Chairman explained that proposals supported by a thorough life plan and costs would be considered.

69/22 Apologies for absence

Cllr M Bawden – holiday, Cllr M House – illness. These apologies were accepted.

70/22 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.

71/22 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting – *To receive and agree as a true record the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 8 December 2021.*

Mr Jonathan Atkey asked for an amendment to his question in the December Public Question Time. The chairman asked the Council if they would consider an amendment to the question using his original email wording. The Council agreed the wording was acceptable, the minutes will be signed at the next meeting. As the question on spending reserves had been asked again and discussed in Public Question time, there will be no further change to the minutes on this subject. Proposed by Cllr Greenman, seconded by Cllr Anderson and unanimously agreed as a correct record.

72/22 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.

73/22 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 – awaiting Wiltshire Council's decision.
- iv. PL/2021/09043 – 7 Greens Close – awaiting Wiltshire Council's decision.
- 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 – awaiting Wiltshire Council’s decision.

74/22 Finance and Administration

a) Schedule of receipts and payments

It was proposed by Cllr Greenman, seconded by Cllr Anderson and unanimously agreed to receive the submitted receipts and payments previously agreed. Total receipts – interest – £0.02, total payments – staff costs, speed indicator battery, materials for bus shelter refurbishment – £1,484.78.

b) Update on the Youth Club hiring of the hall and requirement to be funded

Cllr Cundick updated the Parish Council stating that funding isn’t required at the moment as some free bookings were being made available by the PCC.

c) Approval of the budget and precept

The Chairman proposed a 10% decrease in Precept this year based on the budget forecast as presented at the previous meeting. After a brief discussion, Cllr Cundick proposed no change, seconded by Cllr Martin. With a majority decision it was agreed the budget and precept will remain at the same level for the period 2022/2023.

75/22 Exchange of Information, Councillors’ reports and Items for and date of next meeting

a) Buckley Barracks report

The Chairman read a report that was received after the December meeting. Copied below.

- **Workforces** – Majority of Officers and soldiers are back in Barracks from the **Ex IRON VIPER 21** and preparing to go on Christmas leave from next week.
- **Current situation and future events** – Apart from duty personnel, majority of soldiers and officers will be going on Christmas leave from next week. We have a few soldiers who are deployed around the world on a military commitments. Regt will heavily be committed on annual military Exercises from Jan 22 onwards.
- **New information** – Army’s Integrated Review 2021 has announced that 9 Regt will remain in Hullavington for the foreseeable future and will not be leaving this place as planned in the past. **The previous Army’s plan was to move 9 Regt to South Cerney in 2028 but not anymore.**
- **Relations with Hullavington village** – Superb.

a) Items for next ordinary meeting

Wednesday 9 February 2022.

Meeting closed at 8.18pm.