

# HINTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held at Hinton St Mary Village Hall  
on Tuesday February 12th 2019 at 7pm

*Present:-*

*Chairman* – Charles Wright (CW)

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

*Clerk* – Vivian Hitchmough (VH)

6 members of the public and County Councillor – Mrs Pauline Batstone

2019.01 *Apologies*

District Councillor - Mrs Jane Westbrook, Cllr Kevin Jones (KJ)

2019.02 Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup> 2018 were agreed as a true record and duly signed. These will now be added to the village web page.

2019.03 *Matters Arising*

*Conclusion of issues raised regarding Village Show.*

Mrs Sherwood had asked for the conclusion of the discussion to be minuted and reported:-

“Subsequent to the meeting of November 13<sup>th</sup> 2018 and contrary to the statement that “the Parish Council should not be involved” it was agreed that, if required, all communications should be addressed to the Parish Clerk, as stipulated by Dorset County Council on the Dorset For You website, and not to individual councillors. Therefore, Mr Harding had been correct in raising the issues surrounding the village show with the Parish Clerk as it is that person’s statutory duty to accept such concerns and officially communicate them to the Parish Council in a formal meeting as they fall within the Parish Council’s remit – Localism Act 2011.

Following the meeting John Sherwood agreed to facilitate discussions between John Harding and the Village Hall. These were held and it was agreed to give all items concerning the Village Show, including paperwork, trophies, recently purchased marquee and current audited funds to the Village Club. These were handed over to Mr Chris Andrews by John Sherwood thus concluding the issues raised at the Parish Council meeting”

The Chairman thanked Mrs Sherwood and asked her to thank Mr John Sherwood for facilitating the discussions and bringing the issue to a conclusion.

*Speed Indicator Device*

The Chairman reported that he had approached Adam Frost, Senior Highways Estimator regarding the posts for the S.I.D and Rob Camp,

Safer Travel Officer for the extra bracket and solar panels. He had received a pro forma invoice from Morelock who originally quoted 2K for the basic model and 2.2K for the luxury version. In the event they offered the luxury model at the basic price. The Chairman pointed out that there was delivery and VAT on these charges. A cheque was written in the sum of £ 2482.80 to Morelock. The Chairman also reported that a cheque had been received from the Mary Freek Charity in the sum of £600 towards the equipment.

The Chairman was asked about the time scale for the equipment and he said it would be ordered tomorrow (Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>) with delivery in 10 to 14 days. He said the equipment would be moved every 6 to 8 weeks and there were several volunteers to carry out this task and training would be offered.

2019.04      *Declarations of Interest*  
None

2019.05      *Updates from Officers*

*Planning*      None

*Roads, drains and potholes*

In the absence of KJ there were no reports, and Cllr Pauline Batstone said there was money available for potholes which must be used before the end of the financial year and she asked everyone to report any potholes to the web site. This will encourage central government to act on the data provided through the web site.

*Village Liaison*

JB explained that due to a scare recently with a lady resident who had actually gone into sheltered housing of which no one was aware she intends to start a scheme which people living alone may join where their details and contact numbers are kept by a number of volunteers ensuring their wellbeing is monitored. Cllr Pauline Batstone said to be careful with the data due to protection laws, and JB was aware of this. JB will make an entry in the Mosaic and JC suggested a reserve volunteer to hold the list due to holidays.

*Village Garden*

JB was pleased to say there were some new volunteers and some good ideas for the orchard. It will all be tidied up before Gardens Open. The hedge is bare at the moment, but looking good and there is a panel missing and JB will measure.

2019.06      *Finance*

A cheque for the clerk's salary was signed.  
The Clerk said the precept for the following year of £1800 had been accepted by Dorset County Council.

2019.07

*Reports*

District Councillor – In her absence, the Chairman read Cllr Mrs Jane Westbrook report explaining the rise in Council Tax of 6% across the Dorset area.

County Councillor Mrs Pauline Batstone explained that North Dorset tax had always been lower and she assured everyone there would be no cuts to services. The largest spend is on Adult Social Services and Children. Special needs care, children with a huge range of disabilities and no central government funding for this group between the ages of 16-25 years. More foster homes are being recruited throughout the area and they are using money more effectively this way. There is more investment in the roads system. She said that by reducing level of local government there is no need for duplicate services and maximising online services will save money. There will be strategic plans across the county but there will still be local services for planning and other local issues.

Cllr Mrs Batstone said due to the reorganisation she will no longer be the representative for this area as hers will be the surrounding villages. The Chairman thanked her for all her hard work.

2019.08

*Questions from members of the public*

1. Laws regarding bonfires near a thatched property. Cllr Mrs Batstone said there were no specific laws, but obviously wind direction and careful monitoring were the issues.

2. Mosaic at Dorchester museum. Cllr Mrs Batstone said the negotiations were ongoing to bring it back to North Dorset. Discussions were taking place regarding the old police station and library building and she would like to see a purpose built structure to house the mosaic, the library and the Frink statue. Snook's yard was discussed but there are issues regarding the safety of the ground.

2019.09

*Correspondence*

The Chairman had received a letter from John Lewis re the defibrillator training which was no longer supported by Sturquest. He is planning to set up a charity to carry on with the training and wishes to hear from anyone who may like to be a Trustee. Cllr Batstone reported that she was meeting with John Lewis as there was a potential source of funding which might obviate the need to set up a separate charity.

2019.10 *Any Other Business*

The Chairman reminded everyone that this year was an election year.  
The Clerk had issued Councillors with a timetable.

The Chairman will not be standing for election nor Cllr Howard Burbidge.

The Clerk will advise when papers may be downloaded and she reported that the completed nomination paper, seconded, should be returned personally and not by post to Dorchester, although there are some dates for Blandford which have not been decided yet.

JB said that Poisedales had now closed and the site was empty.  
Cllr Mrs Batstone said that there was a Stur Chamber of Commerce and local business was encouraged to join.

2019.11 *Items for next agenda*

Update regarding SID.

2019.12 *Date of next meeting*

Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019 at 7pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05 pm