

HINTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at Hinton St Mary Village Hall
on Tuesday November 13th 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)

8 members of the public and District Councillor - Mrs Jane Westbrook

2018.45 *Apologies* County Councillor – Mrs Pauline Batstone

2018.46 Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday August 7th 2018 were agreed as a true record and duly signed. These will now be added to the village web page.

2018.47 *Matters Arising*

Speed Indicator Device and village speed limit

The Chairman was pleased to announce that sufficient funds had been raised through donations to purchase the device. The Parish Council will donate £500. JB asked if there was a timescale on the purchase and the Chairman replied that there was not a definite date as the types of devices were still being investigated. Cllr Jane Westbrook recommended discussing the purchase with Todber and East Stour who had experienced purchasing the devices recently. KJ said he will talk to them and to Guy at Highways in this regard. When asked about ongoing costs the Chairman said there were two batteries (solar powered rechargeable).

KJ reported that the 30mph roundalls have been upgraded and there is a programme to re-do the road signs

2018.48 *Declarations of Interest*

None

2018.49 *Updates from Officers*

Planning None

Roads, drains and potholes

KJ said there were no known issues at the present time.

JC said the road sweeper seemed to have swept only half the village at the last visit. KJ said in the past the village was not included and after complaints we now have two visits per year.

Village Liaison

JB reported that the new bench for the church yard had been placed and thanks went to JC's son, Philip for the work.

Village Garden JB said the Autumn tidy went well and the Spring work will be organised by Robin.

2018.50 *Finance*

A cheque for the clerk's salary was signed.

Donation cheques were signed :-

Mosaic	£50
St Marys PCC	£80
Village Hall.	£125

2018.51 *Budget 2018/19*

The Chairman read through the budget figures for the coming year increasing the insurance to cover the inclusion of the SID and 4% on other essential payments. He included £80 for replacement of defibrillator pads due for replacement May 2019 and £60 for website upkeep.

It was decided to keep the precept at the same level as the previous year at £ 1800. The Clerk will now apply for the funding.

2018.52 *Reports*

District Councillor – Cllr Mrs Jane Westbrook reported that the ward boundaries have now been decided. There will be Area Boards for Parish Councils to meet.

A large housing development application has been made for Marnhull. If this takes place there will be a great deal more traffic through Hinton St Mary as Marnhull cannot offer any employment for new residents.

She said Mike Potter was committed regarding the road sign upgrade JC said that many of the road signs were obscured by overgrown hedges. Cllr Mrs Westbrook suggested contacting Roger Bell at Highways through Dorset For You web site.

County Councillor – none

2018.53 *Questions from members of the public*

1. Clearing of drains. KJ said the DorsetForYou web site is easy to navigate and these can be reported. If there is no response KJ said to report back to him.

2018.54 *Correspondence*None

2018.55 *Any Other Business*

The Chairman had received a letter from Mr John Harding with concerns regarding monies he held for the Village Show. Mr Harding

felt strongly that the release of these funds to the Village Hall was not appropriate as the Village Show was a separate event. JC said historically the Village Hall and the Village Show were linked. Mr Harding felt the Parish Council should intervene in this matter but the Chairman said this was not Parish Council business.

Councillors all agreed that the Parish Council should not be involved and it was a matter for Mr Harding and the Village Hall Committee to come to an agreement on the way forward. Concern was expressed by councillors at the way this item had been placed on the agenda at very short notice without discussion with a parish councillor. However the chairman had agreed to include it. Members of the public said they were unaware of the names of members of the Committee so were unable to approach them. KJ said it would be a good idea if the Committee names and details were on the website to enable residents to contact them.

The Chairman did agree to speak to the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee and ask him to contact Mr Harding in order to arrange a meeting to discuss the issues regarding the funds for the Village Show.

Subsequent to the meeting it was confirmed that items to be considered for the agenda may be submitted through a parish councillor or directly to the parish clerk. The parish councils entry on the village website requests that this is done at least one week before a meeting.

Following the meeting John Sherwood agreed to facilitate discussions between John Harding and the Village Hall.

ACTION Chairman

2018.56 *Items for next agenda* Update regarding SID.

2018.57 Date of next meeting

Tuesday February 12th at 7pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50 pm