

Hunts Grove Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Hunts Grove Parish Council held on Tuesday May 19th 2021.
Meeting held at The Holiday Inn Express Waterwells Gloucester

Present;

Parish Councillors; Mark Ryder (also district councillor)

Adam Hampson,

Demelza Turner-Wilkes

Marytyn Holmes

County Councillor Stephen Davies

Kevin Lee Interim Parish Clerk

In attendance; Lucie Brailsford, Crest (via zoom)

26/21 Declarations of Interest

There were none

27/21 Minutes of the Meeting held on April 19th 2021

Resolved; the Minutes of the Meeting held on April 19th were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair. The Chair recorded the Council's thanks for the work of the Shadow Council over the previous year.

The Chair thanked the District Council for the support of the Democratic Services Team and also to Lucie Brailsford for her support during the year

28/21 County Councillor Report

County Councillor Stephen Davies congratulated Cllrs on being elected and taking on the role the elected Parish Council.

The County Council had confirmed that there would be a highways local fund available to county cllrs for 2021/2022.

The DFE had given permission for a new secondary school for Gloucester to accommodate pupils up to age 16. A site for the school had not been determined.

Resolved to note the report

29/21 Flooding and Suds Ponds

The Chair and Cllr Adam Hampson gave an update on investigations in respect of the Suds Ponds. Questions had been raised as to whether the ponds had been built to the appropriate requirement. There had also been discussions on the boundary responsibilities for the Shorn Brook. Some residents had complained about the potential flooding with water flowing from the sound bund.

Lucie Brailsford advised that she was waiting plans for the suds ponds.

Resolved; to note the reports

30/21 Finance Report

The clerk presented the finance report for the period ending May 15th 2021

Resolved; to approve the report

31/21 Phase 1 Land Transfers

The Chair gave an update on the progress and ongoing discussions. The Public Open Spaces Officer at Stroud District Council, District Councillor and a representative from Crest had completed a walk around of the areas within phase 1. These included; suds ponds 1 and 2, the play park, Hunts Grove Wood and Hunts Grove Drive.

A number of actions points had been identified for discussion with Crest. It had been proposed that the Wood be transferred to the Woodland Trust; this proposal was being considered by the district council. An inspection of the trees had been undertaken and some areas of die back had been noted.

Resolved; to note the report

32/21 Parish Councillor Reports

Cllr Adam Hampson advised that the School PTFA had raised concerns about crossing to the school by the brook as visibility was obscured by boarding.

The Chair Cllr Mark Ryder noted that in a number of places the road surface had not been completed; this would impact on the adoption of the highway by the county council.

Cllr Martyn Holmes highlighted the issue of the hoarding and the fence just after the bridge. He noted that at the top end of harrier way buses were finding difficulty in negotiating the corner. It was acknowledged that a discussion between highways and stagecoach would be beneficial.

Cllr Mark Ryder gave a report on the outcome of the district council elections; Mark will be supporting Hunts Grove, Standish and Haresfield. All councillors had submitted their preferences for committee membership

Cllr Ryder gave an update on the Local Plan and its preparation leading to submission and examination.

Resolved; to note the reports

33/21 Appointment of a Clerk/RFO

Members approved the draft schedule for the appointment of a clerk for the council. A draft job description would be forwarded to the chair consideration.

34/21 Date of Meetings

Members approved the date of future meetings as follows:

June 14th, July 12th, August 9th (provisional) September 13th, October 11th, November 8th and December 13th Meetings to commence at 6.00pm an initially held at the Holiday Inn

35/21 Working Group

Resolved; to establish a working group to develop the council strategies and policies and for the work of the group to be reported to the full council for approval

Meeting Closed at 9.15pm

Signed

Chair

Date