

MINUTES

Meeting: Hunts Grove Parish Council
Date and time: 14 June 2021 at 6:00pm
Venue: Holiday Inn Express, Waterwells Business Park

Present:

Cllr Mark Ryder (Chair)
Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Adam Hampson
Cllr Martyn Holmes
Cllr Sandra Meecham

Also In Attendance:

Kevin Lee, Interim Parish Clerk

36/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from County Councillor Stephen Davies.

37/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

38/21 MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Ordinary Meeting held on May 18th 2021

Resolved; to approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting and Ordinary Meeting.

39/21 CO-OPTION

Sandra Meecham introduced herself to members and gave a summary of her background which included previously serving as a Parish Council in a neighbouring parish.

Resolved; Members agreed to the Co-Option of Sandra to the Parish Council.

40/21 PHASE 1 LAND TRANSFERS

The Chair, Cllr Mark Ryder gave a brief update on the discussions with Crest and the District Council. It had been agreed that more frequent meetings were required and Lucie Brailsford had agreed to arrange these.

It had been proposed to hold meetings with the developer's site managers. It was agreed that Martyn Holmes and Adam Hampson be the Parish Council's representatives.

Resolved; to note the report and approve Martyn Holmes and Adam Hampson as the Parish Council's representatives at the site meetings.

41/21 PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr Adam Hampson reported that the two existing parish council notice boards were in need of replacement. Boards would also be required for other phases of the development. The estimated purchase cost was £1800 per board. An approach could be made to crest for sponsorship and for the erection of the boards.

Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes noted that there had been requests for businesses to post items on the notice boards. Members acknowledged that it would be important to ensure that any listing was not seen to be endorsed by the Parish Council. Members agreed that a policy for notice boards may be needed.

Cllr Martyn Holmes reported that there ongoing issues in respect of a path obstructing access to a public open space. A resident had lodged a complaint about the amount of thistles growing up in Hunts Grove Drive and Harrier Way. Martyn gave an update on the management company and it was agreed to invite a representative from PREIM to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

In respect of Highways Issues Cllr Holmes commented that there were problems with large vehicles and buses struggling to negotiate the junction at Harrier Way. It was agreed to raise the issue with the County Councillor Stephen Davies and to seek a site meeting with the area highways manager. The problem of speeding drivers and the issue of contractors lorries not sticking to the approved route would also be raised.

Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes noted that during the 'rush hours' there were many cars parked along Harrier Way up to Marconi Drive and into to Hunts Grove Drive. It was suggested that Crest be approached to extend the double yellow lines prior to the roads being adopted by the County Council.

The athletics club had planned for road races on August 1st and it was sad to report on the passing of Norman Wilson who had played a leading role and all his hard work in organising races in the area. Members recorded their condolences and would write to Norman's wife Ann.

The Chair Cllr Mark Ryder reported that in his district councillor role he had been confirmed as a Member of the District Council's Development Control Committee.

Cllr Ryder reported that he had been in discussions with the County Councillor about the A38 flyover and the concerns from the Highways Authority that the bridge would not be able to cope with the extra traffic flows. This could have an impact on the development of the new access road.

In respect of planning matters Cllr Ryder reported on the proposals for the development at Symmetry Park near to Javelin Park, the proposal would include a 34m high building. There are concerns being expressed regarding the impact on highways by the Symmetry Park development.

It is understood that a £25m investment for improvements to the M5 junction 12 has been identified by Highways England, however it is unclear what the timeline is for this at the moment and whether further development around J12 would be allowed prior to the works”.

Resolved; to note the reports and to progress the identified actions

42/21 FINANCE REPORT

The Clerk presented the finance report for the period ending June 14th 2021 and the list of payments. The Chair proposed that a Finance and Governance Working Group be set up. Cllrs Demelza Turner-Wilkes and Sandra Meecham were appointed to lead the group.

The Chair reported that to make progress on developing the council’s policies additional support would be required. An approach had been made to an experienced and highly qualified Clerk to assist in the policy and procedures development; this would include developing the website. It was agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair have delegated authority to take this forward.

Resolved; to

- **approve the monthly financial report and payments**
- **establish a finance and governance working group led by Cllrs Demelza Turner- Wilkes and Sandra Meecham**
- **Delegate to the Chair and Vice Chair the authority to progress the appointment of additional support to take forward the development of the Council’s policies and procedures**

43/21 FACEBOOK

The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council’s Facebook page had been set up and items were being prepared for the pages

www.facebook.com/HuntsGroveParishCouncil/

Resolved; to note the report

44/21 POLICY WORKING GROUP

The Chair gave an update on the initial work of the Policy Group. It was noted that as the policies and procedures were developed they would be formally presented to a full meeting of the Parish Council for approval and adoption.

Resolved; to note the report

The meeting closed at 20.25.