

HUNTS GROVE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

(A meeting of the electorate)

HELD AT HUNTS GROVE PRIMARY ACADEMY

ON MONDAY 15th MAY 2023 at 6.00pm

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS FROM COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Cllr Mark Ryder welcomed 12 residents to the meeting.

2. TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT INCLUDING FINANCES FOR 2022/23

Cllr Ryder gave his report, which is available on the parish council website.

- 2023/24 is the final year of the current term of council office – due to covid-19 Hunts Grove had a 3-year term instead of the usual 4 years.
- Introduced the council team.
- Overview of activities for past year.
- 3 main missions: Representation, One Hunts Grove, Vibrant Hunts Grove.
- Overview of 2022 priorities.
- Active Travel Strategy.
- Youth Strategy.
- Community events.
- Phase 1 Adoption of public spaces.
- Budget 2023-24.
- Balance Sheet 2022-23 end of year .
- Overview of Grant Funding and Community Infrastructure Levy Funding (from developments).
- Planning hot topics for 2022: Farmhouse Triangle, delivery of amenities, A38 junction.
- Phase 2 major public open space.
- Allotments – Crest has planning permission for allotments and the delivery is late.
- Interim results from Allotments survey.
- Community building – expecting to receive new designs in the next few weeks.
- Sports pitches – several years have passed since the sports pitch provision agreed with a heavy focus towards football.
- Neighbourhood Centre.
- New A38 junction – work due to start summer 2023 – Gloucestershire County Council Highways have signed the traffic regulation order to enable work to start.

3. TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS OR ISSUES RAISED FROM RESIDENTS OF HUNTS GROVE.

Q: Will the Hunts Grove Extension need to contribute to the community building?

A: No, but we think it should.

Q: Enforcement action for not delivering the community centre?

A: Technical issue that all detailed plans had to be in by 3 years ago. Undecided applications can be undecided for this length of time if the Planning Authority and Developer agree. The threshold to deliver the community centre is close but the trigger does not include the phase 1 houses.

Q: Has the PC sought legal advice about the delivery of amenities?

A: No, but will follow-up with legal team.

Q: What is the status of the contract with the Managing Agent?

A: Contract due for renewal but Crest has agreed to sign only a 6-month rolling contract rather than renew the contract for a longer period, eg 5 years.

Q: Could the contract that residents have signed been challenged as an unfair contract?

A: There is no consumer protection for rentcharges, but HGPC has not specifically checked this angle with legal.

Q: Is there a timeline for taking over the ManCo?

A: No, Crest have quoted 8 years and 3 years in 2 separate meetings to handover the ManCo to residents.

Q: Quadrant Way – what are plans for building there?

A: Business units, plans are available via website.

Q: Extent of Hunts Grove parish?

A: Map shown.

There was a general comment about the time of the meeting as it clashed with parental responsibilities. Could the Council consider offering the meeting on Teams to increase access. Both comments will be considered when planning the next Annual Parish Meeting.

There was a request for printed newsletters. Council plans to launch a mailing list shortly so that residents can sign up for regular updates.

Cllr Ryder thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting closed at 7.35pm.