

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Hunts Grove Parish Council Meeting  
**Date and time:** 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 6.30pm  
**Venue:** Hunts Grove Primary Academy

**Present:**

Cllr Demelza Turner-Wilkes (Chair)  
Cllr Adam Hampson  
Cllr Sandra Meecham  
Cllr Kevin Thorne  
Cllr Mark Ryder (via Microsoft Teams, non-voting, until 8pm)

**Also In Attendance:**

Ms L Brailsford, Crest Nicholson representative (via Microsoft Teams)

**486/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

District Cllr Gill Oxley  
County Cllr Stephen Davies

**487/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**488/23 MINUTES**

- a) Council **resolved** to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
- b) Council received the list of outstanding actions.

**489/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Representatives of PREIM attended the meeting and introduced themselves to the Council. Cllr Meecham enquired about the steering committee and AGM; there isn't a formal steering committee at present. PREIM plan to interact with the residents via the parish council rather than form a steering committee. PREIM will invite the parish council to attend snagging visits. PREIM also wants to support community events. Meeting dates to be arranged. The AGM is due to be arranged, the last one was summer 2022.

**490/23 GROUPS, EVENTS & PROJECTS**

- a) Council received an update from the Hunts Grove Wombles. Latest litter pick was on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July, the weather was poor so attendance lower than usual.

- b) Council received an update on the council storage. The shed base should be installed before the end of July, then the shed will be ordered by the Clerk and invoice will be issued to Crest for their contribution. Landscaping to be discussed at the August meeting, **Action: Clerk.**
- c) Council discussed the grand opening of the major public open space proposed for 2<sup>nd</sup> September. However, concerns were raised that the public open spaces will not be finished by Crest by that date. PREIM offered £500 towards the event. A maximum budget of £3,000 including the PREIM contribution was agreed but no expenditure will be committed prior to the end of July. A decision to go ahead will be made at the end of July. A clear timeline will be required from Crest to enable that decision. **Action: Lucie.**

### 491/23 DEVELOPMENT SITE UPDATES

- a) Update from Crest Nicholson; Crest are investigating the drainage issue on Brambling Way. Crest were following up with Elmtree regarding outstanding works but there has been no works carried out to the path to the public open space to prevent further flooding of the path. Harrier Way resurfacing works are starting during the school summer holidays outside the school, Crest will communicate with the school and residents. The development needs a second route out of the estate and the Bovis bridge should be opened prior to the works.
- b) Community building update: Crest have been out to tender with 5 different companies but the quotes still exceed the cost-cap even with a modular building design, and the parish council needs to indicate how it wishes to proceed with the design of the building. Whilst the parish council can make comment, the decision to vary the community centre requirements set out in the S106 agreement rests with Stroud District Council. A copy of the plans was requested by the parish council. **Action: Lucie.**

No update on the allotments. Lucie will have a monthly meeting with Mark Foyle. Lucie requested an update on the management company discussions; Cllr Ryder responded that whilst the parish council understands the model Crest is offering it does not meet the council's objectives and the model prevents the parish council using precept funds to maintain areas under management company control.

Phase 1 remedials have not been completed to date. Phase 1 will need to be at an adoptable standard and approved by Stroud DC, and this work is not likely to be completed until just prior to adoption. However, the health and safety remedials need to be completed promptly.

- a) Council received an update regarding the management company discussions and considered the options for appointing a new solicitor to represent the parish council. It was agreed to defer the appointment until the August meeting. **Action: Clerk.**
- b) Council received an update on Phase 1 adoption, council will need to consider its position on the Phase 1 adoption following the next S106 meeting with Stroud DC. It was agreed to hold an Oversight Working Group meeting on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July to discuss all the options and make recommendations for the next Full Council meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> August. **Action: Clerk.**

- c) Council confirmed its position on the open spaces management strategy for Hunts Grove Extension and opposed any plans to extend the Management Company to include the extension. A Press Release drafted by Cllr Ryder was approved for publication, proposed by Cllr Hampson, seconded by Cllr Meecham; vote was all in favour. **Action: Clerk** to check the draft for grammatical errors and then distribute to: Stroud District Council (Chief Executive, Strategic Director of Place, Head of Development Management, Senior Planning Officer, Crest Nicholson, CFL).

#### **492/23 PLANNING**

- a) There were no planning applications to consider. There was a brief discussion about the development site at Whaddon that borders Naas Lane that is earmarked for Gloucester growth and the impact this will have on Hunts Grove. Council to discuss with Quedgeley TC when they meet, and the Clerk to contact Brookthorpe-with-Whaddon PC. **Action: Clerk.**

#### **493/23 WORKING GROUPS**

- a) Council received the notes of the Community Services Working Group meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June and the Green Spaces & Environment Working Group meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **494/23 GLOUCESTERSHIRE CONSTABULARY UPDATES**

No update. Further updates will be included in the Community Services Working Group.

#### **495/23 CONSULTATIONS**

- a) Council considered the consultation on Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Orders; and whilst it had no objections to the proposed Protection Orders, council raised the point that unfenced play areas are not part of the PSPOs and this may be something SDC wants to consider in the future. **Action: Clerk.**
- b) Council agreed that Cllr Ryder would represent the parish council at the GAPTC AGM and was authorised to vote on matters raised at the meeting. **Action: Cllr Ryder.**

#### **496/23 FINANCE AND PROCEDURES**

- a) Council received the bank reconciliation and budget analysis for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
- b) Council resolved to sponsor the U14 football team kit at a cost of £620 for 2 years sponsorship, to be funded from the Youth Provision budget. **Action: Clerk.**
- c) Council deferred the purchase of a scissor lift to move event equipment and will hire one to move the items for the next event.
- d) Council resolved to purchase a garden trolley to move smaller items of event equipment. **Action: Clerk.**
- e) Council approved the Communications Policy with one amendment. **Action: Clerk.**
- f) Council **resolved** to approve the payments as below.

Invoice Date	Payee	Net	VAT	Gross
30/07/23	Staff Costs (Net Salary, Pension)	£540.33	£0	£540.33
01/07/23	CloudyIT	£47.50	£9.50	£57.00
30/06/23	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	£249.50	£33.90	£283.40
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£837.33</b>	<b>£43.40</b>	<b>£880.73</b>

**497/23 COUNCIL NOTED THE CLERK'S REPORT**

**498/23 PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

The next CLG meeting is 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

**499/23 RECURRING ITEMS TO NOTE - None**

**NEXT MEETINGS**

- a) Next Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 6.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.12pm.