

Hartpury Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st March 2021 via ZOOM Remote Platform

Present: Cllr A McGhee (Chairman), Cllr R Gregory (Vice-Chairman), Cllr M Clarke, Cllr R Pett, Cllr R Watson, Cllr D Zeal.

District Cllr P Burford, District Councillor B Lewis and County Councillor B Robinson.

The meeting was chaired by Alastair McGhee and the minutes were taken by the Clerk.

There was 10 members of the public present.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllr S Gibbs and accepted by the Parish Council.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made at this time.

3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr R Pett that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 4th January 2021 be signed as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr M Clarke and agreed by all Cllrs who were present at the meeting.

4. Public Consultation

It was agreed to move agenda item planning to this point. There were 10 members of the public present to discuss the planning application for Mount Oliver's Meadow, concerns were expressed over flooding and pollution, disturbance of wildlife especially in Linberry Wood, effect on local stock, pony and the increased amount/times of shooting and the resulting increase in noise.

Members of the public have already written to FoDDC voicing their concerns and were advised to submit a written representation to the planning meeting, this needs to be no more than 450 words and will be read out at the meeting. After discussion the Parish Council confirmed that they could not support this application and their comments will be submitted and included in these minutes at agenda number 7.

5. Reports

5.1 District Councillor Philip Burford spoke to Councillors about the budget and the relevant information related to this.

5.2 District Councillor Brian Lewis sent his apologies.

5.3 County Councillor Brian Robinson spoke to Councillors about the flooding and actions taken and the report to environmental scrutiny, the long term plan relating to the A417 flooding / closures and the lack of funding , broadband coverage, social care levy and the money raised to date and the nuclear fusion project.

6. Finance

6.1 Accounts for payment

It was proposed by Cllr M Clarke that the payments were made as previously circulated, this was seconded by Cllr R Pett and agreed by all Cllrs present and it was resolved to sign the cheques.

6.2 Financial Statement and Cash Reconciliation

The financial statement and cash re-conciliations for the month were approved by all Councillors present and are attached to the minutes.

6.3 Internal Audit Report 2020-2021

The Clerk had circulated the Internal Audit Report including notes on the recommended actions. It was proposed by Cllr R Gregory that all the recommendations are undertaken, this was seconded by Cllr R Watson and agreed by all Cllrs present.

Following the internal audit report recommendation it was noted that the Parish Council had assured itself that the internal auditor was independent and competent.

6.4 Defibrillator

The Clerk advised the Parish Council of their responsibilities regarding the defibrillator and that the pads and the battery needed to be replaced, as the pads must be in date and the battery may have led to the unit not working this was carried out as a matter of urgency. The Clerk spoke to the Cllrs about the 4 year cover plan

for the defibrillator at a cost of £135 per year and what this plan covers. It was proposed by Cllr D Zeal that this plan is value for money and peace of mind, this was seconded by Cllr M Clarke and agreed by all Cllrs present. The cheque for this will be signed.

7. Planning Applications

It was agreed to submit the following comments/observations:

Planning Ref	Property	Description of Application	Comments
P0205/21/PQ3PA	Cackleberries, Over Old Road, Hartpury, Gloucester.	Prior approval for the change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion.	The Parish Council considered this application at the meeting and have no comments to make
P0162/21/FUL	Agricultural Shed , Mount Olivers Meadow, Blackwells End, Hartpury.	Change of use from agricultural (i.e. forestry) to outdoor leisure activities (i.e. shooting and archery).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Council would request that the Forest of Dean District Council carry out an up to date, independent noise survey before determination. • Due to wildlife / environmental concerns on the Applicants site and the detrimental effect to the nearby Orchard Centre, the Parish Council would recommend refusal to this application.

8. Highways

8.1 To discuss the most recent updated Highways report

It was agreed that when restriction allow an onsite meeting is to be arranged with Andrew Middlecote, Philip Burford, Brian Lewis, Brian Robinson and Cllrs to discuss the outstanding Highways issues list and agree actions to be taken.

Highways are to be asked for signage on Corsend Road regarding ‘No HGV’s’

Highways are to be asked to make sure that flooding signage is needed at the top of Corsend Road for traffic headed towards Gloucester to avoid traffic using Corsend Road and then having to double back using the C67. Signage is also needed at time of flooding at junction 2 of the M50.

The repairs needed to Corsend Road and Hartpury Mill Road are to reminded to Highways again as the Parish Council have concerns that there could be an accident in these areas due to the damage that has taken place.

Any further issues are to be reported to the Chairman or the Clerk to be added to the list and for submission to highways.

8.2 Flooding Issues

This is to be included in the meeting above for actions by Highways/Environment Agency/Severn Trent Water.

8.3 A417

The A417 flooding was discussed again following the most recent communication on this matter, the Councillors discussed the matters raised including the suggested raising of the road and the implications of this on surrounding agricultural land. It was agreed that if the flooding cannot be prevented and the money is not available to undertake the requested actions then the surrounding roads need to be brought up to a suitable standard for using during diversions.

8.4 Footpaths

The footpaths were discussed again and it was agreed that the footpath group would meet again and report progress back to the next Parish Council meeting for any actions to be taken.

8.5 Public Rights of Way and 2026

All footpaths in relation to the definitive map will be discussed by the footpath group and reported back to the next Parish Council meeting for any actions that are needed.

8.6 Police Matters

The Police have reported that they have nowhere to park up in Hartpury and asking for suggestions. It was agreed to advise them that there is a hardstanding in the area of the Waters Meet that was installed specifically for the speed van on the A417.

They will also be advised that they could contact Victor at the Old Post Office to ask if they would be able to park at the front of the Old Post Office. The area of the bus stop/memorial could be considered if this give enough visibility.

It was noted that a spate of thefts has taken place around the Village and that people are offering large tarmac deliveries and the public are to be vigilant if they are approached.

9. Right to Regenerate

The Parish Council discussed the circulated information but do not wish to make any comments.

10. ERS Licensing and Applications

The Parish Council discussed the circulated information but do not wish to make any comments.

11 Matters for Future Discussion

- The notice board in the bus shelter by the War Memorial needs to be replaced, the Clerk is to obtain some estimates for the next meeting and this will be added to the May Agenda.
- The Annual Parish Meeting will take place via Zoom on the 26th April following the Village Hall AGM, the Clerk is to liaise with Ken Jollans to arrange how this will work as the Parish Council wish this to use their zoom login and invite.

12. Date of next meeting – Monday 3rd May 2021

The meeting closed at 10.25pm