

**HUCCLECOTE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19TH OCTOBER 2020
VIA ZOOM AT 6.30 PM**

Present Councillor Pugh (In the Chair)
Councillor Stevens
Councillor Mrs Heyden
Councillor Bentley
Councillor Mrs Bentley
Councillor Mrs Blackwell
Councillor Morgan
Councillor Edge

In attendance Councillor Robert Vines (County)
Mr Siddharth Rammohan

20/110 ACCEPTED APOLOGIES

- i. Councillor Paul Smith (Borough)

20/111 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY AND THROUGH THE CHAIRMAN

Details of the GAPTC AGM on 9th December were given; the Chairman will endeavour to attend.

20/112 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS

There were no residents in attendance.

20/113 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

An application was received from Mr Siddharth Rammohan, he was asked to introduce himself to members and then placed in the virtual waiting room. Following a short discussion it was proposed, seconded and resolved to co-opt Mr Rammohan onto the Council; a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Interests will be sent out and should be completed and returned to the Clerk as soon as possible.

20/114 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th September 2020 were approved and will be signed by the Chairman retrospectively at the next face to face meeting.

20/115 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

A response was received from Andrew Johnson regarding the outstanding maintenance issues on Coopers Edge; he indicated that the delays were due to COVID 19. It was agreed to apply further pressure and to write back requesting clearer dates and deadlines, if no progress is made it would be taken up further with the CEO's of the individual builders and the local MP.

A decision was awaited from Bovis Homes regarding the provision of a BMX track on land at the rear of the Bowls Club.

20/116 BOROUGH / COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Borough – Councillor Mrs Blackwell reported borough staff continue to work from home and the council is waiting to hear from Government regarding further funding.

County – Councillor Robert Vines reported a further online consultation on the A417 missing link, running from 13th October to 12th November, it is still high on the Governments agenda and should be in place before 2024. Improvements to junction 10 of the M5 were also looking positive.

20/117 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Blackwell declared that as a member of the Tewkesbury Borough Council planning committee she would not participate in any discussions relating to planning matters.

20/118 COVID 19

Councillor Mrs Bentley will continue to liaise with volunteers but had struggled to contact everyone on the original list. It was noted that there were now other support networks in operation and residents in need of help could be directed to them for advice and support.

20/119 PLANNING

a) New Applications

- i. 20/00932/APP – Plot 1420, Gloucester Business Park. Construction of 92 additional surface level car parking spaces to the rear of Javelin House together with associated landscaping. Plans were circulated to members before the meeting. Following discussion it was proposed, seconded and resolved not to raise any objections.
- ii. 18/01239/FUL – Land adjacent to Hucclecote Road. It was noted that the application for 166 new houses will go to planning committee on 20th October 2020.

b) Decisions

There were no decisions to report.

c) Enforcement report

- i. 20/00081/ENFC Horsbere Lake - An update was given, members were very concerned about the potential pollution of the lake and nature reserve adjacent to the silage clamp. Tewkesbury Borough Council and Environment Agency had been notified and were investigating. It was agreed that the local MP also be contacted for his urgent support.
ACTION T/S
- ii. A breach of planning consent was noted in Colerne Drive and reported to the Borough Council's enforcement team.

d) Coopers Edge Sports Facilities

Members raised concerns about the potential parking issues around the new facilities and in particular along Juniper Way and Bowthorpe Drive, the installed wooden knee rail looks to be in the incorrect place allowing for parking on the verges. Concerns were also raised about the location of benches around the facility; it was agreed to raise both matters with the consortium manager. ACTION CLERK

20/120 PINEHOLT VILLAGE HALL

a) Clerk's report

Details of new hall bookings were given, including baby massage, first aid and a WI group; COVID guidelines will be followed and hall capacity levels maintained for all bookings. Matters reported to the borough council included fly tipping in Larkhay Road, broken tree limb on Folland Ave and overgrown vegetation.

The latest GAPTC newsletter was circulated and this included details of online training courses; Councillor Mrs Heyden will attend the risk assessment session.

b) Kitchen refurbishment

Members were grateful to a local resident who had produced detailed plans for the new kitchen and for arranging a contractor to provide the third quote.

20/121 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

a) Outstanding issues

A response was received from Brockworth Parish Council regarding the TRO for additional double yellow lines in Bulford Close; they were still looking at the options and will make a decision by the end of the month. Following a site visit to their part of Coopers Edge they did not identify any parking issues and will therefore not be putting forward any proposals for the joint Coopers Edge TRO. A response was still awaited from Upton St Leonards Parish Council.
ACTION A/P

b) Traffic noise levels in Sussex Gardens

Letters were received from residents of Sussex Gardens regarding the increased road traffic noise from the Hucclecote by-pass at the rear of Sussex Gardens. Members discussed possible options to reduce noise levels including reducing the speed limit, installing sound absorbant barriers and asking the local Police to conduct speed checks on the by-pass. The Clerk will report the noise issues to Gloucestershire Highways and seek their advice on reducing the speed limit. ACTION CLERK

20/122 PLAY AREA

a) Inspection report

The monthly inspection had been undertaken and minor matters noted. The new surfacing laid in 2019 was beginning to crumble and wear in places; the Clerk will contact Sovereign Ltd.
ACTION CLERK

Complaints were received from residents regarding youths gathering on benches at the rear of the village hall, broken glass and litter had recently been cleared by members. There were similar issues reported at the skate park on Coopers Edge, both incidents were reported to the local PCSO and she will increase patrols.

20/123 FINANCE

a) Accounts for Payment

	Chq	Net	VAT	Gross
i. Came and Company – Insurance		2335.89	0.00	2335.89
ii. Fine Turf Services – Grass cutting		284.00	0.00	284.00
iii. Communicorp – Subscription		75.00	0.00	75.00
iv. Signcraft – Play area signs		296.73	59.35	356.08
v. Zoom – PC Meeting (Oct)		11.99	2.40	14.39
vi. GeoXsphere Ltd – Parish on-line		35.00	7.00	42.00
vii. Azets – Payroll services		79.29	15.86	95.15
viii. Zoom – PC Meeting (Sept)		11.99	2.40	14.39
ix. Amazon – Misc		7.99	0.00	7.99
x. Cash – Petty cash		200.00	0.00	200.00
xi. Supanet – Broadband	DD	11.66	2.33	13.99
xii. British Gas – Service contract	DD	27.28	5.46	32.74
xiii. SWALEC – Gas supply	DD	65.87	2.13	68.00
xiv. SWALEC – Electricity supply	DD	76.89	11.11	88.00
xv. BT – Telephones	DD	194.11	38.82	232.93
xvi. Water Plus – Water supply	DD	91.02	0.00	91.02
xvii. PHS – Hygiene services	DD	48.10	9.62	57.72

Payment of the accounts was proposed by Councillor Pugh and seconded by Councillor Mrs Bentley.

b) Finance report April – September 2020

Members had before them a finance report detailing income and expenditure, the variances with the budget were explained.

c) Budget consideration 2021/22

Projects for 2021/22 were discussed and would be costed and presented at the next meeting.

20/124 MISC

a) Pineholt Community Action Group

Plans for volunteering days had been cancelled due to COVID.

Members were keen to move forward with the outdoor trim trail and gym equipment, a suitable location was to be agreed and consultation with residents undertaken.

Following the recent survey of younger residents the results indicated strongly they were in favour of a BMX track, this would be pursued once a response from Bovis Homes was received.

Meeting closed at 20:15

Next meeting 16th November 2020