

**HUCCLECOTE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27TH JULY 2021
IN THE MEETING ROOM AT
PINEHOLT VILLAGE HALL AT 6.30 PM**

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

In attendance Councillor Robert Vines (County)
1 resident

21/084 ACCEPTED APOLOGIES

- i. Councillor Rammohan

21/085 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY AND THROUGH THE CHAIRMAN

Members attended a meeting with various agencies to discuss anti-social behaviour at the new sports facilities on Coopers Edge, notes were circulated. The Chairman explained that the facilities will remain closed until a suitable club/society is appointed by the borough council to operate and manage the pitches including the multi-use games areas (MUGA's). All equipment has been removed from the MUGA's to deter youths from climbing the fences and the installation of CCTV will be looked at by the developers.

Members were very disappointed that the tender process could take some time to complete and felt opening the MUGA's in the interim should be explored. Councillor Mrs Blackwell agreed to talk to Mr Adrian Goode and the legal department at the borough council and will report back. It was agreed that a litter bin needs installing next to the MUGA and members agreed to fund this. **ACTION G/B**

Dangerous parking at the skate park on Lobleys Drive was also discussed, Gloucestershire Highways is looking to introduce some restrictions to prevent this but again it could take some time. It was suggested that for now the Police put out some temporary 'no parking' bollards. **ACTION B/B**

20/086 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS

There were no questions.

21/087 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

An application was received from Mrs Maria Clutterbuck. Following a short discussion it was proposed, seconded and resolved to co-opt Mrs Clutterbuck onto the Council; a Declaration of Acceptance of Office was completed and Mrs Clutterbuck joined the meeting.

21/088 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 22nd June 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

21/089 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Discussions with Bovis Homes regarding the mound area at the rear of the Bowls Club are ongoing, they have arranged for a consultant to survey the mound.

21/090 BOROUGH / COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County – Gloucestershire Royal Hospital has recently reopened a Covid ward to deal with the rising number of cases in the county.

Councillor Vines received an enquiry about the bollards recently installed on the M5 motorway bridge on Lobleys Drive, at the moment it was unclear why or who installed them.

Borough – Officers are returning to the borough council and it is open to visitors by appointment only; residents are encouraged to report matters online. Members have returned to meetings but under strict Covid rules.

Following a discussion it was agreed to look at installing a computer in the hub area for residents without internet access to use. The Clerk will investigate a suitable set up and report back.

ACTION CLERK

21/091 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

21/092 PLANNING

a) New Applications

- i. 21/00495/FUL – Land at Typhoon Way. Provision of neighbourhood centre in accordance with masterplan, including single storey building to provide convenience store and separate single storey building with two flexible takeaway uses with associated parking and works. Following discussion it was proposed, seconded and resolved not to object but to raise road safety concerns and suggest the developer funds a safe crossing point on Lobleys Drive. All members voted in favour.

b) Decisions

- i. 21/00081/FUL – Land to the west of Stump Lane. Change of use of part of an existing grazing paddock to paddock to provide a fenced manege for private use. Permitted
- ii. 21/00341/AGR – Land adjacent to Stump Lane. General purpose agricultural building. Permitted
- iii. 21/00593/FUL – Plot 1420, Gloucester Business Park. Alterations to the building and site layout. Permitted
- iv. 21/00596/FUL – Unit 5210, Valiant Court. Alternations to the building and site layout. Permitted
- v. 21/00597/FUL – Unit 1415, Charlton Court. Removal of condition 3 of 16/01289/FUL. Permitted

- vi. 21/00748/PDE – Buscombe Noake, Stump Lane. Erection of a single storey rear extension. Permitted

c) Enforcement report

A meeting was held with the head of planning and an enforcement officer at Tewkesbury Borough Council to discuss the lack of enforcement action. Members found it useful to understand the process, it was felt that more could be done to come down harder on those flouting the planning rules and it was suggested that a workshop be held for parish councils in the future.

d) Boundary Commission Review 2023

A draft response was presented to members. It was agreed the response be submitted suggesting that either Hucclecote Parish be moved into the Gloucester constituency, which will unite both parts of Hucclecote or to create two Gloucester constituencies, North and South. **ACTION A/P**

e) Tewkesbury Borough Council Community Governance Review

Following discussion it was agreed that before responding the Chairman should consult with neighbouring parishes to get their views particularly on the Coopers Edge development. **ACTION B/B**

21/093 PINEHOLT VILLAGE HALL

a) Clerk's report

Following the relaxation of Covid restrictions the risk assessment and conditions of hire were reviewed and updated. Party bookings can now return to the hall and group numbers increased however hirers will be asked to follow the advisory guidelines and be sensible. Correspondence was received from residents of Hathorn Road and Stocken Close regarding overgrown trees at the rear of their properties. This was reported to Bovis Homes and they have arranged a health and safety inspection of the trees; the area is public open space and is awaiting transfer to the borough council. New benches have been installed along the Wotton Brook footpath and they have been well used during the good weather. The Police Community Engagement Vehicle will be parked at the new sports facilities on 29th July and 6th August to engage with local residents.

21/094 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

a) Outstanding issues

Councillor Pugh attended a meeting with Highways England and notes were circulated. A review of the existing sound barriers, from junction 11A down to the Painswick Road Bridge, is being conducted to establish their structural integrity and performance. In order to submit a complaint to Highways England, about the lack of action, a member of Upton Parish Council has put together a presentation on the M5 noise issues and how they can be addressed; he will present this to members at a future meeting. **ACTION A/P**
A Community Match Funding application to Gloucestershire Highways was successful with regards to the Traffic Regulation Order for Cranham Gate; the Clerk will request timescales for the scheme. **ACTION CLERK**

Further complaints were received from residents of Sussex Gardens regarding noise and speed of vehicles on the Hucclecote by-pass. The Police were asked to undertake speed monitoring but given the speed limit of 70mph they deemed it not safe for their monitoring vehicle; the Clerk will ask them to give this further consideration. **ACTION CLERK**

21/095 PLAY AREA

a) Inspection report

The quarterly inspection had been undertaken and minor matters noted, including loose bolts on the Ixo climbing unit. It was noted that the perimeter fence had been damaged over the weekend and this will be repaired shortly. **ACTION CLERK**

b) Maintenance and resurfacing quotes

Quotations were received for maintenance and resurfacing work, it was proposed, seconded and resolved to accept the quotation from Greenfields Ltd.

21/096 FINANCE

a) Accounts for Payment

		Net	VAT	Gross
i.	Broxap – New benches	2900.00	580.00	3480.00
ii.	GPFA – Membership	50.00	0.00	50.00
iii.	PHS Compliance – Fixed wire testing	224.00	44.80	268.80
iv.	KB Handyman services – Repairs	40.00	0.00	40.00
v.	Into Cleaning _ Monthly contract	185.55	37.11	222.66
vi.	Fine Turf Services – Grounds maintenance	416.00	0.00	416.00
vii.	GAPTC – Training	DD 30.00	0.00	30.00
viii.	Grants Gutters – Bus shelter cleaning	DD 50.00	0.00	50.00
ix.	DB Landscaping – Hedge/tree maintenance	DD 270.00	0.00	270.00
x.	N Hartell – Bench installations	DD 1595.00	319.00	1914.00
xi.	Azets – Payroll services	DD 79.29	15.86	95.15
xii.	Supanet – Broadband (Jun/July)	23.32	4.66	27.98
xiii.	British Gas – Service contract (Jun/July)	53.16	10.62	63.78
xiv.	SWALEC – Gas supply (Jun/July)	133.09	2.91	136.00
xv.	SWALEC – Electricity supply (Jun/July)	163.61	12.39	176.00
xvi.	PHS Group – Hygiene services	93.40	18.68	112.08
xvii.	BT – Telephones	214.75	42.95	257.70
xviii.	Water plus - Water	28.97	0.00	28.97

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

b) Finance report April – June 2021

Members had before them a finance report detailing the income and expenditure for the first quarter; the variances with the budget were explained.

c) Internal Control report April – June 2021 (Cllr Mrs Heyden)

Councillor Mrs Heyden had undertaken the audit for April – June 2021, there were no matters to report.

21/097 MISC

a) Future meeting dates

It was agreed that from September meetings will return to the upstairs meeting room on a Monday or Tuesday evening and will commence at 7 p.m.

b) Future Council events

Following discussion, it was agreed to hold a community event in mid-October to include tree planting, litter picking and displays at the village hall.

Meeting closed at: 20:30