

**HUCCLECOTE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13TH DECEMBER 2021
IN THE MEETING ROOM AT
PINEHOLT VILLAGE HALL AT 7 PM**

Present Councillor Mrs Bentley (In the Chair)
Councillor Bentley
Councillor Pugh
Councillor Mrs Blackwell
Councillor Ms Clutterbuck

Before the meeting started members voiced their objections and concerns about the Governments approach to not permitting virtual meetings. Due to a recent rise in Covid cases staff were encouraged to work from home. Members felt the legislation needs to be changed as soon as possible to allow virtual meetings and they were urged to write to their MP.

21/140 ACCEPTED APOLOGIES

- i. Councillor Stevens
- ii. Councillor Mrs Heyden
- iii. Councillor Edge
- iv. Councillor Robert Vines (County)
- v. Councillor Paul Smith (Borough)

21/141 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY AND THROUGH THE CHAIRMAN

The first festive event held on Thursday 9th December was well attended and enjoyed by retired residents of the parish; thanks were expressed to everyone for their hard work.

21/142 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS

There were no questions.

21/143 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 15th November 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

21/144 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

A volunteer was still required for the appointment of snow warden, there were no further matters.

21/145 BOROUGH / COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor – A written report was received. The council is very busy setting its budget and Councillor Vines will report further at the next meeting. The parish council's application to the Build Back Better Fund was successful and will fund new trim trail equipment.

Borough – Councillor Blackwell informed members that the request for a boundary change to Coopers Edge cannot be addressed as part of the current Community Governance Review. It needs to be looked at when the borough councillor boundaries are next reviewed. Members were disappointed and frustrated with the decision as this was not explained in the documentation and guidelines received from the borough council.

The Chief Executive, Mr Mike Dawson, is retiring in June 2022 and applications are now open. A new senior planning officer, Mr Mitch Kitts, has been seconded temporarily to replace Paul Skelton.

The borough council is reviewing its planning scheme of delegation. Currently if a parish council objects to an application it will automatically go to committee and this involves a lot of additional work for the officer and delays the process. To move things along quicker the proposal is to remove this and for parish councils to firstly raise any concerns with their borough councillor who can then, if needed, call it in for the committee to discuss.

Members were unhappy about the changes and strongly felt that the limited powers of a parish council are being taken away; it was agreed to write to Sandra Ford, Head of Planning, at the borough council. **ACTION T/S**

21/146 REPORT FROM COOPERS EDGE TRUST

Councillor Dave Bentley gave a short report.

21/147 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.

21/148 PLANNING

a) New Applications

There were no new applications to discuss.

b) Decisions

No decisions to report.

c) Enforcement report

Details were noted.

21/149 PINEHOLT VILLAGE HALL

a) Clerk's report

The majority of classes and groups have finished for the Christmas break and some are taking extended holidays due to Covid. The Saturday morning regular class, Revolution Performing Arts, have regrettably cancelled their weekly booking.

Masks are now mandatory in the village hall, exemptions apply if eating, drinking, singing or exercising. The Clerk will close the office to visitors but she will continue to work from the office.

b) Village Hall electrical repairs

Following their recent inspection a report was received from Byard Electrical Contractors advising that the distribution panel and parts are now obsolete. They are therefore unable to replace the two RCBO's and gave other options for members to consider. Integrity Electrical Solutions Ltd have confirmed they can replace the RCBO's with new parts that have been manufactured to the old spec. Members agreed to accept their quotation and to look at changing the complete distribution panel at a future date.

c) Upgrade of internet services

It was proposed, seconded and resolved to upgrade the internet service with Supanet Ltd to unlimited for £19.99 per month.

21/150 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

a) Outstanding issues

Members were advised that Brookfield Rd, Churchdown will be closed for major bridge repairs 04/01/22 – 23/12/22.

Councillor Pugh reported that following a letter of complaint to National Highways, copied to various other agencies, a response was received from the Department of Transport. They stated that the DEFRA noise modelling maps used were wrong as they do not reflect the mitigations National Highways have already implemented. Members were not satisfied with the response and agreed to escalate a complaint through the Office for Environmental Protection; the complaint needs to come from a resident so it was agreed to approach Mrs Barbara Martin, a former parish councillor. **ACTION: A/P**

b) Parking issues in Sussex Gardens

Complaints were received from residents of Sussex Gardens regarding vehicles parking on single yellow lines and on pavements. Following discussion it was agreed to raise the issue with parking enforcement at the County Council. **ACTION: CLERK**

c) Traffic Regulation Order for parts of Cranham Gate & Coopers Edge

Members will meet with representatives from TRO ltd and Gloucestershire Highways to review the proposed additional lines on Cranham Gate. **ACTION: CLERK, A/P, J/H**

21/151 PLAY AREA

a) Inspection report

Members undertook the monthly inspection there were no matters to report.

21/152 FINANCE

a) Accounts for Payment

		Net	VAT	Gross
i.	GAPTC – Training	30.00	0.00	30.00
ii.	Signcraft – Information signs	853.84	170.76	1024.60
iii.	Greenfields Garden Services – Play area repairs	7304.80	1460.96	8765.76
iv.	Robert Hall – Stationery	36.95	7.39	44.34
v.	Intocleaning – Cleaning services	164.07	31.81	196.88
vi.	The Coopers Edge Trust – Donation	20.00	0.00	20.00
vii.	PHS Compliance – PAT testing	94.00	18.80	112.80
viii.	Robert Hall – Stationery	202.72	40.54	243.26
ix.	Byard Electrical Contractors – Repairs	90.00	0.00	90.00
x.	Post Office – Stamps	21.78	0.00	21.78
xi.	Cobblers Corner - Keys	25.00	5.00	30.00
xii.	Supanet – Broadband	18.11	3.62	21.73
xiii.	British Gas – Service contract	26.58	5.31	31.89
xiv.	SWALEC – Gas supply	68.00	0.00	68.00
v.	SWALEC – Electricity supply	99.00	0.00	99.00

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

b) Future projects and grant applications

An update will be given at the January meeting.

c) Forecast report and budget requests 2022/23

Members received a forecast report for 2021/22 and a draft budget report for 2022/23; the budget will be finalised and agreed at the January meeting together with the Precept request.

Meeting closed at: 20:15

Next meeting: 17th January 2022