

**HUCCLECOTE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16TH JANUARY 2023
IN THE MEETING ROOM AT
PINEHOLT VILLAGE HALL AT 7 PM**

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

23/001 ACCEPTED APOLOGIES

- i. Councillor Stevens
- ii. Councillor Miss Clifford
- iii. Councillor Edge
- iv. Councillor P Smith (Borough)
- v. Councillor Vines (County)

23/002 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY AND THROUGH THE CHAIRMAN

No progress has been made with the adoption of public open spaces and the sports facilities on Coopers Edge; members were very disappointed with the continued delay.
The Chairman wrote to officers at Tewkesbury Borough Council expressing her frustration and concerns.
Following a discussion, it was proposed, seconded and resolved to raise the profile further through the local media; all members voted in favour.

23/003 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS

There were no questions.

23/004 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 12th December 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

23/005 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Following the Gloucester Business Consultation event in December, it was noted that traffic monitoring had commenced on the park.
Stagecoach have revised the number 66 bus route and from February 19th it will provide new links between Stroud, Gloucester Business Park, Brockworth and Cheltenham.
Councillor Pugh had contacted neighbouring parishes for their support in seeking a safe cycleway from Hucclecote to Churchdown.
Councillor Pugh is also arranging a meeting with National Highways and neighbouring parishes to discuss the A417 missing link proposals and the potential increase in traffic pollution.

23/006 BOROUGH / COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Borough - There is \$106 contributions available for Public Art within Coopers Edge and members were asked for suggestions on how the money could be spent. Following a discussion, it was agreed to put forward the idea of a walkway with interpretation boards detailing the history and heritage of the Gloster Aircraft Company; Brockworth PC, Upton-St-Leonards PC and the Jet Age Museum will also be contacted for their input. **Action: Clerk to inform Tewkesbury Borough Council.**

23/007 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.

23/008 COOPERS EDGE TRUST REPORT

Transfer of the allotment land from Stroud DC to the Trust has been completed; the Trust will now form an allotments committee and they will contact residents who expressed an interest. Councillor Bentley will clarify how the allotments will be allocated to residents of Coopers Edge. **Action: D/B**

23/009 PLANNING

a) New Applications

- i. 22/01279/MAS – Hucclecote Road. Proposed 5G telecoms installation. Plans were circulated to members before the meeting. Following discussion, it was proposed, seconded and resolved not to object.

b) Decisions

- i. 22/00884/ADV – 164 Hucclecote Road. 2 x internally illuminated Fascia signs. Permitted
- ii. 22/01199/MAS – Lobleys Drive. Installation of a 20m monopole.

c) Enforcement report

An update was received on enforcement action at Zoons Court Farm. The Gloucestershire County Council enforcement officer had visited the site and was satisfied that recent activities on the farm are permitted, he will continue to monitor.

23/010 PINEHOLT VILLAGE HALL

a) Clerks report

Details of new bookings were noted.

Bovis Homes have advised they will attend the area, at the rear of Hathorn Road, week commencing 30th January to undertake tree works.

A quote was received from Severn Wye Energy to undertake an energy audit of the village hall at a cost of £750; it was agreed to seek other quotes and advice.

b) Renewal of Pineholt Bowls Club lease

Members will meet with the Pineholt Bowls Club Chairman and Secretary on January 31st to start initial discussions about the lease renewal. **Action: Clerk, B/B, T/S, A/P**

23/011 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

a) Outstanding issues

The new footbridge across Wotton Brook, from Coopers Edge to the Gloucester Business Park, has been completed and is open.

23/012 PLAY AREA

a) Inspection report

The quarterly inspection was undertaken by members and minor matters were noted and will be monitored.

23/013 FINANCE

a) Accounts for Payment

		Net	VAT	Gross
i.	Gloucestershire Security – call out	27.00	5.40	32.40
ii.	Filmbank Media – licence	83.00	16.60	99.60
iii.	JD French – Fit for Life classes	50.00	0.00	50.00
iv.	Tewkesbury Borough Council – Litter bin	402.00	80.40	482.40
v.	Churchdown Computers – IT support	45.00	0.00	45.00
vi.	Grants Gutters – Bus shelter cleaning	50.00	0.00	50.00
vii.	GAPTC – Training	25.00	0.00	25.00
viii.	Intocleaning – Contract cleaners	138.90	27.78	166.68
ix.	Tesco – Refreshments	32.09	0.00	32.09
x.	Amazon – BT Homespot kit	48.12	9.63	57.75
xi.	Royal British Legion – Poppy wreath	18.50	0.00	18.50
xii.	Supanet - Broadband	18.11	3.62	21.73
xiii.	British Gas – Service contract	23.75	4.75	28.50
xiv.	Opus energy - Electric	128.20	0.00	128.20

It was proposed, seconded and resolved to approve the payments.

The bank reconciliation was approved and signed by the Chairman.

b) Budget 2023/24

Members had before them a budget report for 2023/24, prepared by the Clerk. The budget included money towards training new councillors, maintenance of the village hall and play area and additional legal costs.

It was proposed, seconded and resolved to accept the proposed budget for 2023/24; all members voted in favour. The budget will be published on the website and monitored throughout the year.

c) Precept request 2023/24

Following discussion, it was proposed, seconded and resolved to request a precept of £56910, no increase on 2022/23; all members voted in favour of the proposal. **Action: Clerk to inform Tewkesbury Borough Council.**

23/014 MISC

a) Elections and recruitment of parish councillors

Elections will be held in May 2023 and GAPTC will be launching a toolkit shortly to support parish councils through the recruitment process; members were invited to attend a GAPTC networking session on 25th January 6 – 7pm. **Action: B/B, D/B to attend.**

23/015 STAFFING

No applications were received for the vacancy of caretaker/cleaner.

Meeting closed at: 20:15

Next meeting: Monday 20th February