

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2020
AT 6.30PM
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM VIDEO & TELEPHONE CONFERENCING**

This meeting was held using video and web conferencing software as permitted under the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020.

Present by video link: Cllr Mr R Flemming (in the chair)
Cllrs Mr S Attenborough, Mr D Bill, Mrs D Glenville, Mr M Hall,
Mrs L Hoelmer, Mr R Hoelmer, Mr K Lynch, Mrs M Lynch, Mr R
Mayne, Mr N Robinson, Mrs M Sherwin, Mrs P Spence, Mr B Walker
& Mr H Wilkins

In attendance by audio link: Hazel Thomasson (Principal Officer)
Andy Harrison (Estates Officer) (left the meeting after Item 88)
R Parrish (Project Officer)
Burbage PCSO Darren Stretton (left the meeting after Item 82)

No members of the public

These minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting of the Parish Council

79. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Mr S Bray, Mr D Findlay, Mrs A Hall and Mr P Williams. Proposed by Cllr Mr Mayne, seconded by Cllr Mr Walker and agreed by show of hands, it was

RESOLVED - that all apologies be accepted.

80. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made by Members at this time.

81. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 7TH SEPTEMBER 2020

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 7th September 2020, having been circulated to all Members, were considered. Proposed by Cllr Mr Bill, seconded by Cllr Mrs Lynch and agreed by show of hands, it was

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held 7th September 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

82. LOCAL POLICING TEAM UPDATE

PCSO Darren Stretton gave a verbal update of policing issues within the parish and answered questions from Members. He then left the meeting.

83. CORRESPONDENCE

83.1 Christmas plans for the village

Inquiries had been received by email and via social media about Council plans for Christmas activities including a Christmas Market and Carols Around the Tree. Members agreed it would not be possible for these two events to be held in this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. The Principal Officer invited Members to consider alternative ways in which the Council could help residents to celebrate the season. Some suggestions were offered and discussed. The Principal Officer was to contact Fr Andrew Hall to enquire what St Catherine's Church are planning for the Christmas season.

83.2 1st Britannia Scout Group lease

A letter had been received from the 1st Britannia Scout Group requesting that a lease for the Group's use of a building at Britannia Road, made in the name of Hinckley District Scout Council, be made in the Group's name instead. Following discussion, proposed by Cllr Mr Mayne, seconded by Cllr Mrs Spence, it was

RESOLVED - that the Council agrees, in principle, to the request to change the name on the lease, providing Hinckley District Scout Council is in agreement; and that the 1st Britannia Scout Group be requested to investigate the legal and financial implications of making the required change, to be considered by Council at a future meeting.

84. PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

85. ESTATES OFFICER'S REPORT

The Estates Officer gave a verbal report, including updates on compound security, pitch marking and biodiversity strips management, and answered Members' questions. The Chairman thanked all members of the estates team for their work.

86. DEVELOPMENT OF LAND ADJACENT TO HINCKLEY ROAD RECREATION GROUND CAR PARK

The Principal Officer confirmed that she was to attend an appointment with a solicitor to obtain legal advice on this issue, as requested by Members at the previous Council meeting.

87. AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS FOR EMERGENCY MEETINGS

Having taken advice from LRALC, the Principal Officer presented a proposed amendment to Standing Orders, which had been circulated to all Members, to allow for an emergency meeting of a committee or sub-committee of the Council to be called at a shorter period of notice than the standard three clear days, provided that both the Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of the committee or sub-committee were in agreement. Proposed by Cllr Mr Flemming, seconded by Cllr Mr Mayne and agreed by show of hands, it was

RESOLVED - that, the amendment to Standing Orders to allow for an emergency committee or sub-committee meeting to be called within a period of notice shorter than the currently required three days be accepted as proposed.

88. ADOPTON OF OPEN SPACE LAND OFF WORKHOUSE LANE

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council had invited the Parish Council to indicate if it wished to adopt an area of open space land off Workhouse Lane, including a balancing pond, due to be transferred from developers Bellway Homes. Full details of the open space area, including the Section 106 agreement document, had been circulated to all Members. In 2017 the Parish Council had previously resolved not to adopt the land. Following some discussion, proposed by Cllr Mr Lynch, seconded by Cllr Mrs Sherwin and agreed by show of hands, it was

RESOLVED - that the Council abides by its earlier decision, that it does not wish to adopt the open space land off Workhouse Lane.

The Estates Officer left the meeting after this item.

89. HELIPADS FOR HOSPITALS CHARITY

Information about the Helipads for Hospitals charity had been circulated and was discussed. Proposed by Cllr Mr Mayne, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hoelmer and agreed by show of hands, it was

RESOLVED - that the Council agrees in principle to investigate the feasibility of supporting the Helipads for Hospitals charity.

90. APPEAL RE: PLANNING APPLICATION 19/00947/OUT

Members noted that an appeal had been lodged against Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council's refusal of application 19/00947/OUT relating to land off Sketchley Lane. Consideration was given to how the Parish Council could support the Borough Council in defence of its decision to refuse this application. Following discussion, proposed by Cllr Mr Flemming, seconded by Cllr Mr Bill and agreed by show of hands, it was

RESOLVED - that in principle the Parish Council will work to support the Borough Council in the defence of its refusal of this application (19/00947/OUT) with the level of support to be considered and agreed at a later date.

91. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Mr Flemming reported that a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party was to be held on 15th October 2020.

92. WORKING PARTY REPORTS92.1 Budget

Minutes of a meeting held 1st September 2020 had been circulated to all Members. A further meeting was scheduled to be held on 15th October 2020. Proposed by Cllr Mr Lynch, seconded by Cllr Mr Flemming and agreed by show of hands, it was

RESOLVED - that the minutes of a meeting of the Budget Working Party held 1st September 2020 be approved.

92.2 Traffic Issues

Minutes of a meeting held 18th September 2020 had been circulated to all Members. Cllr Mr Walker gave a verbal report. Proposed by Cllr Mr Walker, seconded by Cllr Mr Mayne and agreed by show of hands, it was

RESOLVED - that the minutes of a meeting of the Traffic Issues working party held 18th September 2020 be approved.

93. BURBAGE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Cllr Mr Wilkins gave a verbal update on opening arrangements.

94. MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Cllr Mrs Hoelmer had attended a Rebuilding Communities virtual session hosted by NALC and offered to make the session slides available to all Members.

95. PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The Principal Officer gave a verbal report to Members including updates on the possible transfer of ownership of the early years play area off Amber Way; HBBC are to confirm if the Parish Council can buy into to their legal services with regard to the transfer process. Approval of Covid-19/safer travel grant-funded works by the County Council to cut back overgrowth of footpaths around Azalea Drive and Lash Hill to enable pedestrians to pass at a safe distance; work to be carried out in the next 14 days.

Cllr Mrs Hoelmer raised a request for reduction of overgrowth on other footpaths in the parish. The Principal Officer agreed to report the areas identified by Cllr Hoelmer to the County Council's highways team and encouraged Members to individually report areas of concern directly to the County Council using its online submission form, or by using FixMy Street.com.

Members were asked to consider a request from Burbage Congregational Church for permission to attach poppies to the railings around The Horsepool, as an act of Remembrance, which Members welcomed and agreed.

96. STANDING COMMITTEE & SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS96.1 Planning

The minutes of Planning Committee meetings held on 14th & 28th September 2020 had been circulated to all Members. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Sherwin, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hoelmer and agreed by show of hands, it was

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 14th & 28th September 2020 be confirmed.

96.2 Finance & General Purposes

Minutes of meeting held on 21st September 2020 had been circulated to all Members. Proposed by Cllr Mr Flemming, seconded by Cllr Mr Lynch and agreed by show of hands, it was

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the F&GP Committee meeting held on 21st September 2020 be confirmed.

96.3 Staffing

A Staffing Committee meeting had been held on 29th September 2020. Minutes were to be circulated.

96.4 Coronavirus sub-committee

The minutes of Coronavirus Sub-Committee meetings held on 10th, 17th & 24th September and 1st October 2020 had been circulated to all Members. Proposed by Cllr Mr Lynch, seconded by Cllr Mrs Sherwin and agreed by show of hands, it was

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Coronavirus Sub-committee meetings held on 10th, 17th & 24th September and 1st October 2020 be confirmed.

97. REPORTS AFFECTING BURBAGE

97.1 County Council

County Cllr Mr Bill reported that information from the A46 Partnership had been circulated to all Members.

97.2 Borough Council

Borough Cllr Mr Lynch gave a brief verbal report.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.22pm.