

# Huntington Parish Council

## General Meeting 7th November 2022

7.30pm Huntington village Hall

### Minutes

**Present:** Mr BH James, Mr G Jones, Mr P Williams, Mr G Meakins, Mr G Steel, Mr MA Lloyd

Also present, Mr T Perrin, Mrs B Perrin, Mr R Luscombe, Mrs G Luscombe, Mr P Kelly, Mrs M Kelly, Mr M Johnson, Mrs S Maidon

**Minutes** of the previous meeting held on 10th May 2022 were read and approved. Proposed by B James, seconded by G Jones and carried unanimously.

**Matters arising:** Mr Lloyd advised the committee that no further work had been carried out on the tree avenue with reference to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Haygrove Planning Applications would be considered by the committee as an Agenda item.

A Public meeting was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 17th May, attended by Councillor Terry James, Angus Davison MD of Haygrove together with two employees of Haygrove who work on the sites in Huntington, BH James, G Jones, G Meakins, MA Lloyd and approximately 20 members of the general public. BH James, Terry James, G Steel, A Davison and the two Haygrove employees all made speeches.

A succesful meeting whereby everyone had the opportunity to air their views and opinions.

Mr A Davison stated that he would review certain areas of his Planning Application which had been brought to his attention in the questions and answers forum.

### **Planning Application for the Dingle.**

Mr Lloyd distributed plans, photographs and a Design and Access Statement for the Proposed Rebuilding of the Dingle Shepherd Hut for Agricultural purposes. The area was previously owned by John Davies who sought planning permission some 30 years ago but had his application turned down.

Work on the property started in the Summer of 2021 and the site consisted of two partial low walls with stone strewn over quite a large area. It had been derelict for many decades and local councillors could nor recall a time when it had a roof in place.

Lengthy discusssions were held, and it was strongly felt that the proposed building was not ideally suited for livestock as the doors were too narrow, there was not enough ventilation or room to hold a number of livestock as the doors were too narrow. The applicant already has a steel framed building on land just off the track from Disgwilfa which is far more suitable for housing sheep during lambing



and shearing etc.. Councillors had no knowledge of the building previously being a shepherds hut and there is no history of such buildings in the parish or locality. Mr BH James proposed that the Parish Council note their concerns to Herefordshire Planning - not suited to housing livestock, no vehicular access, not suitable for housing livestock due to size of rooms, doors, and lack of ventilation. Seconded by G Steel and carried unanimously. Mr Lloyd to advise Herefordshire Council

### **Planning Applications for Haygrove.**

Mr Lloyd informed councillors that Haygrove had applied to build a reservoir to supply water to the polytunnels which had been granted by Herefordshire Council as it did not require Prior Approval.

The committee had been informed that two further static caravans had been sited bringing the total to nine.

A group called the Friends of Arrow Valley had made an Enforcement Complaint to the Council concerning the unauthorised septic tank and water treatment plant on the site.

The group had asked the Parish Council to consider taking out an Enforcement Complaint with regards to the siting of the caravans.

Councillors had a robust discussion concerning enforcement.

A lengthy discussion took place on the merits of making a formal Enforcement Complaint to Herefordshire Council as Haygrove were not entitled to permitted rights to site the caravans. Even Haygrove's Agent had written to Herefordshire Council stating the the caravans would be removed at the end of the growing season. Permission had not been given to site the caravans by Herefordshire Council. However, permitted rights are not available to this development as a Conservation of Habitats Regulation Assessment has not been submitted to the Council. This must be carried out before the development commences and Haygrove must have received notification that there will be no adverse impact on the River Wye Special Area of Conservation.

Mr B James proposed that the Parish Council complete an Enforcement Complaint on the removal of the static caravans, seconded by Mr G Jones and carried unanimously. Mr M Lloyd to complete the Enforcement Complaint form and forward it to Herefordshire Council.

### **Annual Precept**

Mr Lloyd outlined the Parish Council's expenses in the forthcoming financial year- Hall Hire £50.00, Clerks salary £100.00, Councillors Insurance £247.50, Web site costs £60.00, Uncontested Election costs for 2023 £150.00 and bank charges £96.00 giving a total cost figure of £703.50. The Precept for 2022/23 was £750.00 and had remained unchanged for several years. Mr Lloyd reminded the Parish Council that he was standing down as Clerk as from the end of March 2023 and that a salary of £100.00 for the incoming clerk would be unlikely to encourage someone to take the post, perhaps a figure of £400.00 would be closer the mark.

The Parish Council had £ 1808.37 in the Bank. Mr B James felt that the council could not put the precept up by £400.00 and as there was a surplus in the accounts the additional amount could be covered by increasing the precept over a few years

Mr B James proposed that the Annual Precept should be increased to £850.00 for 2023/24. Seconded by Mr G Meakins and carried unanimously.



Mr Lloyd to advise Herefordshire Council.

### Other Business

Mr G Jones advised the Parish Council that another road sign was needed just past Upper House Farm as vehicles were finding it difficult to locate the Church.

Mr Jones proposed that the Parish Council should request new signage from Herefordshire Council, seconded by Mr B James and carried unanimously.  
Mr Lloyd to contact Highways Department.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

*B. H. Jones. 30/11/2022.*