



Minutes of the Virtual Meeting via Zoom held on

THURSDAY 14th MAY 2020

Present: Cllr G Boyer Chairman, Cllrs H Dixon, L Adams and S Sugg

District Cllr B Filmer

Also present: Locum Clerk S Diaz

Cllr L Adams facilitated the meeting.

Prior to the meeting representatives from the National Grid carried out a presentation and answered questions on the proposed plans for the Hinkley Point Connection Project.

The meeting was opened at 7.45pm

Cllr Filmer left the meeting prior to the planning application being discussed at 8.45pm and rejoined the meeting at 8.52pm

177.1	To receive any apologies for non-attendance Cllrs N Litton, L Ingram and F Kidner sent their apologies.	
177.2	To receive any declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest.	
177.3	To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 th April 2020 previously circulated It was resolved to unanimously agree to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th April 2020 which had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record. Proposed SS 2 nd LA	
177.4 (A)	To resolve that the parish council is eligible to use the General Power of Competence under the Parish councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 in that it has been at least two thirds elected and has a qualified clerk. It was resolved that the Parish Council is eligible to use the General Power of Competence in that two thirds elected and has a qualified Clerk	
177.4 (B)	To adopt the supplementary Standing Orders regarding Virtual Meetings. It was unanimously resolved to adopt the supplementary Standing Orders regarding Virtual Meetings	
177.4 (C)	To receive the Internal Auditor Report It was unanimously resolved to approve the Internal Auditor Report	
177.4 (D)	To approve the Annual Governance Statement Part 3, Section 1 of the AGAR It was unanimously resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement Part 3, Section 1 of the AGAR.	

177.4 (E)	To approve and sign the Accounting Statements Part 3, Section 2 of the AGAR It was unanimously resolved to approve the Accounting Statements Part 3, Section 2 of the AGAR and was signed as an accurate record.	
177.4 (F)	To consider creating a new website and using another local IT support for emails and return storage to the Parish Council from the current provider. It was unanimously resolved to create a new website and use another local IT support for emails and return storage to the Parish Council from the current provider Proposed LA 2nd SS	
177.5	Items from previous agendas. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chicken Farm – No response received from the Environmental Agency to attend this Parish Council meeting, the Clerk will pursue their attendance. 2. Update on Allotments – enquiries sent to GB. Cllr Boyer has established there is only one potential site and will continue to contact the owner to discuss this option. 3. Data Protection – nothing to report 4. Cleaning of the war memorial-Completed by Village Ranger 5. Hinkley Point connection project update – A presentation was made prior to the meeting. 6. Broadband provision- To Clerk will continue to research best quotes for the Church Hall. Cllrs Boyer and Adams will access if 4G mobile Wifi would be suitable. 7. CIL Funding – ideas how to use the funds, the Clerk is awaiting quotes for a Speed Indicator Device, the Clerk will contact the Playing Fields Association for the best Parks in Somerset for ideas to add to the park. Cllr Litton to report on the Finger post quote at the next meeting. 8. 67 Bus route – The bus is operating between Burnham and Wedmore daily, Monday to Friday. 9. Bus Shelters- Awaiting quote to paint the Bus shelter from Steve Chick 10. Notice Boards – relocation of the board into the bus shelter? The Clerk will ask S Chick to quote to remove the second notice board at the church to the shelter on the junction of New Road. 11. Community assets and station platform-Cllr Litton will report on any updates regarding Community Assets, Cllr Boyer will investigate options and report back at the next meeting. 	Clerk GB Clerk GB, LA Clerk NL Clerk GB, NL
177.6	Feedback from members re meetings attended Nothing to report at the meeting,	
177.7	To receive the following reports a) County Councillor/ District Councillor – All planning appeals have been suspended due to the COVID 19 crisis. Highways have resumed work on roads including pot holes. Planning meetings will resume next week and the number of planning applications have remained constant throughout the pandemic. c) Beat Officer –PCSO Piers will send updates and attend meetings when available and the COVID 19 situations has eased. d) Village Ranger – No report e) SALC /NALC - Emails distributed prior to meeting	
177.8	Purchase of Playing Fields This will be discussed at the next meeting when Cllr Litton will be able to provide more information.	
177.9	Playing field – The playing field will remain closed until further notice.	

177.10	PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
25/20/00009	Proposal: Erection of building to house spa/treatment facility (part retrospective) Location: Cripps Farm, Merry Lane, East Huntspill, Highbridge, Somerset, TA9 3PS It was resolved to support this application as it will enhance the facilities of their business and increase tourism to the area and other local businesses. It will also provide employment opportunities in the area.	GB
177.11	Planning applications received after agenda published	
25/20/00012	Proposal: Erection of two storey extensions to side (north) and rear (east) elevations (revised scheme). Location: 12 Church Road, East Huntspill, Highbridge, Somerset, TA9 3PG	
177.12	Planning decisions update	
25/20/00008	Land at Riverview Farm Factory Lane. Bason Bridge Construction of a permanent road, temporary road, temporary storage/handling area, and temporary area of hard standing at the land at Riverview Farm	Await decision
25/20/00010	Cote Lea, Burtle Road, East Huntspill, Highbridge, Somerset, TA9 Alterations to front (West) roof and formation of a balcony terrace. Erection of a rear (East) first floor balcony.	Await decision
25/20/00004	Proposal: Change of use of barns to a dwelling and annexe and creation of access. Location: New Road Farm, New Road, East Huntspill, Highbridge, Somerset, TA9 3PZ	amended
25/20/00005	Proposal: Change of use of barns to a dwelling and annexe and creation of access. Location: New Road Farm, New Road, East Huntspill, Highbridge, Somerset, TA9 3PZ	amended
25/20/00011	Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed erection of a single storey garage. Location: Olivers Cottage, Catherine Street, East Huntspill, Highbridge, Somerset, TA9 3PX	Refused
25/19/00013	Proposal: Alterations and conversion of 2 No. barns to form 2 No. dwellings (revised application) Location: New Road Farm, New Road, East Huntspill, Highbridge, Somerset, TA9 3PZ This application went to appeal but was refused	Refused
177.13	To receive the following brief holders' reports 1. Open Spaces – A report was sent after the meeting. The annual inspection has been booked for the end of May. The Clerk will ask the Ranger for an update on how much bark is required for the play area. 2. Footpaths and bridal ways – Foot paths are open, guidance given to take wipes on walks to wipe down handles and gates when used. 3. Roads and Transport – Cllr Litton sent a report prior to the meeting on the National Grid/HPC project. 4. Communications Group – Website will be moved to another provider and the magazine work is ongoing.	Clerk

	<p>5. Website/ Facebook -Further issues posted on the Facebook site by residents regarding the fires in the village.</p> <p>6. East Huntspill School and Pre-school – The school remains closed.</p> <p>8. Village Hall – No report</p> <p>9. Councillors -No report</p> <p>10. Chairman – No report</p> <p>11.Clerk – Clerk sent a report prior to the meeting. The BT router needs to be collected and returned from the Church Hall and from Cllr Boyer.</p>	Clerk
177.14	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>Direct Debits on Statement</p> <p>Sedgemoor District Council £2319.96-Credit to be received for £863.13 and will be taken in May.</p> <p>VAT refund received from 18/19 for £676.04</p> <p>Cil funds paid to the Council of £1274.54</p> <p>First precept payment of £16250 received.</p> <p>Standing Order on statement</p> <p>Microshade £178.56</p> <p>The Council were presented with an updated budget and bank statements.</p> <p>Cheques for payment</p> <p>S Diaz Expenses £49.60 (mileage and telephone)</p> <p>J Moreton Clerks expenses £72.03 (Mileage, postage, printing, Stationary and DBS Check)</p> <p>R Young internal audit fee £50</p> <p>N Litton IT fees for email set up £48.00</p> <p>S Chick Grass cutting 200.00</p> <p>S Chick Expenses 139.38</p> <p>(This includes mileage, tape for play area, strimming, BB ,weed killing at play area and strimming to the west side of the football pitch)</p> <p>L Adams Zoom membership 14.39</p> <p>Proposed HD 2nd GB</p> <p>It was unanimously resolved to approve the payments</p>	
177.15	Items for next Agenda – Allotments, station platform and planning issues	
177.16	Next Parish Meeting at 7pm on 11 th June 2020	

The meeting closed at 21.21pm

Signed

Chairman Date