

Great Hinton Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on 18 July 2024

Present

Councillors: Mrs S Andrew (Chairman), Mrs D Norris, Mrs C Saunders, Mr K Strickland and Mrs M Winterburn

Members of the public: Cllr J Seed (Wiltshire Council) (items 1 to 5) and two parishioners (items 1 to 11)

1. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2024 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Public statements

Mr Mehzen commented on the state of the 'Great Hinton' sign at the entry to the village and asked if there were any plans to repaint or replace it. Noting that the sign was the property of Wiltshire Council, Cllr Seed said that he would make enquiries of the Council as to the cost of a replacement.

4. Wiltshire Council Update

Cllr Seed remarked on the change of the local MP following the general election and hoped that contact would be maintained with local authorities.

Commenting on the work of the Area Boards, Cllr Seed said he would always welcome grant requests from local parishes.

5. Highways and Traffic Calming

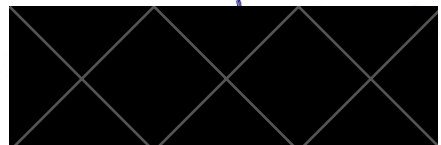
The results of the traffic survey were noted and discussed. Though there was a divergence of views amongst councillors, it was agreed that the Council should make a formal application for a 20 mph speed limit through the village. It was noted that, if the application were successful, the legal and signage costs could, in total, be between £2,500 and £5,000, of which the Parish Council would have to meet 25%.

There was concern that diversion signs had recently been placed in the wrong locations so that traffic had been diverted through the village. Mrs Winterburn had contacted Wiltshire Council and they had taken it up with the contractor concerned.

The provision of the new 'road narrows' 'single track road for one mile' signs at both ends of the village was noted with pleasure.

Mrs Winterburn was thanked for her work on highways and traffic calming issues; and Cllr Seed was thanked for his support to the Parish Council.

6. Footpaths



Mrs Winterburn reported on concern which had been expressed about the state of bridleway GHIN 31. It was noted that this had been considered by the Council on a previous occasion. In view of the cost of any remedial work, it was decided to take no further action.

7. Parish Steward

Mrs Norris reported that the parish steward had strimmed the grass verge by the village pump. She was asked to draw to the steward's attention vegetation which was growing out of a wall at the entrance to Peppercorn Orchard.

It was noted that the wooden seating in the village bus shelter had been damaged. As the shelter was the property of the Parish Council, it was the responsibility of the Council to repair the damage. Mrs Saunders said she would make enquiries of a neighbour of hers who might be willing to carry out repairs.

8. Memorial Hall

The Chairman said there was nothing to report.

9. Communications, Magazine, Website

Mrs Saunders said there was nothing to report.

10. Planning

It was noted that there had been no new planning applications and no determinations since the last meeting of the Council.

11. Finance

It was noted that since the last meeting of the Council, the following payments had been made: Insurance £194.33 Clerk's wages £309.46 ✓
Memorial Hall £70.50 ✓ Green bin £70 ✓

A payment of £13 to the Chairman was approved at the meeting, as reimbursement for the cost of a bottle of wine given to the auditor in lieu of a fee.

12. Clerk to the Parish Council

The resignation of Naomi Mildenhall w.e.f. 5 July 2024 was formally noted and accepted. A short-list of candidates for a successor was agreed. It was also agreed that the Chairman, Mrs Winterburn and Mr Strickland interview the short-listed candidates.

13. Governance

It was decided to establish the permanent position of Vice-Chairman. Mrs Winterburn was elected Vice-Chairman.

14. Date of next meeting

5 September 2024

