

# HUNSDON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes - Annual Parish Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in Hunsdon Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Toll, Cllr Dann, Cllr Ottolangui, Clerk – Carole Page  
Amthony Bickmore, Andrew Pummell, Cllr John Dunlop, Cllr Eric Buckmaster, PCSO Leon de Bruyn, PCSO Rhona Blackham and 8 members of the public

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence. Cllr McDonald sends his apologies.
2. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Minutes accepted and approved.
3. To receive reports on actions agreed at the Last Annual Parish Meeting. Reports received.
4. Matters arising from the minutes. No outstanding issues
5. To receive the Hunsdon Annual Report 2023/24. Report received and accepted. .
6. PCSO de Bruyn presented the police report. Introduced the new PCSO Rhona Blackman. Herts Connect has taken over from Owl. PC de Bruyn suggested anyone wishing to sign up for Connect to let the clerk know and details will be passed onto the police. There is a QR code **Action: clerk to get the QR code posted on the community hub. Action: clerk to get PCSO 6740 Rhona's details in the Village News and email contact details: rhona.blackham@herts.police.uk**
  - **Chairs report** – Summarises work done in the last year and drew attention to the fantastic work that everyone is doing out in the community. Flooding continues to be an issue for us, as is the problem of speeding and volume of speeding traffic. Cllr Toll thanked Cllr Ottolangui for the superb work he has done and continues to do with community events. Cllr Dann has just joined us and will lead on the allotments and keep an eye on the traffic problems. A thank you to the clerk for all the outstanding work keeping finances in order and getting all the maintenance of the village organised.
  - **Parish Rooms Trust** – **Andrew Pummell** presented his report. No questions.
  - **Parish Footpath Wardens** – Martyn presented the report. Work they do is liaised with relevant land agents and the County Council. Thanks to County for their support. Bud wants to stand back a little and Martyn is stepping up to lead on the footpath wardens. Cllr Toll thanked both Bud and Martyn for their continued work on the footpaths.

- **Joint Neighbourhood Planning Group** – Anthony Bickmore presented the Group’s annual report to the sponsoring councils and thanked them for their continuing support during the year. He looked at present situation as reported, the wider implications of the proposed development and some of the positive aspects as well as negative. Thanked the Chair and Vice Chair of Hunsdon Parish Council for supporting the joint NPG and also District and County councillors continued support (Cllr John Dunlop, Cllr Eric Buckmaster).
  - **County Councillor Report** –Report is very comprehensive and is best read on the web site. Cllr Toll mentioned. Speed limits ordered the 20mph advisory sign to go by the school. Pushing Ringway to do the delamination in Church Lane. Looking at signage in Church Lane. Where the bend is very narrow there will be more speed and volume surveys. **Action: meeting to be set up with Cllr Dann and Councillor Buckmaster.** Use new Community Connection, also dial 101. **Police and Crime Commissioner – invite him to a meeting at the VH.** Cllr Buckmaster mentioned the Drive Safe scheme again.
  - **District Councillor** – Challenging first year, enjoyed working with everyone and particularly enjoyed the quiz night in the village hall. Enjoyed meeting with the community and what they can be like and would like to translate that into the wider community. Encourage community working groups to ask questions and make sure they are logged and you are kept informed. One of the highlights is connecting the village to the train station and pushing for the Lynx buses to be linked to the Stanstead Abbots train station. Stansted consultation for flights is still open until June 22<sup>nd</sup>. 7 new routes going from the airport. Anything that can be said to discourage this, the better.
- District Plan review on village hierarchy – Cllr Toll said our view is that it’s repeating the methodology of the last review which was very coarse and basic, and therefore not truly representative of all aspects of sustainability. The hierarchy should also take into account local Neighbourhood Plan policies.
- Community Governance review – choice we can make as to whether we have a review. We need to take this forward with legal advice. What the intention will be to future parish boundaries?
- **Recreation area** – Jackie Carthy present
  - **Clerks report** – presented.
  - **Hunsdon Village Centre Improvements** – Cllr Ottolangui presented. **Action: order and add a please drive slowly through the village sign to the gateway**

**at Acorn Street.** Need to ask if we need county approval. Cllr Buckmaster has asked to be emailed and he will check this out. Thanks to numerous people around the village and all the works done to date have been carried out by local tradesmen. Martyn asked if the footpath from Great Oak Court to Church Lane is included. Cllr Buckmaster said he has money available for the next stage of our groundworks,

- **School** – not present
- **Village Hall** – not present

## **7. Questions and Open Forum**

Malcolm Slater - Thames water polluting the Lea and surrounding areas. Bud – number of initiatives not aware of and asking for feedback. Feels we aren't being informed. Cllr Ottolangui says communication is poor and that leafleting is the best way to get the information out to people. Cllr Ottolangui asked why planned roadworks are given as an 18 months window and not more detail. Cllr Buckmaster said go On One Network to find out what is planned on the highways roadworks etc.

**Meeting closed:** 9.0pm

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