

ROCKHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **ROCKHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**
held on Monday 21st February 2022 at 7.30 pm in Rockhampton Village Hall

Present: Councillors: Tom Cullimore, (Chairman), Mike Goode, Tony England & Henry Price, Severn Ward Cllr Keith Burchill, and James Carpenter (Clerk) There were three members of the public in attendance.

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134/22.0.	APOLOGIES	
/22.1.	Apologies were received from Cllr Mitchel Skinner, Severn Vale Ward Cllr Matthew Riddle, and the Local Avon & Somerset Beat Team.	
135/22.0.	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS	
/22.1.	Severn Ward Cllr Keith Burchill declared an interest in agenda item 8b.	
136/22.0.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	
/22.1.	A parishioner asked whether the Parish Council had made representations to Openreach regarding the availability of ultrafast full fibre broadband being made available to the Village and if not when this could be undertaken. Clerk to follow up.	Clerk South Glos email
/22.2.	A parishioner commented that a section of verge between Hersch House and Rhine Cottage had not been cut and was becoming an eyesore and wondered why this section had not been cut in the Autumn of 2021 when other areas had. The parishioner went on to say that this had been reported online to StreetCare, but nothing had been done. Ward Cllr Burchill offered to speak to Mark King at StreetCare and come back to the Clerk with an update.	Cllr Burchill
/22.3.	All three parishioners present raised their concerns regarding the planning application (P22/00679/F) for the erection of a temporary rural workers dwelling on land off Hill Road, Rockhampton. The main concerns were that: a) The overall land in question is in a flood plain. b) The area in which the temporary dwelling is to be sited floods on a regular basis. b) The structure is very large and out of keeping with its rural surroundings and nearby properties.	
/22.3.1.	With the agreement of all Cllrs Cllr Cullimore suggested that, as Ward Cllr Keith Burchill had previously declared an interest in this application this item should be moved to the end of the agenda which would allow Cllr Burchill to leave the meeting.	
137/22.0.	TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 22nd November 2021	
/22.1.	It was proposed by Cllr Goode, seconded by Cllr Price, and RESOLVED unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 nd November 2021 be signed as a correct record.	
138/22.0.	CLERK'S REPORT	
/22.1.	The Clerk had attended two online meetings during January and February. One in relation to a briefing on 26 th January regarding the proposals for the improvements to the A38 between Thornbury and Bradley Stoke and a second on 7 th February on Planning Enforcement Process, Practices and Training.	
/22.2.	Acknowledgements and thank yous have been received from the 4 Ward magazine and Citizens Advice following the donation of £40 each made by the Council in November 2021	

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/22.3.	An email has been received from the organiser of Rockhampton Folk Festival planned for 18 th June requesting the use again of the amenity land at the rear of the Village Hall. The Clerk suggested that Cllrs discuss this later under Items for Action. (See minute ref 143/22.1.2.	
/22.4.	The Clerk met with J Payne Carpentry & Joinery Services on 1 st February in relation to work required on the notice board at Newton, the Village Pump, and the Jubilee Bench. A quote has now been received which Cllrs will be discussing later in the meeting.	
/22.5.	The precept for 2022/23 was submitted to Corporate Services at South Glos and an acknowledgement of receipt received on 4 th January 2022.	
/21.6.	An updated Electoral Roll Register had been received in December 2021 confirming 149 registered electors in the Parish.	
139/22.0.	WARD CLLR'S REPORT	
/22.1	Cllr Burchill reported that South Gloucestershire Council could currently demonstrate that there was 6.2 years land supply for development which would hopefully reduce the amount of speculative development.	
/22.2.	He reported that there were several active consultations including the Local Plan Phase 2 and Improvements to the A38 between Thornbury and Bradley Stoke.	
/22.3.	Cllr England advised the meeting that he had previously written to South Gloucestershire Council objecting to the pedestrianisation of Thornbury High Street and had subsequently received through the post from South Gloucestershire Council a large document containing all objections which he felt was a waste of financial resources. Cllr Burchill responded that unfortunately although he agreed with Cllr England this was a requirement under central government legislation.	
140/22.0.	PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
/22.1.	P22/00036/F Crossways Lower Stone Road Rockhampton South Gloucestershire GL13 9DT Erection of front porch. <u>NO COMMENT</u>	
/22.2	The discussion on P22/00036/F as agreed in Public Participation was deferred to the end of the meeting. (See minute ref: 149/22.0).	
141/22.0.	PLANNING DECISION AND OTHER MATTERS	
/22.1.	P21/03998/F4 Construction of new access and track from Sewerage Treatment Works compound onto the Church View Sewerage Treatment Works Church Road Rockhampton South Gloucestershire GL13 9DX – <u>APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS.</u>	
142/22.0.	REPORTS OF MEETINGS	
/22.1.	Cllr Goode provided an update on the Severn Vale Flood Defence Group and confirmed that work was still going on to establish which bodies were responsible for flood defences between Sharpness and Aust and he would keep Cllrs informed as more information became available. He also went on to say that indications were that currently there were no plans for any improvements to the seawall over the next 30 years.	
/22.2.	Cllr England confirmed that he had attended the Western Gateway – 'Severn Edge' STEP Fusion Drop-in Session at Oldbury Village Hall on 4 th February and had some leaflets on the table for anyone interested. Cllr England went on to say that there are currently five bids in with central government for the construction and operation of a Fusion reactor of which Oldbury on Severn being one of the locations along with Berkeley for technical support.	

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	Cllrs agreed in principal that the Parish Council should support this new project as it was much safer than the current fission power stations. Cllr Keith Burchill offered to find out further information on who the Parish Council can contact to record their support.	Cllr Burchill / Clerk
143/22.0.	ITEMS FOR ACTION	
/22.1.	Amenity land at rear of hall	
/22.1.1.	Cllrs Goode, England, Price and Cullimore had previously met on site to agree a programme of work and following this the grass had been cut, fencing removed, and hedges cut. There were some old elms which have now been uprooted and will be removed in due course.	
/22.1.2.	The Clerk read out an email from the organisers of the Rockhampton Folk Festival requesting the use of the land for their planned festival on the 18 th of June 2022. Cllrs unanimously AGREED to give permission for the use of this land providing the organisers ensured that they met all their legal obligations for such an event.	
/ 22.2.	Queens Platinum Jubilee	
/22.2.1.	Cllr Goode circulated details of various types of commemorative benches ranging from around £800 to £1,400 in price. Cllr England suggested that, by the time a suitable concrete base was formed, looking at the worst-case scenario the cost would be around £2,000 which would be more than what the Council could currently afford. It was agreed to look at what grants and other funding was available which may cover part or all of any potential cost. Cllr Keith Burchill suggested that the Parish Council may be able to get a grant from the Members Award Fund which he expected the Council could apply for in March when the next round of grants were available.	Clerk
/22.2.2	Cllr Cullimore advised that Cllr Mitchell Skinner had organised an informal committee to discuss further the planned Picnic on the Common with more details to be circulated later.	Cllr Mitchell Skinner
/22.2.3.	Cllr England wondered whether a Beacon could be erected on The Camp and agreed to make further investigations.	Cllr England
/22.2.4.	The two bare rooted English oak trees had been received which had been donated by The Honourable Company of Gloucestershire in celebration of the Queens Jubilee. It was agreed that they should be planted close to the hedgerow on the amenity land behind the Hall and Cllr Cullimore offered to plant them.	Cllr Cullimore
/22.3.	Approve quotation for the maintenance of a) Notice at Newton, b) Village pump & c) Metal Jubilee bench	
/22.3.1.	Cllrs APPROVED the quotation for £195.00 received from J Payne Carpentry & Joinery Services for the maintenance required to these items.	
/22.4.	Agree dates for Annual Parish Meeting and next 4 quarterly Parish Council meetings	
/22.4.1.	Cllrs AGREED unanimously to meet on the 23rd May, 22 nd August, 21 st November and 27 th February 2023. The May meeting would be the Annual Parish Council meeting which would be preceded by the Annual Parish meeting.	
144/22.0.	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
/22.1.	The Financial Statement Report dated 21 st February 2022 had been circulated to all Cllrs ahead of the meeting. The Clerk reported the following balances as of 29 th October 2021:-	

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	<p>Current Account £ 3,849.79 (Statement No 262 – 28th January 2022)</p> <p>National Savings Investment £ 1,423.56 (Statement No 85 – 3rd Sept 2021)</p> <p>Total Balance £ 5,273.35</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Goode, seconded by Cllr Price and RESOLVED unanimously to approve the Financial Statement Report.</p>										
/22.2.	<p>Remittances</p> <p>The were no reported receipts since the last meeting.</p>										
/22.3.	<p>Payments</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr England, seconded by Cllr Goode, and RESOLVED unanimously to approve the following payments:-</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">PF Web Designs</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Domain & Hosting for 2022</td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: right;">£130.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J. Carpenter/HMRC</td> <td>4th quarter salary and PAYE *</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£399.36**</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rockhampton Village Hall</td> <td>Hire of Village Hall on 21st February 2022</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£10.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>* This payment is due on 25th March 2022. The input for period 12 March 2022 cannot be completed before 5th March 2022 and therefore the split between nett pay and PAYE cannot be established at this time.</p> <p>** This may increase to £ 427.44 if Cllrs approve Clerk's salary increase under agenda item 17.</p>	PF Web Designs	Domain & Hosting for 2022	£130.99	J. Carpenter/HMRC	4 th quarter salary and PAYE *	£399.36**	Rockhampton Village Hall	Hire of Village Hall on 21 st February 2022	£10.00	
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/22.4.	<p>It was proposed by Cllr Mike Goode, seconded by Cllr Henry Price and RESOLVED unanimously that the Internal Audit for the year ending 31st March 2022 be undertaken using the scheme facilitated by Avon Local Councils Association.</p>										
145/22.0.	<p>CONSULTATIONS</p>										
/22.1.	<p>South Gloucestershire Council Local Plan, Phase 2</p>										
/22.1.1.	<p>After due discussion Cllrs agreed to respond to this consultation as follows:</p> <p>In relation to the section of the consultation entitled CREATING SUSTAINABLE RURAL VILLAGES AND SETTLEMENTS it was noted that Rockhampton was not listed under villages and settlements to investigate for growth. Although Cllrs understood why this was the case due to the majority of Rockhampton parish being on the flood plain, Cllrs unanimously AGREED that the Council should respond that the Village should see some proportional growth in relation to the current size of the Village and that this could be accommodated by infilling and that over the lifetime of the plan this should be kept in single figures.</p>										
/22.1.2.	<p>Cllrs also felt that they needed to respond to the section relating to DEVELOPING A STRATEGY FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY and in particular Wind Energy. Cllr England raised the fact that the consultation identified Rockhampton falling within area 1 of the Potential wind safeguarding areas. Cllr England also went on the say that this area was subject to a planning application for the installation of four 127m high wind turbines and a 80m high anemometry mast which was refused on appeal in 2012 by the Planning Inspectorate due to the impact of the landscape and historical environment . Cllrs unanimously AGREED that in their response the area should be reinforced as not being suitable due to the reasons set out in the Planning Inspectorates' refusal. (Planning appeal ref: APP/P0119/A/11/2154175 – PT10/2399/F)</p>										

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/22.1.3.	It was AGREED that the Clerk would circulate the Council's draft response to all Cllrs for any further comment before submitting the Council's response to the Consultation team at South Gloucestershire Council.	Clerk
/22.2.	Thornbury A38 to Bradley Stoke Way Improvements Noted.	
146/22.0.	HIGHWAYS	
/22.1	Prior to the meeting Ward Cllr Riddle made Cllrs aware that speed monitoring equipment would be back in the Village from the 9 th March. Cllr Riddle had also included the results of the monitoring on the Lower Stone Road that had taken place in September and October 2021 which reported that on average 89% of traffic was exceeding the speed limit. Cllr Price noted his and the Council's concerns regarding the number of vehicles speeding along the Lower Moreton Road and hoped that going forward more could be done to reduce this.	
147/22.0.	CORRESPONDENCE	
/22.1.	The Clerk had circulated all correspondence of note ahead of the meeting. NOTED.	
148/22.0.	OPEN FORUM	
/22.1.	Nothing to report. At this point Severn Ward Cllr Keith Burchill left the meeting.	
149/22.0	P22/00679/F Land Off Hill Road Rockhampton South Gloucestershire GL13 9DZ Erection of 1 no. temporary rural workers dwelling.	
/22.1.1	After discussion and due consideration and taking into accounts residents' concerns raised earlier in the meeting Cllrs unanimously AGREED to OBJECT this this planning application for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed development and area around it are in a flood plain. • The proposed development is out of character with its rural surroundings and adjoining dwellings. • The design and size of the proposed building does not resemble a temporary dwelling. <p>Other observations. The Parish Council would challenge the comment made on page 17 paragraph 105 of the Design and Access Statement that the site is not expected to flood, despite its location. Local knowledge can confirm that this area floods on a regular basis during winter months.</p> <p>In view of the above reference to flooding this raises a question of the practicality and viability of the intensive farming of this small area of land on which the application depends and we trust the Dwelling Appraisal will be professionally reviewed by those suitability qualified.</p> <p>The Parish Council believes that that this development would not protect, conserve, or enhance the rural area as required under Policy CS34 – Rural Areas.</p>	
/22.1.2	It was agreed that the Clerk would prepare a draft letter for circulation to all Cllrs before submission the Council's response to the Case Officer.	Clerk

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150/22.0. /22.1.1.	CLOSED SESSION Review of staff remuneration It was noted that negotiations between NALC and the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) were still in progress. It has been suggested by ALCA that an interim award should be made to employees based on the 1.75% offered by the NJC before the current financial year end back dated to 1 st April 2021 with any adjustments to be made in the following financial year.	
/22.1.2.	It was proposed by Cllr Goode, seconded by Cllr Price and RESOLVED unanimously to approve that the Clerk's hourly rate for the SCP6 grade should increase by 1.75% back dated to 1 st April 2021.	

This concluded the business of the meeting, which closed at: 10:40 pm.

Signed.....

Dated 23rd May 2022

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