

HITTISLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21st July 2021 in the village hall

Present: Cllrs Mark Brown, Ruth Curtis (clerk), Gill Fisher, Richard Gard (chairman), Brian Howell, Libby Turrell, Cathy Wetherden; MDDCllr Derek Coren

1. Apologies: Cllr Chris Dack; MDDCllrs Stuart Penny; DCC Cllr Frank Letch
2. Declarations of interest – MDDCllr Coren declared an interest in 5.1
3. Minutes of the last meeting 19th May 2021 - were approved and signed.
4. Matters Arising
 - 4.1 From the minutes
 - Howards Copse – Cllr Turrell to contact the Enforcement Officer about the removal of the caravan. The two vacant plots have now been sold and there are new structures being erected.
 - Log cabin woodland at NGR 273448 97276 (north of Teighholt Cross) Treefield Farm – the cabin has now been moved into the middle of the field. Cllr Turrell to follow up with Enforcement Officer to check on regulations re: cabin being allowed to remain.
 - Devon Climate Declaration – the Hittisleigh Climate Crisis Committee had not met since the last meeting so the actions from May are still outstanding ie: to review the ideas and priorities from the public meeting in 2019 and put forward recommendations for practical action. The group will also review the request to the parish council to consider endorsing the Devon Climate Change Declaration.
 - 4.2 Highways

DCCLr Letch had met with Steve Tucker but there is no further news on the priority three areas – 1) the unfinished road surfacing on road from Quince Cross to Spreyton Wood Water, 2) the deteriorating road from Spreyton Wood Water to Dennis Down road (very bad now around Davylands and down Swallow Tree hill), 3) Hittisleigh Mill to Pitton. Work has recently been completed on the bridge on the road along from Quince Cross. Cllrs agreed to again report the potholes and the deteriorated road from Spreyton Wood Water to Dennis Down on the website.
 - 4.3 Parish Council archive – Cllrs Fisher and Turrell had collected various items from the clerk and had started to go through them, notably the history around the public footpaths and rights of way. It had been a long and interesting saga including a public enquiry! Cllrs Fisher and Turrell will prepare a small exhibition of material for the coffee morning on 14th August. A set of criteria for retaining items for the archive and a proposal as to where we keep the final archive are yet to be set out and agreed. The clerk will forward the Records Management guidelines from Ask Your Council which look to be helpful. It was agreed to work on the archive in the winter months.
5. Planning
 - 8.1 21/00580/FULL Change of use of agricultural land to allow 1 pitch for the siting of 1 static caravan, 2 touring caravans and associated works for the use of gypsy and traveller family on land at NGR 276600 96594 (North of Shortacombe Farm), Shortacombe Lane, Yeoford (Crediton Hamlets). This is a NEW application and needs careful reading of all supporting documents and the planning officer's recommendation for approval with 16 conditions. It is not clear why this application is being supported when the previous 2020 application was refused. Cllr Gard to draft a response and circulate to councillors for comment before the clerk submits the final

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response on Monday 26th [Attn: Sally Gabriel (Carole Oliphant) cc MDDCllr Penny] asking that our reply be circulated to all Planning Committee members so they can read it before the meeting on 28th July.

- 8.2 DCC/4231/2021 Retrospective change of use from small scale specialist waste incinerator to receipt and temporary storage of animal by-products at Old Tellams Yard, Road from Pitton Cross to Hook Farm, Cheriton Bishop, EX6 6HH – there has been many comments on the website to the application and the Environment Agency is also involved. To include on September agenda if a decision hasn't been made by DCC by then.

6. Correspondence

6.1 For response

- Peninsula Transport South West transport network consultation – 17th September (online) – Cllr Wetherden to reply. There were no responses to the other items.

6.2 For information – there were no comments on items circulated.

6.3 New correspondence

- MDDCllr Coren reported on impact of lifting of covid restrictions at MDDC. Councillors reviewed the MDDC motion to support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill which was circulated by MDDCllr Coren.
- DCCllr Letch's report: 'I called in the Tellams retrospective application to committee. A date has not yet been fixed but I am in positive contact with the case officer. Ofsted did a rapid visit and their findings were sent as a 4 page letter. The conclusions are like the curate's egg, good in parts. Progress although slow has been made. Sadly the Scrutiny Committee I joined is deemed as not penetrative enough so I look forward to the committee's reaction. We have only had 1 meeting which was a "meet the team" which included a new section leader'.
- Airband – to register your interest and find out whether you will be able to get fibre broadband go to www.airband.co.uk and enter your postcode

The meeting closed at 21.00

Next parish council meeting Wednesday 15th September 2021