

HITTISLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th September 2024 in the village hall

Present: Cllrs Darrell Chidley, Chris Dack, Andrew Shervington, Mike Tootell, Cathy Wetherden;
MDDCllr Martin Binks

1. Public discussion time
2. Apologies – Cllrs MacDonald, Watson; Ruth Curtis (clerk); MDDCllr Sandy Chenore; DCCLlr Frank Letch
3. Declarations of interest - none
4. The minutes of the meeting of the parish council meeting 26th June 2024 were approved and signed as a correct record.
5. Matters Arising
 - 5.1 Signpost Dennis Down – Cllr Dack has been in contact with the parishioner who has volunteered to help. MDDCllr Binks passed on information on possible companies who can provide the lettering (fingerpostsigns.com) – black resin may be a cheaper option.
 - 5.2 Fly tipping – there is fairly regular fly tipping on the pull in just before the Hittisleigh Whiddon Down junction (Drewsteignton parish council). There is fly tipping in other areas within the parish. The clerk to follow up DCC re: action the parish council can take.
 - 5.3 Community Wildlife grant scheme – Cllr Dack to follow up with Spreyton school re: building some bug hotels for the community garden. To get an update from the clerk next time re: church response to the proposal for swift boxes in the church.
 - 5.4 Emergency Plan update – to discuss at next meeting.
 - 5.5 Highways matters – neighbouring parish councils are keen to recruit volunteers to the road warden scheme and are looking to consult with our road warden on his experience.
6. District and County Councillor reports – DCCLlr Letch’s report had been circulated. MDDCllr Binks reported on the Cullompton relief road which has government funding meaning 2,600 houses could be built over the next 10 years. A new railway station will be considered at a later date. The new government have increased annual housing allocation from 374 to 573. He also reported on new work to improve recycling, particularly nappies and incontinence pads, which can be used to help bond tarmac. The fibres in the nappies can last for up to 200 years. Plastic film/clear plastic bags is another area that could be taken on – currently you can only recycle these via the supermarkets.
7. Planning matters
 - 7.1 24/00904/FULL Erection of replacement dwelling, The Bungalow – revised drawings submitted – with the reduced elevations, it was felt the revised drawings are more in sympathy with the local environment. There was a query about a barn/barn conversion included in these drawings – to seek clarification.
 - 7.2 24/00183/LBC Listed Building Consent for the installation of solar PV panels to carport roof and extractor fans and ventilators to dwelling, Road Down Farm – refused
- 8.1 Correspondence
- 8.2 For response
 - Devon Community Resilience Forum 26th September, Crediton – no-one able to attend
- 8.3 For information - there were no comments on the items circulated

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8.4 New correspondence - none

It is with great sadness that the members of Hittisleigh Parish Council learnt of the untimely death of Blue Ramsey. Although Blue was not yet a councillor, he was a tremendous asset to the parish and deeply involved in many local projects. His deep ranging knowledge and advice on numerous matters that arose during our meetings was invaluable. He will be greatly missed by us all and our thoughts go out to all of his family and friends.