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## Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council

*Chairman of the Council: Councillor Mrs Sheenagh Unwin*

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**MINUTES** of the monthly meeting held on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021** at **Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre** at **7.30pm**. Covid restrictions remain in place.

**PRESENT:** Councillors

S Unwin
H Unwin
T Wust
C Turley
J Johnson
S Snell
V Holt
L Ricketts
G Sinclair

In Attendance:

K Baker (Clerk) (via zoom)
G Johnson (Parish Warden)

**F21/2969 WELCOME**  
Councillor S Unwin, Chairman, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

**PUBLIC SESSION**  
None

**F21/2970 APOLOGIES & APPROVAL**

Councillor E Dalby	Agreed Leave of Absence
Councillor J Creed	Annual Holiday
Councillor S Vaughan-Hodkinson	Annual Holiday

<b>RESOLVED that the apologies as listed be accepted.</b>
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**F21/2971 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OR DISPENSATIONS, regarding matters on the Agenda**  
As per the register. A copy of the register is available on request and appears on the website. Members, who are resident in the Parish (Cllrs Wust, Turley, Johnson, Snell and Ricketts) received a dispensation to take part in the budget discussions and vote, if appropriate.

**F21/2972 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**  
It was proposed by Councillor Turley and seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 be signed as a true record, all were in favour and thus it was

<b>RESOLVED that the Chairman signs the Minutes as a true record.</b>
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**F21/2973 MATTERS ARISING, for information**  
**Poppets – gifts from Santa**  
It had been agreed to only purchase 250 of the poppets as they could not be personalized to the Parish before the Sleigh Events. More can be ordered (with parish details) if required.

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### Allotment Event

The allotment event was postponed due to increased restrictions due to Covid.

### Randlay Primary School

The Headteacher had requested that the funding be allocated to enable a school visit to entertain the children for Christmas. This had been authorised by the Chairman.

**F21/2974**

### FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

#### a) Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Councillor H Unwin presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021, for information.

#### b) Recommendations

- i) It was proposed by Councillor H Unwin and seconded by Councillor Snell that the Parish Council purchases 6 ASDA vouchers (valued at £10) for those unable to attend the Christmas Lunches due to ill health.

All were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that the above recommendations be agreed.**

#### c) Financial Reports

Copies of the Financial Report for the end of November had been circulated, showing an overall balance of £313,871.33 including the Free Reserve.

#### d) 2022/23 Budget and Precept

Members had received a copy of the draft budget, as discussed by the Finance & Audit Committee at its last meeting.

The revised budget for 2021/22 was highlighted on the document which had enabled many of the projects to return to the budget having previously been 'on hold' due to the possible implications of Covid restrictions.

The proposed budget has taken into consideration all the elements of the Parish Strategy and Action Plan and has included contingency plans for the current situation with varying plans for dealing with the new Covid variant.

Members considered the needs of the residents and understood that they have had a particularly difficult year and Members were keen to keep this in mind when setting the precept for next year.

It was proposed by Councillor Sinclair and seconded by Councillor Wust, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED to set the budget at £423,410 and to request a precept, via TWC, of £235,273, depending on new housing, this could result in a slight reduction and will not result in any increase.**

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### **F21/2975      EVENTS COMMITTEE**

Councillor Johnson thanked everyone who had been available to assist at the senior citizens lunches recently, which they had thoroughly enjoyed. Many favourable comments had been received, particularly with regards to the organisation and the meal. Guests enjoyed having an opportunity to dance in the afternoon. The tombola was appreciated. Thanks were extended to everyone who had donated prizes.

The Christmas Float, on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December, was a huge success. The number of residents that turned out was good to see and over 230 children attended to receive their gifts from Santa. Members believed that this had brought the community together at a difficult time.

### **F21/2966      CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP**

Deferred until the Chairman, Cllr Vaughan-Hodkinson, is available.

### **F21/2977      COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM**

#### **a) Update**

A copy of the progress report from the CAT team had been circulated for information.

Members had requested evidence and information relating to the use of the CCTV at Randlay to resolve the unacceptable fly tip issues near to the MUGA.

#### **b) CCTV**

The camera will move to a new location soon.

#### **c) New Issues**

Pavement Parking in Broad Oaks.

### **F21/2980      CORRESPONDENCE**

All information received is shared with Members as soon as possible.

#### **a) Information from SALC**

Members are encouraged to read the regular updates which include important information. The Annual General Meeting will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> November, via zoom at 6pm.

#### **b) Councillor Pride Funding**

Thanks were extended to Councillor Turley for the funding made available to support a number of local Parish projects.

### **F21/2981      PLANNING**

#### **a) Reports**

The proposed Mast at Randlay is subject to an appeal, which will be dealt with by an exchange of correspondence by the Planning Inspectorate.

Members agreed to enlist the support of our MP.

Members also agreed to confirm to the Inspector, the Parish reasons (on behalf of the community) that the proposed site is unacceptable and to support TWC in the refusal of the application.

#### **b) New Applications**

TWC/2021/1156      13 Dunsheath, Hollinswood

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2 storey side and rear extension

Councillor Turley declared that had submitted an objection.

Members agreed that the location of the property is not suitable for further extension due to the lack of parking spaces in the area and the narrow road. If this property is to become a HMO, details of the fire escapes and associated details will be required.

**RESOLVED to strongly object to the proposals.**

Members also resolved to Call In the application for determination by the Planning Committee.

TWC/2021/1158      Denwells, Stafford Park 12  
Erection of 2.4m security fencing.

**RESOLVED to have no objections to the proposals.**

TWC/2021/1196      Highways England, Stafford Park 10  
Replacement and refurbishment of the roof, cladding, guttering and light domes

**RESOLVED to have no objections to the proposals.**

### F21/2982

#### WEST MERCIA POLICE REPORT

PC Evans has sent apologies, however regular reports are appreciated.

Members confirmed that the 3 priorities for January to March 2022 will be

Drugs  
Speeding  
ASB

### F21/2983

#### FRIENDS OF HOLLINSWOOD & RANDLAY VALLEY

Councillor Turley confirmed that the disabled ramp for access to the Woodlands School is progressing well. Thanks were extended to Councillor Creed and Telford Woods.

The winter trail is now in place in the Valley. Answers to the competition should be emailed to the Friends of Randlay Valley email address.

There will be a Post Christmas Walk on 28<sup>th</sup> December, from the Pavilion at 10.30am – please bring your wellies. Everyone welcome.

### F21/2984

#### CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY

##### Westminster Abbey – Carol Service

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had thoroughly enjoyed the service and were proud to represent Shropshire. The service will be on TV on Christmas Eve.

##### Chairman's Charity

The balance is currently £2295.95 with £65.41 to be banked.

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The Chairman's Charity Disco will now take place in March 2022. Tickets will be available in the New Year.

### Calendars

Thanks were extended to all the staff and councillors for their help to deliver the calendars to every house in the Parish.

**F21/2985**

### CLERK'S REPORT

All items have been included on the Agenda.

### COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

None

**F21/2986**

### MATTERS FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillors Turley reported that it remains 'all quiet' at the Council at this time. Budget engagement sessions are planned and regular updates on Council information are available on facebook.

The community payback team are working hard at The Pavilion site.

**F21/2987**

### PARISH MATTERS

- a) Parking and Fly tipping issues continue
- b) Flashing lights at both primary schools have faults which have been reported
- c) Graffiti in the underpass, near to the Boscobel Tavern.
- d) Some surface patches will take place in Randlay Avenue, outside of the school
- e) Fly tipping in Randlay is totally unacceptable – need to consider a long term solution (such as remove the bin areas)
- f) Fireworks at Stafford Park continue to be a noise nuisance

**F21/2988**

### MEETING SCHEDULE

17 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	7.30pm	Full Council	HNC
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There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Signed .....Date.....

Please note that these minutes will remain DRAFT until confirmed as a true record at the next Full Council meeting on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022.