

## HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES

of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 April 2017 in the Village Hall

Present: John Anderson (Chairman), Mary Grove, Karen Jones, Mike Parry and Philip Underwood; Cllrs. Nicholas Holder and Anna James; and Jane Woolley (clerk)

Apologies: Paul Pattinson and Stewart Payne

#### 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2017 were agreed and signed.

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Chairman: Director, Hambledon Village Shop; Trustee, Hambledon Almshouses; Trustee, Hambledon Football Club

Mary Grove: Member, Village Hall Committee; Trustee, Hambledon Football Club

Mike Parry: Trustee, Hambledon Almshouses

#### 3. FINANCE

##### Financial statement

Noted that the precept and other Waverley grants for 2017-18 had been credited to the current account and that the accounts for 2016-17 had been completed and showed a credit balance of £8,077 (current account £2,807, deposit account £5,270 of which £1,925 was on hold for the Hambledon Almshouses)

##### Cheques for signature

Workstation: ink	£ 83.54
SSALC/NALC: subscriptions, 2017-8	£226.15
Tim Coleman: village maintenance, April	£180.00

#### 4. PLANNING

##### Planning applications

- WA17/0551: Hydon Wod House, Feathercombe Lane, Certificate of Lawfulness for change of existing store to ancillary residential accommodation. Noted that the supporting statement surmised that, as the proposed use would be ancillary to that of the house and that no changes were proposed to the external appearance of the building, the proposal did not constitute development but **agreed** that Waverley had to determine whether this was the case and that planning permission was not therefore required. Also **agreed** to query the supposition that, for use as residential accommodation, no more windows would be required.

- WA17/0556: 9 The Hydons, Certificate of Lawfulness for existing building works for existing double car port. **Agreed** that this appeared to be a regularisation of an existing situation but that Waverley had to determine whether this was the case.

##### Decisions on recent applications

- WA16/2505: 8 Nutbourne Cottages - noted Waverley's investigation of a complaint resulting from the grant of planning permission

- WA17/0204: 6 Nutbourne Cottages, extensions and erection of outbuilding – full permission

- WA17/0238: Marepond Farmhouse, erection of piers, fences and gates – full permission

-WA17/0409: 3 The Hydons, erection of Orangery – decision pending.

#### Orchard Farm

Noted that there appeared to have been no further developments, including no further comments relating to drainage issues; and that it was still expected that the application would be considered by the relevant Waverley area planning committee on 17 May.

#### Dunsfold Park

Noted that Rule 6 Status had been sought by the 11 Joint Parishes; that the timetable for the Inquiry had been published; and that the Chairman and Clerk had attended a meeting of the Joint Parishes on 18 April to be briefed on the representations that were being prepared on their behalf. **Agreed** that, as these would cover all the concerns previously expressed by the Parish Council in its own comments on the Dunsfold Park planning application, these need not be reiterated. Also noted that the developers of Dunsfold Park were said to be contemplating reinstatement of the Cranleigh-Guildford railway line and a larger business park on the development site to reduce the need for residents to commute to work, that neither proposal formed part of the existing planning application but that, if they were introduced at a later date, they would be taken into consideration.

#### Waverley Local Plan

On consideration of the previously circulated report, and particularly the Inspector's initial comments, **agreed** that there was no need to add to the Parish Council's earlier written representations or to request an appearance at a hearing session.

#### Review of the planning process

Arising from a query as to whether a Waverley review of its planning processes would address the non-availability of pre-application advice to Parish Councils when they were invited to comment on planning applications, noted that such advice was given in confidence to the applicant; that Parish Councils were involved only as consultees; and that it was Waverley that took the decisions as the statutory planning authority.

### 5. PARISH ASSEMBLY AND VILLAGE CLEAN-UP

On consideration of the previously circulated report, noted that the Veolia representative would not be able to attend due to family illness but that Jon Petersen had agreed to fill the guest speaker's slot with a presentation on the Hambledon village web site; and that reports on the informal play area and the village fete would be given by Mary Grove and Philip Underwood respectively.

### 6. VILLAGE MATTERS

#### Highways

Noted that Cllr. Victoria Young had just advised that SCC had approved a significant cut in its budget for Highways for 2017-18 compared with the previous year; that this could have serious implications for the funding SCC provided to Parish Councils under its Localism scheme; that this could presage the Parish Council having to meet expenses incurred on its hedging/ditching programme from reserves in 2017-18 and from the precept in future years; and that gully clearance work was also likely to be affected.

#### Footpaths

Noted that SCC had advised that it hoped to repair the a short stretch of the Greensand Way between the Ashlands Reservoir and Maple Bungalow (BW185) by the end of May and that it had welcomed the Parish Council's offer of a contribution of approx. £500 towards the cost of the work.

#### Informal play area

Noted that quotes for materials had been received and that total estimated costs (£800) could probably be met from the Parish Council's budgeted allocation and donations; that Tim Coleman had offered to weed-kill the area and do the necessary construction work during May for no charge; and that dates for his work would need to be synchronized with those for the delivery of materials.

#### School places

Noted that SCC had been asked whether consideration could be given to including Hambledon children in the admission lists for Busbridge, Grayswood, Milford and Chiddingfold primary schools as a matter of course and what might be the effects of Witley including a bulge year in 2017-18; and that a reply was awaited. Also noted that Plaistow school had available places; that some of these

were being taken up by children from Dunsfold being bussed to Plaistow; and that it might be worth pursuing the possibility of Hambledon children accessing this bus run.

#### Superfast Broadband

Noted that good progress continued to be made in getting superfast through to the eastern end of the village and that the possibility of involving the Nursery School in the project was being investigated.

#### Office space in Hambledon

Noted a resident's suggestion that it would be good to have a range of small offices in the village and that this tied in with the long-term aim of the Parish Council to press for mixed developments wherever feasible.

### 7. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

#### Village Hall

Noted that a quote had been obtained for insulating the roof; that the work had been commissioned; and that it would be self-funded as it was felt that any grant application should be for a larger/costlier project.

#### Village Shop

Noted that the year-end accounts to 31 January 2017 were now awaiting audit.

### 8. OUTSIDE MEETINGS

There were none.

### 9. CORRESPONDENCE

#### Britain's best village 2017

On consideration of the previously circulated report **agreed** to submit details on behalf of Hambledon and that, if further information were requested, the village web site, the Parish Magazine and the Welcome Pack would provide plenty of initial details that matched judging criteria.

#### Waverley Housing Forum

Noted that promotional literature had been widely circulated but **agreed** that it would be inappropriate for the Parish Council to become involved in what was essentially a PR/commercial venture.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.15

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9 May 2017 (annual meeting)**