

## HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES

of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12 December 2017 in the Village Hall

Present: John Anderson (Chairman), Mary Grove, Mike Parry, Paul Pattinson, Stewart Payne, Sean Sinnott and Philip Underwood; Jane Woolley (clerk); and one member of the public

### WELCOMES

The Chairman welcomed Sean Sinnott to his first meeting following his co-option as a Parish Council and Caroline White, who was in attendance prior to her taking over as Clerk on 1 January.

### QUESTION TIME

Grass verge alongside the Cricket Green. Arising from a query, on behalf of the Trustees of the Cricket Green, regarding verge that had been removed as part of the work to facilitate parking outside the Village Shop, the Chairman reiterated the Parish Council's earlier undertaking to ensure its restoration.

### FORMAL BUSINESS

#### 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 14 and 24 November 2017 were **agreed** and signed.

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Trustee, Hambledon Football Club

Mike Parry: Trustee, Hambledon Almshouses

Paul Pattinson: Trustee, Hambledon Almshouses

Stewart Payne: Trustee, Hambledon Nursery School

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

#### 3. FINANCE

##### Financial statement

Noted that the current account was in credit.

**Approved** and signed a letter cancelling payments of the present Clerk's salary wef 1.1.18 and noted that arrangements for payment of the new Clerk's salary would be agreed at the next meeting.

##### Cheques for signature

Tim Coleman, November maintenance £180.00

Village Hall hire, 2017 £308.00

[Note: this was **confirmed**, following an explanation that it was over budget due to the holding of four additional meetings: a Parish Council meeting to co-opt a Councillor, a public meeting in connection with the Orchard Farm planning application and two meetings to promote the extension of superfast broadband throughout the village.]

##### Budget, 2018-19

**Agreed** the (previously circulated) further draft but noted that it would not be submitted to Waverley until formal confirmation had been received that there would be no statutory requirements to limit increases in precepts for Parish Councils in 2018-19.

Thanked the Hambledon Village Trust for agreeing to forego its annual grant with immediate effect. **Agreed** to inform other grant recipients of the decision to wait until mid-summer before deciding whether grants could be afforded in 2018-19.

#### Henry Smith Charity: annual grant

On consideration of the (previously circulated) paper **agreed** a grant of £350 to support a course of play therapy sessions in accordance with the details set out in the paper. Noted that the incoming Clerk would keep in touch with St Dominic's and the Nursery School regarding support for any of their pupils should this be appropriate; that the Almshouses would continue to receive support in the event of part of each year's grant not being allocated elsewhere; and that the Chairman of the Trustees of the Almshouses was supportive of these arrangements.

## 4. PLANNING

### Planning applications

WA2017/2121: The Merry Harriers – extensions and alterations to provide new staff accommodation and additional guest bedrooms. Noted the (previously circulated) comments of the planning committee and **agreed** that, whilst the pub should be supported in its efforts to remain viable/attract more business, account also had to be taken of the additional parking that would inevitably be required. Noted that concerns had been voiced by the Nursery School, which had already encountered problems arising from its informal arrangement to share parking facilities with the pub; and that if, as already mooted, an application were made to site accommodation caravans on some of the land currently used for parking, the problem would be further exacerbated. **Agreed**, therefore, that a note to this effect should be added to its response to the current application (attached to the file copy of these minutes).

### Decisions on recent applications

-WA17/1582/3: Potters Barn, Potters Hill (South West Surrey Golf Club) – change of use from storage barn to dwelling/amenity space; demolitions/extensions. Full permission. **Agreed** the text of a letter (previously circulated and attached to the file copy of these minutes) to be sent to the Head of Planning, Waverley Borough Council, expressing concerns regarding both the inaccuracy of the summary of the Parish Council's comments on the application and the lack of any reference to health and safety aspects in the Officer's report recommending its approval; and also **agreed** that a copy of the Parish Council's comments should be sent to the West Surrey Golf Club.

- WA17/1855: Farm Cottage, Malthouse Lane – alterations/extension. Decision pending.

- WA17/1882: 10 The Hydons – extension. Full permission.

- WA17/1936: Barn at Hambledon House – change of use and alterations to provide a dwelling. Decision pending.

### Loss of small dwellings in the village

On consideration of the (previously circulated) paper **agreed** that the problem should be raised at Waverley's Housing Strategy Consultation meeting on 16 January ; noted that similar concerns were being expressed by the CPRE; and **agreed** that Mrs Baker be informed of the foregoing.

### Orchard Farm

Noted that there were no known further developments and that the six months for lodging an appeal would have expired on 22 November.

### Waverley Local Plan

Noted that the Inspector was awaiting Waverley's response to his further questions.

### Dunsfold Park

Noted that the Inspector's report was expected by 17 January. Also noted that the government had recently announced that it was to examine the re-opening of some of the lines which had been closed following the Beeching Report and that this could favour the reinstatement of the former Guildford to Horsham line, at least as far as Cranleigh, as a tramway.

## 5. VILLAGE MATTERS

### Highways

Noted that Mike Parry would shortly be liaising with SCC regarding its proposals for verge maintenance, gully cleaning and other matters which had already or might come to light, including the need to reinstate the (recently repaired) Give Way sign at the Vann Lane/Lane End junction.

### Right of Way maintenance

- BW185. Noted the excellent repairs that had been carried out between the Ashlands Reservoir and Maple Bungalow and that SCC's request to the Parish Council for £500 towards the cost of the work was awaited.

- BW186. Noted that this, and particularly the part running between the Merry Harriers and Daremead where drainage was seriously impaired by the hedge along the Daremead side of the path, was badly in need of repair. **Agreed** that Mike Parry would carry out an inspection and perhaps talk to the owners of Daremead; and noted possibilities for contributing to any repair costs (which were likely to be substantial).

### Hydestile Crossroads

Noted that white lines had been replaced on one side only and that completion of the work was said to be "in hand".

### Defibrillator.

Noted that fees would be charged for any further training courses and that prior interest would therefore be canvassed via the Parish Magazine and the website.

### 503 Bus

On an oral report by Stewart Payne, noted that SCC had received an informal political steer that there should be no further bus reviews/cuts, at least for the foreseeable future, but that there would not be any budget increases. There would therefore be options to retender for, and perhaps extend, the 503 route when the present contract ended on 1 September 2018.

### Telephone box at the Village Shop

Noted that this had recently been repainted by BT (together with some letter boxes in the village).

### Weather

Noted that a tree which fell across Salt Lane during the week-end storm had been cleared by a local resident as SCC's tree help line only functions during working hours, Monday – Friday. Also noted that winter weather precautions, including villagers who were available to help, had been posted on the website.

### Village Fete

Noted that plans were proceeding well; that the public meeting to discuss input/help would be held on 7 February; and that all tickets for the ball on the evening of Saturday 23 June had been sold.

## 6. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

### Village Hall

Noted that an application had been made to the Hambledon Community Fund for a grant to assist with improvements to the heating.

### Village Shop

Noted that November had been a good month and that trading over the year was expected to break even; that an improved accounting regime was to be introduced, together with an asset register which would assist with programmed maintenance and depreciation; and that the Shop had a five-star health/hygiene rating.

## 7. OUTSIDE MEETINGS

### Waverley Housing Strategy Consultation, 16 January 2018

Chairman and Clerk to attend.

### Waverley Town and Parish Planning Forums

Noted that the first was likely to be held on 6 February 2018 and that it might appropriate to raise the points made in the letter to be sent to Waverley about the Potters Barn planning application.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Availability of NALC “Good Councillor’s Guide”, 2017 edition: **agreed** to order eight copies, price £4.00 per copy, for all Councillors and the Clerk.

In conclusion the Chairman and Councillors once again expressed their thanks to the retiring Clerk for her work during the past 19 years

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The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.15

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9 January 2018**