

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 December 2016 in the Village Hall

Present: John Anderson (Chairman), Mary Grove, Mike Parry, Paul Pattinson and Philip Underwood; Cllr. Nicholas Holder; Jane Woolley (clerk); and three members of the public

Apologies: Karen Jones and Stewart Payne

QUESTION TIME

Police

Councillors welcomed PCSO Karen Phillips and PC Will Davies. The former had recently been appointed to the area following 11 years in Farnham. She explained that, although she was the point of contact for Hambledon, she was a member of a neighbourhood team that was on call 24/7 and which had come into being with the new policing systems introduced earlier in the year. The police presence, though perhaps not so noticeable, was just as strong; disorder was taking a higher priority than hitherto; and there had been a recent spike in rural crime (mainly thefts from sheds and outbuildings).

Car parking at St Peter's Church

Richard Cooke and Catherine McBride explained that the recently submitted planning application picked up points made during earlier discussions with the Parish Council, local residents, the National Trust (NT) and Waverley. The proposed access was via the bridleway on the southern side; the site size had been slightly reduced and would now accommodate a maximum of 26 cars; and a green mesh surface would be used, thus eliminating damage to tree roots. The access had been moved from the footpath that ran between the church wall and the lime kiln at the request of the NT on account of the lime kiln being listed.

The possibility of introducing a one-way system whereby cars entered via the bridleway but left via the footpath was discussed, as was the possible need for signage to stop walkers leaving their cars at the Church from parking across the access route(s) when the car park was in use.

FORMAL BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2016 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

Paul Pattinson: Trustee, Hambledon Almshouses

3. FINANCE

Financial statement

Noted that the current account was in credit.

Cheques for signature

Hascombe Parish Council: contributions to representations, Dunsfold Park	£296.71
Jane Woolley: maps for Welcome Pack	£ 5.62
Hambledon Village Hall: meetings, 2016	£244.00
Workstation: ink	£ 88.29

Budget, 2017-18

On consideration of a first draft (tabled)

- village maintenance: noted that the firm which currently cut the Cricket Green did not wish to renew the contract, that the Football Club had purchased its own mower and that the Cricket Club might consider doing likewise, depending on capital and maintenance costs (to which the Parish Council would continue to contribute annually at a rate equivalent to the cost of the present contract).

Agreed that the Cricket Club should be asked to obtain advice/information from the Football Club and, if appropriate, quotes from alternative contractors and report back to the Parish Council prior to the next meeting.

- one-off projects: noted that, if the Dunsfold Park planning application were approved by Waverley, it was likely that the Joint Parishes would make further representations and **agreed** to include £1,000 as a contribution to the costs, given that there was no village fete or, to the knowledge of the Parish Council, any other major village event taking place in 2017.

- grants to village organisations: **agreed** to maintain these at the current level.

- Council Tax referendum principles: noted that it should be known by 10 January, when approval would be sought for the budget, whether Parish Councils were to remain exempt from the 2 per cent cap on precept increases [Note: they are.]

4. PLANNING

Planning applications

i) WA16/2225: Little Burgate Farm, Markwick Lane – Certificate of Lawfulness for mobile home for staff accommodation: **confirmed** the decision of the planning committee not to object.

ii) WA16/2310: St Peter's Church – change of use from agricultural land for use as car park.

On consideration of points made in the earlier discussions and by members of the planning committee, **agreed**

- to support the application given the proven need for increased parking facilities for church goers;

- to request that a one-way system be introduced whereby cars entered via the bridleway but left via the footpath, given the use made of the existing parking area by walkers and the limited amount of turning space that would be available in the new car park;

- that a copy of the Parish Council's comments should also be sent to Richard Cooke to assist him in his further discussions with the National Trust regarding its concerns about the (listed) lime kiln.

iii) WA16/2339: alterations to existing garage to provide habitable accommodation. Noted that this application had been submitted consequent on the refusal of a Certificate of Lawfulness for identical alterations. **Agreed** that the Parish Council's comments remained the same and that, although the Parish Council was not against the principle of modest extensions, this proposal to increase living accommodation in an isolated structure could, if approved, set a precedence.

Decisions on recent applications

WA16/1888: 3 Hydestile Cottages, Hambledon Road – construction of vehicular access: full permission.

WA16/2054: Daremead, Hambledon Road – change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian, construction of an outdoor exercise area: full permission.

WA16/1642: Walnut Tree Cottage, Vann Lane – extensions and alterations: full permission.

Orchard Farm

Noted that there were no known further developments and Cllr. Holder's comment that the application might be considered by Waverley's Central Area Planning Committee on 11 January 2017.

Dunsfold Park

Noted that the planning application would be considered by Waverley's Planning Committee on 14 December and Cllr. Holder's comment that, even if permission were granted, considerable further discussions as to the details of the scheme could be expected.

Farm Cottage

Arising from the decision by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport not to add Farm Cottage to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest, noted that the full report had now been received; that a review could only be carried out if there was evidence that the original decision was wrong (thought to be unlikely) or if significant subsequent evidence could be produced relating to the special architectural or historic interest of the building as set out in the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (to be further investigated); and that a review had to be requested by 24 December.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

Arising from the paper circulated prior to the meeting, noted Philip Underwood's reservations regarding information to be disclosed in furtherance of para. 4 of the Annexe; noted that there were no further reservations; and **agreed** to adopt the new Hambledon Parish Council Members' Code of Conduct as drafted.

6. PARISH ASSEMBLY, 2017

Agreed that all Councillors would give thought as to whom to invite as the guest speaker and to discuss further at the next meeting.

7. VILLAGE MATTERS

Highways

i) Noted that the agenda papers for the recent meeting of SCC's Local Committee in Waverley had made no mention of resurfacing or even repairs to Woodlands Road, Church Lane or the A283 footpath but instead had given top priority to resurfacing the entire length of Upper Vann Lane (which had not been mentioned at the earlier meeting of the Cranleigh and Eastern Villages Task Group which reported to the Local Committee); that Victoria Young had promised to look into this; but had advised that, given the state of Surrey's finances, she was not certain that any of the work would actually go ahead.

ii) Noted that the new regime for gully maintenance assumed that gullies silted up on a regular basis and that at present SCC was not prepared to countenance any deviation from the regime in order to keep them free-flowing in rural areas where silt blockages could be caused at any time, for example by heavy rainfall.

iii) Noted that news was still awaited as to when ditches/gullies in Upper Vann Lane might be cleared or the broken pipe at the Upper Vann/Vann Lane junction repaired but that, if necessary the Parish Council might commission the work itself, using the underspent part of Victoria Young's grant for the drainage pipe repair at Lane End.

iv) Noted that action to get A283 footpath swept now rested with Waverley.

v) Noted that work by Colin Rapley under the localism initiative was likely to start after Christmas.

HGVs on rural roads

Noted the meeting which Victoria Young had hosted between John Furey, SCC's cabinet member for highways and transport, and representatives of Parishes affected by the proposed Dunsfold Park development; that Mr Furey had stated that there was little he could do to prevent HGV movements; but that, arising from suggestions from Tim Forrest (Chiddingfold) and John Graves (Busbridge), he had undertaken to look into a scheme which Suffolk had introduced to route HGVs onto particular routes and into the possibility of installing up to half a dozen cameras in Busbridge/Hambledon to create a no-HGV zone.

Bus review

Noted that a limited Hoppa service for Leithfield Park, funded by the developer, would start on 3 January and that SCC still planned to set up a meeting for interested parties to try to come up with a sustainable longer-term bus solution for the Busbridge and Hambledon area.

BT phone boxes

Noted that a further 46 payphones were due to be removed from Waverley but that the list excluded the one at the Hydestile crossroads; and that the box outside the Village Shop was one of the 10 Grade II listed payphones in the Borough.

Playground

Noted that the small piece of land adjacent to the footpath immediately above the village pond had now been cleared and **agreed** that Mary Grove and Philip Underwood should discuss with Stephen Dean possibilities for using it to create a natural play area, perhaps with a wood chip surface and a scattering of logs, and to report back to the next meeting.

Dog waste

Agreed that Mary Grove should follow up Waverley's offer to survey the area adjacent to the Church car park with a view to installing (and emptying) a bin; and noted that it might also be helpful to have bins at the back of the Cricket Green and the Hambledon Common car park.

Parked cars, Lane End

Noted that parked cars could obscure site lines and **agreed** that Mary Grove would ask PCSO Karen Phillips to request the residents, in particular of 2 Speedwell Cottages, to use the parking facilities which they had at the rear of their houses.

8. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Almshouses

Noted that outstanding landscaping work and hedge cutting would be carried out shortly.

Village Hall

Noted that some background heating was now being provided and that a non-electric dehumidifier had been installed in the store room.

9. OUTSIDE MEETINGS

Nothing to report.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Waverley Community Events Officer: request to pursue ideas for promoting the Borough as a film-friendly place. **Agreed** that the Clerk should arrange a meeting with the Events Officer to discuss the idea further.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 10 January 2017