

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 June 2017 in the Village Hall

Present: John Anderson (Chairman), Mary Grove, Karen Jones, Mike Parry and Philip Underwood; Jane Woolley (clerk); and one members of the public

Apologies: Paul Pattinson

QUESTION TIME

Edward Uren expressed his surprise over the Parish Council's decision to support the Orchard Farm planning application when this was considered at the Waverley Central Area Planning Committee. He sought clarification as to why it had been decided no longer to object, particularly on the grounds that the development was not small in scale and would be harmful to the Green Belt; and asked whether all Councillors had voted in favour of the decision.

The Chairman stated that the Waverley Officer's report, together with the undertakings given on drainage issues, had in the view of the Parish Council satisfactorily addressed all its previously expressed reservations and that his statement at the Waverley Planning Committee meeting had been agreed by all Councillors.

FORMAL BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 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

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

- receipt of a gift (which had been acknowledged) of £500 towards the cost of creating the informal play area

- Information Commission: direct debit payment , data protection registration: £35.00

Cheques for signature

Alfold Parish Council – contribution to costs of Dunsfold Park enquiry	£1,000.00
Nigel Jeffries – cricket green cutting, April and May	£ 470.40
HVS – Parish Assembly wine (£79.92) and village clean-up BBQ (£101.21)	£ 181.13
Workstation – copying and paper	£ 21.90
Tim Coleman – May maintenance	£ 180.00

4. PLANNING

Planning applications

WA17/0829: Land at The Old Coal Yard, Hambledon Road – erection of two buildings (use Class B1). Noted and endorsed the reference in the applicant's statement to an expressed local need for work spaces in the village; and noted that their provision would accord with the Parish Council's aim that Hambledon should remain a mixed community. Endorsed the applicant's statement that the proposed buildings were modest in scale and that they represented only a small extension of an existing and well screened site; and that, in consequence, they would not impact adversely on the Green Belt/AGLV. **Agreed** to support the application, subject to querying whether any restrictions on noise and out-of-hours activities needed to be considered and whether drainage/flooding issues could arise as a result of the water course that passed through the site.

Decisions on recent applications

WA16/0708: Hambledon House – erection of 5 dwellings. Full permission

WA17/0409: 3 The Hydons – erection of Orangery. Full permission

WA17/0551: 9 The Hydons – conversion of store to residential accommodation. Certificate of Lawfulness granted

WA17/0552: Glebe House – demolition/extensions. Decision pending

Orchard Farm

Noted Waverley Borough Council's decision to refuse the application (decision notice previously circulated).

Noted that there was, as yet, no further news from ERHA as to how they proposed to proceed and **agreed** that, as a month had now elapsed, it would be appropriate for the Chairman to make enquiries.

Noted that Paul Stone had contacted the Chairman asking if he and Richard Young could meet with the planning committee and **agreed** that it would be appropriate for such a meeting to be arranged.

Waverley Local Plan

Noted public hearings as follows: 27-29 June (housing provision), 4 July (Green Belt, including boundaries) and 5-6 July (spatial strategy and Dunsfold Park); and noted that Counsel representing the Joint Parishes/POW would be making representations at all the sessions.

Noted that public consultation on the Local Plan Part 2 had started and would run to 24 July; that the full document was available at <http://www.waverley.gov.uk/LPP2>; that a preliminary review suggested that it might be appropriate for the Parish Council to comment on proposed policies affecting housing in the Green Belt; that these should therefore be circulated to all Councillors; and that there was no mention of Hambledon in the chapter on settlement boundaries or the section on housing.

Dunsfold Park

Noted that the planning team that was advising the Joint Parishes would be seeking a separate session for Parish Councils to speak; that a request had been received for bullet points which each Parish Council would like covered in the session; and that a meeting to

co-ordinate these would be arranged before the end of June. **Agreed** to submit the following on behalf of Hambledon Parish Council: "Hambledon Parish Council has stated throughout that it understands the pressing need for new homes but cannot support the Dunsfold Park application because of its failure to address significant infrastructure issues, particularly traffic congestion, over-crowding on local trains, lack of space at station car parks and the provision of schooling and other hard-stretched local services. It has major concerns about the increase in traffic that will result along the narrow lanes passing through the village such as Markwick Lane (a rat-run from the site to Milford Station and Guildford) and the Hambledon Road/Malthouse Lane/Lane End (a rat-run to the A283). If Dunsfold were to be approved as a site for major new housing, radical measures would be needed to mitigate its impact, including the re-opening of the Guildford to Cranleigh railway line as a light tramway, with a spur to Dunsfold Park, while retaining the current cycle track and footpath that uses the route."

Noted that Mary Grove had been in touch with and had received a response from Jeremy Hunt about the possibility of re-opening the Guildford to Cranleigh train link .

5. VILLAGE MATTERS

Highways and footpaths

Noted that further news regarding repairs to the BW185, the annual RoW vegetation cuts, funding under the localism initiative and gully cleaning all remained outstanding.

Noted the forthcoming review of parking restrictions and **agreed** that no action was needed in Hambledon.

Quite Lane Zones in the Surrey Hills

Arising from the previously circulated note, **agreed** to request membership of the working group.

School places

Arising from the minutes of the last meeting, noted that the number of primary school places that might be required by Hambledon children in 2018-19 would be researched via an article in the July Parish Magazine (which would also be posted on the web site) and that the Nursery School would be kept informed.

The Queen's Bench

Noted that this would be oiled during July.

Informal play area

Noted that the chippings were due to arrive on 16 June. **Agreed** to ask Tim Coleman to include maintenance of the area in his village maintenance contract and that he should be thanked for the day's work he had contributed, at no cost, to the preparation of the site.

Village of The Year 2017

Noted that there was no further news, including on the VOTY web site.

Village fête and ball

Noted that a further meeting had taken place and that the week-end programme/use of the marquee would be as follows:

- Friday: beer fest/jazz evening
- Saturday: fête; ball
- Sunday: morning church service; afternoon car rally and tour.

Defibrillators

Noted that the need for further training sessions had been raised.

Dog walking

Noted the problems arising from the increasing number of commercial dog walkers in and around the village; noted that Mary Grove would liaise with the Clerk about possible

remedial action; **agreed** that Waverley's advice should once again be sought, including regarding the provision and emptying of dog waste bins; and that, provided they could be emptied, bins might be located at the Church and Hambledon Common car parks and on the Cricket Green.

Hambledon Church flower festival

Thanked the Clerk for the arrangement she had provided on behalf of the Parish Council and congratulated all concerned for having organised such a splendid and imaginative show.

6. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Almshouses

Noted that further planting had taken place.

Village Hall

Noted that insulation of the roof was due to be confirmed by the Committee at its meeting on 15 June and the success of the recent Quiz Night.

Village Shop

Noted that parking continued to pose problems; that it would be partially relieved once building works ended; that, other than remedial action suggested at the previous meeting, there was probably little that could be done but that the Chairman would pursue matters with his HVS fellow Directors; and that, in respect of parking, the shop was proving to be a victim of its own success.

7. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Noted the previously circulated schedule.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Local Green Spaces in Waverley

On consideration of the previously circulated email, **agreed** that the Parish Council should be represented at the meeting on 7 July and noted that Philip Underwood would advise the Clerk of his availability.

New Landlord at the Merry Harriers

Noted that Peter de Savary had accepted an invitation to join the Parish Council at the start of its meeting on 25 July.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.15

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 25 July 2017