

## HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES

of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21 March 2017 in the Village Hall

Present: John Anderson (Chairman), Mary Grove, Karen Jones, Mike Parry, Paul Pattinson, Stewart Payne and Philip Underwood; and Jane Woolley (clerk)

#### 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 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

Paul Pattinson: Trustee, Hambledon Almshouses

Stewart Payne: Trustee, Hambledon Nursery School

#### 3. FINANCE

##### Financial statement

Noted that the current account was in credit. Also noted

- that the sum per elector that could be allocated to S.137 items in financial year 2017-8 was £7.57
- actual amounts of compensation and Council Tax support grants payable by Waverley for 2017-8 and that the necessary minor adjustments had been made to the budget.

**Approved** and signed instructions to the bank to increase the Clerk's salary as from 1 April to £195 pm and to transfer £1,925 to the deposit account pending its payment to the Trustees of the Hambledon Almshouses (see minute 7).

##### Cheques for signature

C J Rapley: ditch clearance (localism initiative)	£372.00
Hambledon Village Shop: maps for Welcome Packs	£ 8.00
Surrey Playing Fields: subscription, 2017 and grant	£ 40.00
Citizens Advice Waverley, grant (S.137)	£100.00

#### 4. PLANNING

##### Planning applications

**Agreed** not to object to the following:

- WA17/0204: 6 Nutbourne Cottages, Certificate of Lawfulness for extensions and erection of outbuilding
- WA17/0238: Marepond Farmhouse, planning application/listed building consent for erection of piers, fences and gates
- WA17/0309: 3 The Hydons, erection of Orangery.

##### Decisions on recent applications

- WA16/2505: 8 Nutbourne Cottages, alterations to roof space – full permission
- WA17/0159-60, Glebe House, Hambledon Road, extensions and alterations – decision pending [Note: subsequently withdrawn.]

### Orchard Farm

Arising from the minutes of the last meeting, noted that the Chairman and Mike Parry had met the residents at The Sheiling to review drainage issues.

Arising from the previously circulated emails from Richard Young with his attached supplementary objections relating to drainage, noted that the response requested therein from Glen Westmore (SCC) was still awaited.

Noted that, on account of this, Richard Young and seven households closest to the Orchard Farm site and watercourses had declined an invitation from the English Rural Housing Association to a round table discussion with ERHA, its drainage consultants and Glen Westmore on the grounds that it would serve no useful purpose.

Noted that the meeting had accordingly been cancelled.

Noted that Waverley had advised that further information from Glen Westmore should be available in two-three weeks' time.

Noted that the next Waverley area planning committee at which the Orchard Farm planning application could be considered would be on 17 May.

### Waverley Local Plan

Noted that the Planning Inspectorate's Programme Officer for the Plan had advised that, when Waverley's response to the Inspector's initial questions had been reviewed, the Parish Council would be sent details of the draft hearing programme; and **agreed** that it would be appropriate to participate further at that stage.

### Dunsfold Park

Noted that, consequent on the call-in of the Dunsfold Park application, it had been suggested that the Joint Parishes should apply for Rule 6 Status to allow them to be involved equally with Waverley and the applicants in the Inquiry; noted that Rule 6 Status would be sought by Protect our Waverley (POW) and the CPRE; and **agreed** that it should be sought by the Joint Parishes. Noted that the total costs of legal representation and other advice might be in the region of £65,000 and that it was expected that most of this could be met by POW; but **confirmed** that the Parish Council would be able to make £1,0000 available if so required.

## 5. PARISH ASSEMBLY AND VILLAGE CLEAN-UP

Noted Paul Pattison's apologies.

**Agreed** the Parish Assembly agenda, with the addition of "Village Fete" to representatives' reports (see minute 6) and noted that it would be published in the Parish Magazine and on the village web site. [Note: Informal Play Area also added as a representatives' report: item 6 refers.]

**Agreed** that the Clerk would order the necessary wine and soft drinks to be served at the start of the Parish Assembly from the Village Shop.

**Agreed** that the Chairman and Mike Parry would provide barbeques for the post-Village Clean-Up barbeque and that Stewart Payne and Geoff Jones would help if available; that the Clerk would order baps/burgers and rolls/sausages for 35-40 people from the Village Shop; and that individuals would be asked to purchase their own drinks.

## 6. VILLAGE MATTERS

### Highways

Noted that SCC had not responded to several requests to clear the Upper Vann Lane ditches and that the work, including unblocking drains/gullies, had instead been successfully carried out by Colin Rapley under the localism scheme; and that a Thames Water leak higher up the lane was still awaiting repair.

Noted that SCC's contractors had recently jettied gullies in Woodlands Road but that news regarding several other roads in the village remained unforthcoming.

### Footpaths

Noted that SCC had not responded to several requests as to whether the a short stretch of the Greensand Way between the Ashlands Reservoir and Maple Bungalow could be up-graded; noted that approx. £500 remained to be spent from the 2016-7 localism budget and the balance of a SCC

grant for clearing a gully at the Land End Cross Roads; and **agreed** that these funds should, if possible, be allocated to the Greensand Way.

#### Informal play area

Noted that Stephen Dean had provided a written agreement to the Parish Council establishing an informal children's play area on his land near the Village Shop, subject to (acceptable) conditions; that the necessary insurance cover would be provided by the Parish Council's own policy; that proposals for creating the area were developing; that an individual had offered to meet the necessary costs; and that it was hoped to complete the work by the date of the Parish Assembly at which Mary Grove would make an appropriate report.

#### School places

Noted that a reply had just been received from Surrey County Council; that Stewart Payne would so inform the Nursery School at its forthcoming Trustees meeting; and that he, Mary Grove and the Clerk would liaise regarding any further action needed vis-a-vis SCC.

#### Village Fete

Noted that Sarah-Jane Gorrod had volunteered to assist with the organisation of the fete and the ball; **agreed** that she should be given a speaking slot at the Parish Assembly; and noted that Philip Underwood would happy to give her some initial assistance.

#### Superfast Broadband

Noted that Peter Howell-Davies and John Stoneham were making excellent progress in trying to get BT to install superfast to properties in Vann /Roundals/Upper Vann Lane and that this would be discussed by interested residents at a meeting on 31 March.

#### Village pond

**Agreed** that Philip Underwood would follow up Arthur Frearson's offer to restock the pond with carp.

#### Sewage spill, Station Lane

Noted problems that Thames Water and their contractors were encountering in clearing sewage from land within the Parish Council and that the Clerk would advise Stewart Payne of the current landowner so that he could pass the details on to the contractors.

#### Hambledon Football Club

Noted that the hoardings at the entrance to the pitch were to be moved back.

## 7. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

#### Almshouses

Noted that news was still awaited regarding the landscaping work to be carried out; that this would be pursued by the Chairman and Mike Parry; and that, once received and approved, the money due to the Trustees from the Smith's Charity grant for 2016 (£1,925) would be released from deposit.

#### Village Hall

Noted that fund-raising ideas were being pursued; that it would be necessary to install new meters to take the £1 coins that were being introduced at the end of March; and that there would be another quiz night on 13 May.

#### Village Shop

Noted that the year-end accounts to 31 January 2017 indicated profits of £10-£15k; that revenue had increased by seven per cent; that pay roll costs had reduced by eight per cent; and that the cost of goods had reduced. Also noted the report in the March Parish Magazine which indicated the huge range of tasks undertaken by paid staff and volunteers.

#### Oakhurst Cottage

Noted the annual volunteers meeting held on 11 March; that volunteers were having to sign up on an on-line rota for 2017; and that a replacement direction sign to the cottage was to be installed at the end of the Cricket Green.

## 8. OUTSIDE MEETINGS

Waverley joint meeting with Town and Parish Councils, 6 March: noted that the Chairman and Clerk had attended and that agenda topics had included the Community Infrastructure (which was still at the

consultation stage), a budget briefing (increasingly being squeezed by central government) and an update on the Local Plan.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Neighbourhood Watch: noted that this had been revived and that the existing Hambledon coordinators were all signing up to the new on-line information system which was now relaying items of useful local information.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Karen Jones informed the meeting that she and her husband would be moving house at some point but that, until the time came, she would be happy to continue in her role as a Parish Councillor.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.25

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 18 April 2017**