

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 November 2016 in the Village Hall

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

Apologies: Paul Pattinson

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 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

Stewart Payne: Trustee, Hambledon Nursery School.

3. FINANCE

Financial statement

Noted that the current account was in credit.

Noted receipt of preliminary information from Waverley relevant to the financial year 2017-8; that Council Tax Support Grants were likely to be 15 per cent less than the current year's figure and Compensatory Grants 10 per cent less; that it should be known during December whether central government would be proposing that "excessive" Parish Council tax increases would be subject to a referendum (see also minute 9 below); and that a draft budget would be available for consideration at the next meeting.

Cheques for signature

Tim Coleman - October maintenance	£180.00
Gavin Jones – cricket green cutting, October	£205.94
Workstation – ink, paper, files	£ 45.93
CPRE – annual subscription	£ 36.00

4. PLANNING

Planning applications

Confirmed decisions (attached to the file copy of these minutes) on the following:

- WA16/1886 : Enton End Cottage, Station Lane (decision approved prior to the meeting by e-mail and full permission subsequently granted by Waverley)

- WA16/2054: Daremead, Hambledon Road.

Noted that a meeting was being arranged with Waverley to discuss concerns about the apparent use of planning applications/certificates of lawfulness to obtain excessive increases in the size of properties within the village.

Decisions on recent applications

- WA16/0820: Hambledon House workshops – erection of five dwellings: refused (insufficient information provided to enable an assessment to be made of the possible adverse effects of the development on legally protected species)

- WA16/1597: 6 Nutbourne Cottages, Roundals Lane – erection of 2-storey side extension: permission granted

- WA16/1642: Walnut Tree Cottage, Vann Lane – extensions and alterations: decision pending
- WA16/1718: 2 Speedwell Cottages, Land End – alterations to existing garage to provide habitable accommodation : certificate of lawfulness refused
- WA16/1803: Stepside Cottage, Petworth Road –erection of single storey extension: certificate of lawfulness granted
- WA16/1813: 4/5 Nutbourne Cottages, Roundals Lane – alterations to two dwellings to provide one: permission granted.

Orchard Farm

Noted that, since the last meeting, the Waverley web site had received

- one comment on the Parish Council's response
- an amended planning statement from ERHA, amending the footprint figures
- two comments on the amended planning statement.

Farm Cottage

Noted that the proposed addition of the cottage to the National Heritage List for England had been refused by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport and that the full report would shortly be forwarded to the Parish Council by Historic England.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

Noted that the Waverley Code of Conduct, on which Hambledon's was closely based, had recently been amended; that clarification on one of the amendments was still awaited; and that it was hoped to invite consideration of a revised Hambledon document at the next meeting.

6. VILLAGE MATTERS

Police

Noted that Karen Phillips had taken over as Hambledon's PCSO, that she had been in touch individually with all Councillors and had visited the Village Shop and that she was hoping to come to the next Parish Council meeting.

Highways

- i) National Highways and Transport Survey: noted that SCC had invited its completion by the highways/transport spokesman within each Parish and Town Council; that some of it was more relevant to towns than to villages but that Mike Parry and the Clerk had nevertheless prepared and returned a Hambledon response in which, as well as addressing specific questions, they had referred to shortfalls in dealing with highways repairs/maintenance, poor communications and the possibility of improved management as opposed to reduced levels of service.
- ii) Cranleigh and Eastern Villages Local Task Group (a sub-group of SCC's Local Transport Plan (LTP) Task Group); noted that Mike Parry had attended the recent annual meeting; that the resurfacing of Woodlands Road, Church Lane and the A283 footpath remained non-prioritised items on the schedule of repairs within Hambledon; and that a reply was still awaited to a request that the Parish Council be informed as to which SCC funding programme these jobs might be eventually be allocated.
- iii) Jetting: noted that SCC had appointed a new contractor for this work who would be measuring volumes of silt and prioritising/programming jetting accordingly; that Hambledon did not feature on the published work schedule (as, together with adjacent villages, it was classed as part of Godalming); that to date no gullies throughout the village had been marked to identify their priority or otherwise for jetting; that individual Parishes were no longer allowed to commission/fund any jetting work under SCC's Localism Scheme (which Hambledon and Chiddingfold had been about to do until advised about the appointment of the new contractor); and that this highly unsatisfactory state of affairs had been reported to Victoria Young whose comments were awaited.
- iv) Upper Vann Lane: noted that Thames Water had finished repairs to their pipes which should obviate the amount of silt coming down the lane and facilitate ditch/drain clearance by SCC; that repairs to the broken pipe at the Upper Vann/Vann Lane junction also remained on hold; and that a reply as to when both jobs might be carried out was still awaited.
- v) A283 footpath: noted action initiated with Waverley, acting on behalf of SCC, to get the surface cleaned and the overgrown vegetation cut back.

vi) Underspent grant for drainage pipe repair at Lane End: **agreed** to put return of these funds on hold pending satisfactory resolution of items (iv) – (v) above.

vii) Church Lane: noted that Waverley was supposed to be organising leaf clearance before Christmas.

Footpaths

Noted that, following the objection to SCC's proposed Map Modification Order to add a public footpath giving access to Coleman's Copse, the Planning Inspectorate would be holding an enquiry on 3 May 2017.

Superfast broadband

Noted that, with considerable resident support, the Vann/Roundals/Upper Vann Lane area had been registered with BT as a potential Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) community-funded project.

Signage

Noted a complaint about some of the ad hoc signage that appeared from time to time in various parts of the village but **agreed** that this was not something which merited formal objection by the Parish Council.

Playground

Noted that the area adjacent to the footpath immediately above the village pond was due to be cleared and to discuss at the next meeting how this might be taken into use as an informal play area.

Village pond

Agreed that Richard Field should be commissioned by the Parish Council to clean out the pond and tidy up the island.

Winter emergency plan

Noted that Stewart Payne and Michael Parry would liaise regarding co-ordination and publication of contact details in the forthcoming Parish Magazine and web site up-dates.

7. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Almshouses

Noted that the Green Deal payment for Almshouse no. 1 had been agreed and that this, together with the payment already negotiated in respect of no. 2 for air source heating, would result in substantial savings in costs over a seven-year period.

Village Hall

Noted that quotes were being obtained for insulating the loft; that ways of maintain background heating were being investigated; and that the forthcoming quiz night was a sell-out.

Village Shop

Noted that Christmas orders were now being taken and that planning permission was required for the new shop toilet.

Village Website

Noted that news items and comments were being posted on a continuing basis; that the site was being increasingly used by village organisations; and that all material was cross-referenced to Facebook and Twitter. **Agreed** that Village Hall bookings should be included in the calendar.

Oakhurst Cottage

Noted that 2016 visitor numbers were down compared with the previous year; that various fund-raising ideas were under discussion; that the NT Three Counties Association had made a further grant which would be put towards the cost of repairs to the barn; that the Cottage was now closed for the winter; and the success of the end-of-season party for volunteers, a number of whom were now from outside Hambledon.

8. OUTSIDE MEETINGS

Nothing to report.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- Historic England: noted that the obelisk on the flank of Huydon's Ball, commemorating the lives of two brothers killed in WWI, had been given a Grade II Listing as a structure of special interest.

- SCC fly tipping: noted the current campaign but **agreed** that fly tipping was not a sufficient problem in the village to warrant participation by the Parish Council.
- Proposed extension of referendum principles: noted the advice received from SSALC that this was not expected to be applied by central government to Parish Councils (see also minute 3 above).

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13 December 2016

Planning decisions

WA16/1886 – Enton End Cottage, Station Lane: extensions and alterations following demolition of existing conservatory

Hambledon Parish Council notes that, so far this year

- a) planning permission (WA16/0149) has been granted to replace a conservatory with a part two-storey rear extension, create a part first floor side extension and add a small in-fill extension, increasing the habitable floor area by 31.8 per cent. This has been implemented.
- b) a Certificate of Lawfulness (WA16/1423) has been granted to increase the ground floor extensions granted by virtue of (A) by 8m. This has not been implemented.
- c) planning permission (WA16/1886) is now sought to trade the permitted Certificate of Lawfulness for extensions requiring planning permission, ie to “trade” (“swop”) the part extensions granted by virtue of (b) for further extensions that would increase the habitable floor area by 59.3 per cent over that of the original dwelling.

In short, WA16/1886, taken with the two earlier applications, would appear to be a way to get round the maximum 40 per cent extension rule. The property has already been substantially extended by virtue of (2b) and any further increase would be disproportionate. For both these reasons, the Parish Council therefore recommends that the application be refused.

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

Hambledon Parish Council notes that the land in question is situated behind the industrial buildings at the former coal yard. It notes that the change of use could lead to the land being classified in future as brownfield but on balance has no objection to the application.