

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 3 October 2017 in the Village Hall

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

QUESTION TIME

The owner of Farm Cottage informed the Parish Council of amendments to the approved plans for extensions to the property that had just been submitted to Waverley Borough Council. Councillors took note of his oral report and advised that their comments would be submitted to Waverley once the application had been registered/circulated.

FORMAL BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 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

Cheques for signature

Tim Coleman – September maintenance	£ 180.00
Surrey Hills (Peter Woolley) – Hambledon Hurst grass cutting	£ 252.00
Hambledon (Surrey) Almshouses – balance of Henry Smith grant, 2016	£1,925.00

4. PLANNING

Planning 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

- WA17/1644: 9 The Hydons – extension to garage

- WA17/1722: Hambledon House workshops – increase in internal headroom to proposed replacement dwellings

- WA17/1731: Peony Cottage Woodlands Road – erection of single storey extension

Agreed, subject to two minor amendments, the draft comments of the Planning Committee (attached to the file copy of these minutes).

Decisions on recent applications

- WA17/1458: The Merry Harriers – internal alterations. Listed building consent granted

- WA17/1408: Hazels, Vann Lane – demolition/replacement of dwelling and outbuilding. Full permission
- WA17/1230: Bonners, Vann Lane - conversion of barn to provide ancillary residential accommodation. Full permission
- WA17/0829: The Old Coal Yard , Hambledon Road - erection of two Class B1 buildings. Decision pending.

Orchard Farm

Noted that there were no further developments.

Waverley Local Plan/Dunsfold Park

Noted the previously circulated report and that further information would be provided in documents to be reported under agenda item 7.

The meeting then **agreed** to consider agenda items 8 and 9

8. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

Noted that four applications had just been received from SSALC, together with suggested questions for asking at the interviews. **Agreed**

- that these should be circulated and that any comments should be passed back to the Chairman or the Clerk
- that the interview panel should comprise John Anderson, Mary Grove and Paul Pattinson and expressed the hope that Anne Bott could also be present as the nominated SSALC representative
- a proposed date (21 October) and time-table and that SSALC's advice should be sought regarding the most appropriate venue for the interviews.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted the letter, received by the Clerk on 1 October, from Karen Jones tendering her resignation as a Councillor consequent on her moving away from the village. Noted the statutory procedures for filling the vacancy and **agreed** that these should be put in motion.

5. VILLAGE MATTERS

Parking at the Village Shop

Noted that all roadside work had now been completed but that some of the turf that had been removed in error remained to be reinstated.

Highways: verge maintenance

Noted that SCC's promised vegetation cut along the Hambledon Road was still awaited but that Peter Knight had cut roadside and footpath hedges that abutted the land that he farmed in Hambledon.

Noted that Waverley, in furtherance of a review of ground maintenances services that it currently contracted to Glendale, had advised that these services included grass cutting outside the Council-owned Hydestile Cottages and Paddock Close (minimal in the case of the former).

Noted that Waverley had also advised that it would be taking over verge cutting from SCC (but without indicating when).

Noted the difficulties, in the absence of any firm information as to what SCC/Waverley would be doing in future and whether there would be any devolved funding, of planning a meaningful programme of hedge and ditch maintenance in Hambledon; and **agreed** to discuss the matter, including commissioning work from Colin Rapley during the winter, again at the next meeting.

Highways: gully cleaning

Noted that, as a result of Victoria Young's initiative, Mike Parry and the Clerk would be meeting SCC representatives on 13 October to look at the new technology that SCC was using to identify and programme the clearing of gullies.

Footpath modification order

Noted the previously circulated report regarding the decision not to give formal RoW status to the footpath which provided access to Coleman's Copse.

Tree felling

Noted that Stephen Dean would be felling three ash trees afflicted by die-back on land by the road opposite the Village Shop.

Parish Assembly

On consideration of the previously circulated suggestions for making the evening more appealing, **agreed**

- that the meeting should in future be known as the Annual Village Meeting
- that the format should remain the same but without a requirement to include a guest speaker (but featuring a topic of particular interest should this arise at any time) and encouraging participants to continue their discussions with each other/Parish Councillors/other guests at the conclusion of the meeting as well as beforehand
- to arrange the room landscape rather than portrait style
- that a Thursday evening was probably the best time for the village as a whole
- that the next meeting should be on Thursday 26 April 2018.

6. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Almshouses

Noted that the Trustees next meeting was on 12 October and that some work remained to be done to the garden.

Nursery School

Noted that the Trustees next meeting was on 4 October and would be the last to be attended by Catherine McBride; and that she would be sorely missed by everyone at the School.

Village Hall

Noted that a quote had been accepted for installing two independent electric storage heaters which would ensure that the Hall remained at a regular temperature.

Village Shop

Noted that the shop had regained its 5-star food hygiene rating.

7. OUTSIDE MEETINGS

Surrey Hills Quiet Lanes and Decluttering Working Group, 20 September

Noted that Mary Grove and Stewart Payne had attended; that it appeared to be a useful group for helping individual villages to tackle problems such as HGVs and speeding; and that repeater speed restriction signs were no longer a statutory requirement.

Discussed but reached no conclusions regarding signage aimed at persuading drivers to drive with care through Hambledon.

Waverley/Town and Parish Councils, 25 September

Noted that the Chairman and Clerk had attended and that the presentations by the Head of Finance and the Head of Planning would be circulated to all Councillors.

Arising from the comments sent to Waverley, arising from the presentation on Place Shaping,

- noted that these had been well received by Waverley's Head of Planning
- noted that the Hambledon Welcome Pack (which had been attached to the comments) had been circulated by Waverley to all Town and Parish Councils
- **agreed** that the comments should be included in the next Parish Magazine with a request for further suggestions for making Hambledon an even better place in which to live.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 22.05

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 16 November 2017

