

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 5 September 2017 in the Village Hall

Present: John Anderson (Chairman), Mary Grove, Mike Parry, Paul Pattinson and Philip Underwood; Jane Woolley (clerk); and Cllr. Nick Holder
Apologies: Karen Jones

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 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

Cheque for confirmation

Nigel Jeffries – cricket green cutting, July £235.20

Cheques for signature

Tim Coleman – August maintenance £180.00

Nigel Jeffries – cricket green cutting, August/September (1) £352.80

Surrey Hills (Peter Woolley) – Hambledon Hurst grass cutting £ 72.00

Workstation – ink and stationery £ 71.72

BDO – audit fee £120.00

Audit, 2016-17

Approved and accepted the external auditor's annual return and certificate.

4. PLANNING

Planning applications

- WA17/1408: demolition/replacement of dwelling and outbuildings - Hazels, Vann Lane. Noted the pre-application advice that the proposal could be supported and that plans for the proposed replacement dwelling accorded with current policies. Noted the extensions which the application currently proposed to the combined footprint of the existing house and outbuilding and, given the size of the latter, accepted the increase of 48 per cent in the floor area. Expressed concern about the proposal for a further extension to the proposed new house in due course and queried whether this would add 8.5 per cent to the 243 square metres of the present dwelling or to the 264 square metres of the extended one. Also queried why a complete, as opposed to a partial, application, accompanied by a full plan and supporting drawings could not be submitted at this stage and expressed the view that the granting (or otherwise) of planning permission should depend on a review of proposals for all aspects of the development of all of the property, based on a holistic plan and accompanying design and access statement. **Agreed** to submit the foregoing to Waverley, together with a request that consideration of the present application should in consequence be deferred.

- WA17/1458: listed building consent for internal alternations - The Merry Harriers [to provide four en suite bedrooms on the first floor]. **Agreed** not to object.

Decisions on recent applications

WA17/1230: conversion of barn to provide ancillary residential accommodation, Bonners, Vann Lane – decision pending

WA17/1238: rear extension, 1 The Hydons – full permission

- WA17/0829: erection of two Class B1 buildings, The Old Coal Yard , Hambledon Road - decision pending.

Dunsfold Park/Waverley Local Plan

Arising from the previously circulated note and the subsequent letter from POW, noted that Woking, Guildford and Waverley operated as a group in relation to housing numbers, which accounted for the view that Woking's current need would have to be met by Waverley. Also noted the strain that this would put on Waverley, particularly in relation to those Town and Parish Councils which had produced/were producing Neighbourhood Plans.

Noted Waverley's need for more affordable homes and that 13 could have been provided had Waverley approved the Orchard Farm planning application; supported POW's suggestion that Waverley should ask for 40 per cent of new developments to be affordable housing; and **agreed** that these points should be made to Waverley, together with the Parish Council's previously iterated view that it supported affordable housing spread across the Borough.

5. VILLAGE MATTERS

Parking at the Village Shop

Arising from the previously circulated note, agreed to defer further action until all verge infilling had been completed; but noted that work to date had already redressed the balance as between cars parked opposite the Cricket Green and alongside/beyond the village pond.

Highways

Noted the exchange of correspondence between the Parish Council and SCC regarding the "traffic management" which now has to accompany gully cleaning and that, if the Parish Council were still permitted to commission the work, the cost would probably be halved; but **agreed** that it was probably pointless to pursue the matter further with SCC. Also noted that the gullies along Vann Lane had yet to be cleaned .

Noted that a SCC vegetation gang was programmed to do a day's work along the Hambledon Road in September and that Mike Parry and the Clerk would thereafter prepare a schedule of work for the remaining four days allotted to Hambledon.

Surrey's Community Recycling Centres – Public Consultation

Arising from the previously circulated note, noted that the proposed cuts/closures were likely to be introduced in stages.

Superfast Broadband

Noted that expressions of interest were being sought from households from Rock Hill – Potters Hill (Hambledon North) and that BT had already commenced work on the Hambledon South-East scheme. Thanked Peter Howell-Davies and John Stoneham for all they had done to ensure a successful outcome of the latter and for agreeing to take the former forward.

Local bus service

Noted that SCC would carry out a further review prior to the introduction of the new timetable in September 2018; that the 503 would continue to run till then but that SCC funding was unlikely to continue thereafter; and that little or no use was being made of the recently introduced service linking Leithfield Park to Godalming and beyond.

Village pond

Noted that the carp were breeding.

6. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Almshouses

On consideration of the previously circulated note, **agreed** that the 2016 grant from the Henry Smith Charity should now be paid and signed the necessary form to transfer the money into the current account. Also **agreed** that the Clerk should make enquiries of the Associate Vicar and the Henry Smith Grants Administrator with a view to identifying other potential beneficiaries of the annual grant and that individual Councillors would give thought to the matter.

Village Hall

Noted forthcoming fund-raising events, that the roof had been insulated and that proposals for improving the heating would be reviewed later in the week.

Village Shop

Noted that trading during in August had been disappointing, probably due to a combination of holidays and bad weather.

Football Club

Congratulated Martyn Grove on reaching the finals of the Groundsman of the Year Awards.

St Peter's Church

Agreed that, prior to her departure, a letter should be sent to the Associate Vicar thanking her for all that she had done for the village during her tenure and wishing her well for the future.

7. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

Noted that the post had been advertised locally and by SSALC and that the closing date for applications was 30 September; that thereafter SSALC would send the Parish Council an "applications received overview" including general comments and recommendations for interview; and that it would be for the Council to decide whom it wished to interview. **Agreed** that the overview should if possible be available for consideration at the next meeting (3 October) and that an extra meeting during October might be needed for the actual interviews.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Local Green Spaces in Waverley

Noted that these could be designated in the Waverley Local Plan Part 2 and not just in Neighbourhood Plans; that possible candidates from Hambledon were Hambledon Common, Busses Common, Hambledon Hurst and the Cricket Green; that all of these already had some form of protective status; and that suggestions should only be put forward with owners' agreements and prior to establishing that designation as a local green space could not lead to the imposition of any subsequent planning or other restrictions. **Agreed** that the Clerk should make further enquiries.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.00

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3 October 2017