

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 February 2016 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

Apologies: Karen Jones and Cllrs. Anna James and Nicholas Holder

QUESTION TIME

The Parish Council noted concerns expressed orally about the Dunsfold Park planning application, how it was likely to be assessed by Waverley in the absence of an up-to-date local plan, its relevance or otherwise to Waverley's housing needs and the flawed methodology underpinning central government-determined housing needs across the south east; and expressed its thanks for the offer of a copy of the representations along these lines that had already been sent to Waverley.

FORMAL BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2016 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

Karen Jones: Trustee, Hambledon Almshouses

Mary Grove: Member, Village Hall Committee; Trustee, Hambledon Football Club.

3. REPORTS BY WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

None received.

4. FINANCE

Financial statement/money off deposit

Noted the balance in the current account and **agreed** a further transfer of £1,000 from the deposit account to cover projected expenditure for the remainder of the year.

Cheques

Confirmed the following

- Colin Rapley: footpath clearance, hedge/fence repair, pothole repairs	£1,392.00
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Agreed and signed the following -

- Tim Coleman: Village Hall leaves, signpost repair	£ 100.00
- Liz Bourne: Community Plan advice	£ 350.00

Audit

Agreed that Paul Pattinson would carry out the annual risk assessment and report back to the next meeting.

Consequent on the death of Raymond Smith, **agreed** to invite Alistair Manson to act as internal auditor of the 2015-16 accounts.

5. PLANNING

Planning applications

Agreed the following comments, as recommended by the Planning Committee

- WA16/0124 – Hydon House, Salt Lane: new (replacement) vehicular access and gates. No objection.
- WA16/0129 – The Greenhouse, Hambledon House: Certificate of Lawfulness to establish independent residential use. It had to be for Waverley to determine if the further evidence now submitted was sufficient to satisfy the legal requirements for the granting of a Certificate.
- WA16/0130 – Hydon Wood House, Feathercombe Lane: single storey extension. No objection.
- WA16/0149 – Enton End Cottage, Station Lane: extensions (revision of earlier application). No objection.
- WA16/0153 – 1 Nutbourne Cottages, Roundals Lane: Certificate of Lawfulness for rear extension. It had to be for Waverley to determine if the further evidence now submitted (by a resident who had lived adjacent to the applicant's property all her life) was sufficient to satisfy the legal requirements for the granting of a Certificate.

Decisions on recent applications

- WA15/1955 - 11 Hydestile Cottages, Hambledon Road: change to size of first floor window: decision pending.
- WA15/2360 – Marepond Farm, rear extensions – full permission.

Dunsfold Park (WA15/2395)

Arising from the previously circulated paper

- **confirmed agreement** to the Joint Parishes commissioning a study of the transport assessment that formed part of the planning application and to contribute up to £150 of the costs;

- **formally approved** the letter that had been sent to Waverley on 4 February as the Parish Council's definitive response to the application.

Arising from an oral report from Mike Parry and points made at Question Time

- noted that the CPRE local committee was in the process of finalising a detailed response and **agreed** that this should be circulated when received;
- noted that Alan Ground (ex-Chair, Dunsfold Parish Council, who had led Joint Parishes' representations against earlier Dunsfold Park applications) and others were minded, having taken legal advice, to ask for the present application to be called in and felt that such a request would carry more weight if supported by the Joint Parishes;
- noted that, if the application were called in now, there was no up-to-date Local Plan against which it could be adjudicated; and that could reduce the effectiveness of the exercise;
- noted the seeming absence of any holistic appreciation both of the development that was already taking place across the borough and of the total inadequacy of transport infrastructure;
- suggested that support for calling in the application might better be elicited from POW (Protect Our Waverley), a recently established pressure group, than from the Joint Parishes and **agreed** the importance of both being notified and kept informed of the proposal to request the call-in;

- **agreed** to decide whether the Parish Council should make further representations to Waverley once the outside responses referred to above had been received and more was known about the proposed call-in of the application.

Orchard Farm

Noted that 17 March had been provisionally booked by ERHA for a drop-in event to review the final proposals for the site. Discussed the timing of the subsequent Parish Council-facilitated open meeting to ascertain villagers' views and **agreed** that this should not take place until an actual application had been submitted and that only after that meeting would the Parish Council formulate and submit its response on behalf of the village as a whole.

6. UP-DATED PARISH PLAN AND VDS

Arising from the previously circulated paper

- noted the outline VDS (tabled);
- noted that Waverley's Head of Planning had confirmed that an up-dated Parish Plan, incorporating a VDS to be developed from the tabled outline document, would continue to be regarded as material consideration for planning purposes;
- noted that ideas as to what might make Hambledon a better place for groups and individuals, their activities and their needs were most likely to be elicited at the Parish Assembly.

7. PARISH ASSEMBLY; CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Agreed the draft agenda for the Parish Assembly.

Noted the previously circulated idea for celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday (on 21 April) with a national string of bonfires but **agreed** that it would be far more acceptable to plant trees than to burn them and that the views of the Lord of the Manor should be sought regarding the planting of an English oak or a specimen tree on a central village site.

Noted that a "Clean for the Queen" campaign had also been launched to encourage nation-wide litter picks in the run-up to her birthday and **agreed** to make this and the immediately following barbeque the focus of the village clean-up on 16 April.

8. VILLAGE MATTERS

Police

Noted that no crimes had been reported since the last meeting.

Highways

Noted problems with SCC in getting blocked pipes in Wormley Lane, Woodlands Road and Upper Vann Lane jetted but that the one in Malthouse Lane had been put on the March schedule.

Noted problems reported by the resident of No. 2 Hydestile Cottages following ditch clearance along the Hambledon Road and that she would report back to Mike Parry about the possibility of the residents doing this work themselves in future.

Noted that tree roots blocking the pipe below Tigbourne Court were the likely cause of the ditch back filling; that a possible solution would be to dig up and re-lay (or replace) the pipe; that Mike Parry would ask Colin Rapley to investigate and if appropriate provide an estimate for remedial work; and that the possibility of this being financed by Victoria Young from her next year's personal grant funds could then be explored.

Noted that Peter Knight had been asked to liaise with the Clerk in future with a view to keeping parked cars along Woodlands Road to a minimum when major harvesting (beet in winter, rape/corn in summer) was in progress; and noted that repairs to the bank outside Springfield were being negotiated.

Superfast broadband

Arising from the previously circulated paper

- **agreed** the letter, together with the accompanying questionnaire, maps and tables, to be sent to Superfast Surrey
- **agreed** that Peter Howell-Davies and Jon Peterson should be thanked for their help in acquiring and analysing all the relevant information.

Defibrillators

Noted the success of the training day held on 7 February and that a further one was being planned; and that the safe boxes were being put in place at the Church and the Village Shop.

SCC review of community bus services

Arising from Stewart Payne's report on the meeting he had attended on 11 February

- noted that none of SCC's alternative transport options for those affected by the removal of existing services addressed actual on-the-ground circumstances and needs;
- **agreed** to support the case for combining the 503 and the Milford Hospital-Busbridge service (which was also scheduled to be axed);
- **agreed** that comments on the (tabled) draft response should be sent to the Clerk by the end of the week; that the cost of a return Hambledon-Royal Surrey Hoppa fare (thought to be £20) and the approximate age range of those most likely to use SCC-provided bus services (if available) should be ascertained by the Clerk for inclusion in the draft; that the final draft should be approved by Stewart Payne and the Clerk; and that the letter should also be sent to Hambledon's Waverley and Surrey Councillors.

Assets of Community Value

Arising from a further discussion of the pros and cons of seeking such registration by Waverley of The Merry Harriers **agreed** the importance of villages retaining their pubs, particularly when, as in the case of Hambledon, the pub dated back to the 16th century; that up-dating the Parish Plan provided an excellent opportunity for seeking wider village views on the future of The Merry Harriers; and that in the meantime the Chairman and Paul Pattinson would consult and pursue the idea of ACV registration with the present owners.

Village Fete

Noted the further planning meeting to be held on 7 March and the importance of attracting "new" helpers.

Other village matters

Rubbish at Hydestile Crossroads: **agreed** that Mary Grove would request that the dustbin by the bus stop be emptied.

Bridleway opposite Horsehatches: noted that a large hole had appeared and **agreed** that Mike Parry would investigate.

9. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Almshouses

Noted that Richard Cook was replacing Georgina Aylward as a Trustee.

Village Shop

Noted the good progress with the refit, during which time trading had been maintained; and that stock was now being moved back into the shop.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Surrey Local Councils' Forum, 21 April: noted the previously circulated details.

Annual grants: noted that thanks had been received from the Almshouses, Hambledon Village Trust, the Village Hall, the Football Club and the PCC.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 22.05
Date of next meeting: Tuesday 22 March 2016