

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 14 February 2017 at 20.00
in the Village Hall

AGENDA

QUESTION TIME

Members of the public who wish to raise any matters with the Parish Council are invited to attend between 20.00 and 20.15 when there will be an opportunity for them briefly to address the meeting.

FORMAL BUSINESS

1. MINUTES of the meeting held on 10 January 2017
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
3. FINANCE
 - Financial statement
 - Cheques for signature
 - C J Rapley: ditch clearance (localism initiative) £ 1092.00
 - Hambledon Village Shop: redeemed Smith's Charity vouchers £ 75.00
 - SSALC: annual subscription, Local Council Review £ 17.00
 - Village Maintenance
 - Cricket Green cutting
 - Village Hall, roof leaf clearance
 - Annual Risk Assessment
4. PLANNING
 - Planning applications
 - Report attached.
 - Decisions on recent applications
 - WA16/2440: Nightingales, Vann Lane – extensions and alterations to dwelling, erection of extensions to detached garage. Full permission
 - WA16/2380: Hambledon Village Shop – construction of disabled toilet. Full permission
 - WA16/2339: Alterations to detached garage to provide ancillary residential accommodation. Full permission
 - WA16/2310: St Peter's Church – change of use from agricultural land for use as car park. Full permission
 - WA16/2225: Little Burgate Farm, Markwick Lane – Certificate of Lawfulness for mobile home for staff accommodation granted.
 - Orchard Farm; Dunsfold Park; Farm Cottage
 - Oral reports.
5. PARISH ASSEMBLY, 2017
 - Oral report.
6. VILLAGE MATTERS
 - Highways and footpaths
 - Oral report
 - Informal play area
 - Oral report
 - School places
 - Report attached

Other village matters

Oral reports, as required.

7. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS
Almshouses Nursery School Village Hall Village Shop
Oakhurst
8. OUTSIDE MEETINGS
9. CORRESPONDENCE

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 21 March 2017

Planning applications

WA16/2469: Chestnut Cottage, Salt Lane – erection of garden outbuilding

Hambledon Parish Council notes the application for a timber-framed and boarded building with a felt roof and has no objection. Presumably the timber is to be stained or painted to reflect the yellow pebble dash rendering of the house.

The Parish Council would, however, recommend that, if permission were granted, it should be conditional on the building not being used in future for full residential purposes.

WA16/2505: 8 Nutbourne Cottages - alterations to roof space to provide habitable accommodation

Hambledon Parish Council notes the proposal to construct two dormer windows, one in the loft space and one in the staircase leading to the space. Whilst it has no objection in principle, it recognises that both would overlook the garden of the adjacent property no. 9 (albeit obliquely in the case of the loft window) and recommends that Waverley carefully consider this point in its own scrutiny of the application.

School places

For several years concern has been expressed at the near impossibility of placing children from Hambledon in local primary schools, which in a few cases has resulted in families moving out of the village. Mary Grove has undertaken some investigations, in consultation with Hambledon Nursery School.

Forty children left the Nursery School in summer 2016 and fed into a total of 14 different schools (some private). Of the four from Hambledon, none was offered a place at Witley; two were offered and accepted places at Grayswood; but the parents of the other two, in the absence of acceptable offers, fell back on private schools. Witley was heavily over-subscribed: even two children living on the Petworth Road in Wormley did not get places there and, along with five others, were offered Beacon Hill (the other side of Haslemere). Offers of places were also made at schools as far away as Frensham. Only two of the 40 got into Witley, partly on account of support from St Peter's Church.

Five Hambledon children will be leaving the Nursery School this summer. The School has not asked parents about first choices as this can stir up concern, but it seems reasonable to suppose that they will have given Witley - unless they have a sibling precedent at another school (which one family probably has at Grayswood).

There may well be other Hambledon children who do not attend the Nursery School but who will be moving into primary education this September. Their chances of getting a school of first choice are no better, as Hambledon does not automatically feed into any of the local primary schools.

Does the Parish Council wish to initiate action to try and alleviate a situation whereby so many local children have to be offered places in primary schools 10 or more miles away from their villages?