

MINUTES OF HAMBLEDON ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING 2018 - Thursday 26th April

Chairman John Anderson extended a warm welcome to everyone and thanked his fellow Councillors and The Clerk for their continued support.

Apologies were noted from SCC Cllr Victoria Young.

1. MINUTES OF THE 2017 ASSEMBLY

Proposed and Agreed. Signed

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

John Anderson summarised what had taken place over the last year within the remit of the Parish Council. He talked about the approved Waverley Local Plan, which includes a proposal for Dunsfold with 1800 new properties.

He noted that the Parish Council has been advised of the decision by ERHA to appeal the decision to refuse planning permission on Orchard Farm. It was noted that Hambledon Parish Council will reconfirm support for the scheme by written representation to the Planning Inspectorate. It was also noted that drainage work and clearance to the ditches on the Petworth Road has now been started by SCC.

Further comments were made on the 18 applications, of which 12 have been Permitted Development Rights and 6 Planning Applications.

Under the heading of Infrastructure, John reported that thanks, HPC have been able to cajole, persuade and influence a suitable amount of work in the village. Thanks went out to all who volunteer to keep the village running smoothly. Thanks were extended to Peter Howell-Davies and John Stoneham for the opportunity to connect to superfast broadband.

John gave his sincere thanks to Councillors, Clerk and to Nick Holder, Anna James, and Victoria Young for their hard work and support.

John noted how busy the village continues to be and how he was looking forward to hearing individual reports from each organisation. He concluded by remarking on the enthusiasm and hard work of Hambledonians, which remains constant.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

The audited accounts for 2016/17 were presented to the meeting.

5. REPRESENTATIVES' UPDATES

Surrey Police – apologies were sent from PCSO Karen Phillips – her written report follows:

Out of just over 50 calls, 12 calls were regarding suspicious people or vehicles which were checked out by Police and were all in order.

3 outbuilding breaks and 1 Burglary dwelling whereby keys to a vehicle were taken but the vehicle was not.

We have had an increase in outbuilding breaks where power tools and other gardening equipment has been taken in the Waverley area.

Approximately 70% of the calls to Surrey Police required no action or were dealt with by partner agencies.

Please keep a note of your serial numbers for your power tools and make sure your shed or garage is adequately secured and consider the use of a shed alarm and security lighting.

On a positive note I am impressed to note how vigilant and supportive of one another the Hambledon residents are.

Please take a look at the Surrey Police Web site for the latest Surrey Police news and keep up the vigilance.

Hambletons – Katie Lindley and Sarah Wheatcroft introduced themselves as 2 of the 3 parents who run the playgroup. It runs every Wednesday during term time. Word is spread via Facebook and word of mouth. They have an average of 18 children per week, which sustains the rental of the hall. This is a thriving nursery supported from many surrounding villages. Feedback from parents includes, “welcoming, friendly and invaluable”. The format of a session includes baby area and craft activities. In the future they are planning to apply for a grant to support further sensory work. Thanks were extended to Georgina for her support

Village Hall – Ruth Canham extended a huge thank you to John Tidmarsh, who stepped down from the committee after 25 years. Ruth noted that bookings for the hall have increased, however costs are not covered, and fundraising is essential. Fundraising efforts this year have included 2 quizzes, a fashion show and a jumble sale. Heating and new insulation has been paid for. 50 new chairs to be bought, they cost £50 each so will be sponsored. Ways to fundraise include easy fundraising and direct donations and they are grateful for support from the villagers.

Hambledon Village Trust – Mary Burrows reported that the Trust was set up in early 2003 by Jane Woolley to do good things for the village. They first bought the freehold of the shop, and continue to work closely with them to facilitate improvements. The Trust supports the website. This year they have bought a toilet, which opened last year. Pendle Cottage has been refurbished and is now let. The

Village Trust remains open to suggestions for projects to further the interests of the community.

Parish Magazine –

Jane Woolley reported that the magazine is holding its own. 250 copies are printed a month. Every issue also goes online in colour. It was noted that back issues are being archived on line. Huge thanks to subscribers and contributors. Apologies were sent from John Hindley this evening and thanks to him and Mary Parker for their on-going work. Thanks to the distributors and Derek Miller for arranging the advertisers.

Hambledon Nursery School –

Nicola Collett reported on a successful year end both financially and in a smooth transition of 45 children to school. Staffing is strong, including 3 fully qualified teachers. It was noted that they hope to secure a break even this year. Sincere thanks to all staff, management committee and trustees. Nicola ended by announcing that she is leaving the village after 18 years.

Stewart Payne as representative on the Nursery School board spoke to thank Nicola. He commented that the nursery school is hugely popular locally and beyond, judged as outstanding by OFSTED. Nicola has done an outstanding job and thanks have been sent from the chair of trustees David Evans. Nicola will be greatly missed, and she will be a tough act to follow.

Hambledon Ramblers –

Philip Underwood spoke about the monthly long ramble on the second Tuesday of the month. It's become more of a social pub crawl, which Helena has taken over organising. The short walk occurs every month on the 4th Tuesday from the Village Hall. The strollers go for a cuppa on another Tuesday. They always welcome new members.

Football Club –

Matt Kiley sent the following report:

Hambledon have had a mixed season with the weather and injuries causing havoc. But hopefully Cup glory will beckon at the season climax.

With Hambledon Reserves in the Premier Challenge Cup Final tonight. Hence why the football club can't be here tonight. Followed by the Vets on Sunday in the Runwick Cup. With both teams underdogs for the game.

Hambledon First team recovered from a very poor start to the season to finish a comfortable mid table and avoid a relegation fight. While also making the Cup Semi Final. They will look to keep this good form going for a promotion challenge next season.

As mentioned the Reserves are in the Cup Final tonight. A competition they have made the final for the fourth season in a row. A Title challenge fell away after Christmas but they should finish 2nd to fourth with games still to play.

The A team had a successful season and will wait to see if have been promoted to division three. With one game eft to play and currently sitting in 3rd. A Cup quarter final was made but they lost 4-2 to a very strong Wrecclesham team.

The Vets still have three league games to play and sit comfortably in mid table. With their

first cup final this Sunday to look forward to against Row,
So hopefully we can finish the season with some silverware.
Off the Pitch Martyn Grove will look to defend his Groundsman of the year award
We look forward to welcoming you to Badger Park next season and thank the Parish Council
for their support.
Come on You Dons

St Peters Church –

Rev. David Jenkins said

how he would love to see you all on a Sunday. 9am PCP Service. Numbers are increasing, and the average age is dropping. However the 10am service is struggling. There is a choral evensong planned for Autumn. The church hosts a Coffee morning every month. Hambledon Ladies morning every month. Prayer morning and Harvest Supper every year. Howards End film took place during last year. Looking for a replacement vicar now. David extended sincere thanks to Nigel Pollock on his 85th Birthday.

Hambledon Community Fund –

Tim Parker reported on behalf of

Julie Llewellyn. 23 grants have been given to the village since inception. Most organisations have benefited!. They are always looking for new fundraising ideas.

Almshouses –

Andrew Falk reported on

a satisfactory year. 2 residents continue to live their happily. Gentle planting to improve the surrounds and all is well.

Village Fete –

Jon Petersen reported on

behalf of the new Committee for the fete organisation. Thanks to the previous committee Philip Underwood and Arthur & Sue Blackman for their experience. Jon gave a run down on the events taking place between Friday 22nd – Sunday 24th June. There are 4 events making up the festival. Jazz on the Green, the Fete, Village Ball, Church Service on the Green, Vintage Transport Rally. It was noted that both the Jazz and Village Ball are sold out. For the Friday night event there are strictly no tickets on the door, even free ones, because of the license conditions. If you booked online your e-mail is your ticket. Please don't bring your own food and no dogs allowed. Looking for volunteers for set-up and breakdown over the weekend.

Cricket Club –

Arthur Blackman

Senior teams did well last year, better than before. Some excellent personal records. The club has a full list for the coming year, dates to be shown in the Parish Mag. They are fielding a young captain for the league side. Friendly side is being coordinated by Andy Dunn. Thanks to the junior managers and helpers. Hoping for a good year. Club

Mark status hoped for to increase funding opportunities. Fundraising is vital. Thanks to the Parish Council for support.

Village Shop –

Tim Parker

reported on a satisfactory year. Takings up 13.5%. Annual meeting to take place soon. Recent events all went very well. Open almost every day of the year, including bank holidays. Massive thanks to Jill and her team. He noted changes afoot on mgt. committee, and encouraged people to volunteer!

Heritage Society –

Tim Cross

reported that the AGM was held on 14th March, and it had been very well attended. Matthew Alexander was the star attraction, he spoke of folklore and history. Election of officers took place. Thanks to Paul Vacher and previous treasurer. Plans for this year include a test excavation near the pond outside TMH. New members are always welcome.

St. Dominic's School -

Andrew Falk noted that

things are going well. Orchard Hill College and Academy Trust are the new owners. They are undertaking good, confident planning for the future. There are currently 94 students and a waiting list of 15. 55 parents attended a recent open day. A planning application for a Performing Arts Centre should be proceeding later this year. Bat Surveys had to be undertaken in a building to be demolished. Advance autism accreditation Status has been applied for. The future of The Lodge is dependent on OHCAT for funding and plans.

Oakhurst Cottage –

Norman Gravestock reported all

good news. The Barn has recently been recovered with bark and a new concrete floor has been put in. Suggestions for what to do with it are welcomed. Outlook is positive.

The Web team –

Paul Osborne noted that

www.hambledonsurrey.co.uk is 11 years old. A platform revamp was carried out 3 years ago. He made the suggestion that everyone subscribes to get updated news and information. There is a Pothole Reporter facility, which links directly to SCC. There are Live Train Timetables and all GU8 planning applications.

There is a new photo competition launched today, with online voting, the winner is to be announced at the Village Fete.

West Surrey Golf Club –

James Newman is a first

time attendee at the Village Meeting. He is the new Club Secretary. James is hoping to encourage good neighbourly relations. West Surrey is a Golf and Tennis Club. They directly employ 26 people. They look after 220 acres of lovely countryside including

woodland. It is just outside the top 100 clubs in the UK, 20 of which are in Surrey.

6. QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Request from Jenny Henderson for cakes, buns and biscuits for the fete.

Mary Carrow made a request for seedlings and plants.

Question on Dunsfold Aerodrome. Why are Waverley expected to take the surplus from Woking? No-one can explain it. Noted that there are 3 legal challenges to the Local Plan Part 1.

General question to all: How do we as a village move forward if Dunsfold goes ahead? Need to give consideration to infrastructure.

Tim Cross – is the parish council aware that any attempts to remedy congestion could result in new roads ...

Consideration of trainline (downslink) between Cranleigh and Guildford.

Christine Baker? Proposes that the Parish Council take all steps possible to mitigate the adverse effects of Dunsfold including exploration of a light railway.

Seconded by Norman Gravestock.

Thanks recorded for the Parish Council for standing up and fighting for the best interest of the village in relation to Dunsfold.

7. VILLAGE CLEAN-UP AND BARBEQUE

At 10:00 on the morning of Saturday 28 April, followed by a barbeque at midday outside Hambledon Village Shop.