

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Hambledon Parish Council meeting on 2nd February 2021 via Zoom conference call at 18.30 hours.

Present

Cllr John Anderson (Chairman), Cllr Stewart Payne (Vice Chairman), Cllr Philip Underwood, Cllr Robin McKeith, Cllr Mary Grove, Cllr Ali Scott-Bishop, Cllr Sean Sinnott, Julie Flenley (Clerk) and Cllr Jan Floyd-Douglass.

1. Questions from members of the public - No members of the public logged in.
2. Apologies for Absence –Trevor Sadler (WBC).
3. Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th January 2021 were agreed and will be signed by the Chairman at a later date.
4. Declaration of Interests:
 - Cllr John Anderson: Trustee, Hambledon Almshouses; Trustee, Hambledon Football Club, Member of Hambledon Community Fund.
 - Cllr Mary Grove: Member, Village Hall Committee; Trustee, Hambledon Football Club.
 - Cllr Sean Sinnott: Member of the Management Committee, Hambledon Village Shop; Member of the Management Committee, Hambledon Festival Association; Member, Hambledon Community Fund, Trustee, Hambledon Almshouses.
 - Cllr Alison Scott-Bishop: Chair of Management Committee, Hambledon Village Shop.
 - Cllr Phillip Underwood: Parish Council representative of the Parochial Church Council, Hambledon Parish Church.
 - Cllr Stewart Payne: Trustee and Parish Council representative, Hambledon Nursery School, Member of the Village Website Team.
5. Brief Verbal Report from the County Councillor on matters from Surrey County Council affecting this Parish. Cllr Victoria Young was not present at this meeting.
6. Brief Verbal Report from the Borough Councillors on matters from Waverley Borough Council affecting this Parish. Cllrs Floyd-Douglass reported that there had been an increase in garage and shed thefts in Waverley and that the advice was to be vigilant and ensure outdoor storage is locked. The Haslemere Neighbourhood Plan will be in consultation between 5th February and 19th March 2021.

There is an Executive meeting on 9th February. Central government have provided Waverley Borough Council £5 million in support in Covid times. Additional money has been provided for adult social care and mental health. Eddie Hughes has been appointed Parliamentary Under-secretary for Rough Sleeping and Housing. Preparations were underway for elections in May for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey, with Kevin Dean is being considered for the position. Kirsty Ward is the Conservative candidate for Godalming South, Witley and Milford in the local elections for Surrey County Council Divisions. The situation in Haslemere at St. Christopher's for vaccinations and testing is ongoing.

7. Update from the Emergency Committee regarding the current situation.

Cllr Payne noted that nothing much had changed since January. Food banks are available for those who need them, and further resources are reported on the website. The National vaccination programme is being rolled out in Waverley.

8. Finance

- Verbal update on monthly finances, month 11 budget update

The Clerk confirmed that expenditure was on track for the year. It was agreed that £1,000 be moved from the current account to reserves as the Village Festival did not go ahead in 2020. Funds held at the bank were as follows:

Current Account – £ 7,166.43
Reserves Account - £9,845.00
Henry Smith Account - £ 2,361.62

- Payments to be approved:

- Approval of CiLCA training course for the Parish Clerk – £136.67
- Surrey Playing Fields Association annual grant - £40
- S.137 Grant for Hambledon Cricket Club £100
- S.137 Grant for Hambledon Football Club £100
- S.137 Grant for Hambledon Church £100
- S.137 Grant for Hambledon Village Hall £100
- S.137 Grant for HOPPA Transport £100

- CIL Update

No update.

- Cloud Update

The Clerk noted the file transfer and uploading of documents had been completed and that the password and log in would be circulated once log in issues were resolved.

- Henry Smith Charity verbal update

There were two payments this month. Grants in 2021 were being investigated and a letter of thanks had been received from a grantee.

Action: Clerk to set up new account for future CIL payments.

Action: Clerk to pass Cloud access details to Councillors.

9. Planning Matters Update

Cllr Anderson thanked Councillors for their comments on Waverley Local Plan Part Two and Cllr Payne for preparing the response. It was confirmed that the letter was submitted online and via email to Zac Ellwood at WBC Planning.

10. New Planning Applications

- **WA/2020/2020** - THE LAKE BARN, 6 WARREN LANE, HAMBLETON, GU8 4AS. Erection of extension and alterations. Councillors agreed to object to additional extensions.
- **WA/2020/2129** - 3 WARREN LANE, HAMBLETON, GU8 4AS. Erection of an attached garage and store. Councillors agreed to comment.

- **WA/2020/2037** - SAWMILL COTTAGE, SALT LANE, HYDESTILE, GU8 4DH. Application under section 73 to vary condition 1 of WA/2020/0104 (approved plan numbers) to allow changes to roof form and fenestration. Councillors agreed to comment.
- **WA/2020/1989** – SAWMILL COTTAGE, SALT LANE, HYDESTILE, GU8 4DH. Erection of detached outbuilding (revision of WA/2019/1929). Councillors agreed to comment.
- **WA/2020/2107** - WITTS END, THE CRICKET GREEN, HAMBLEDON, GU8 4HF. Certificate of Lawfulness under section 192 for a garage conversion into habitable accommodation. Councillors agreed no objection. Waverley to determine.
- **WA/2020/2055** - TUESLEY FARM, TUESLEY LANE, GODALMING, GU7 1UG. Retention of 20 hectares of polytunnels throughout the year (5.6 hectares heated by heat pumps drawing heat from the on-site reservoir, 14.4 hectares without heating), (located in particular fields identified as acceptable) on the farm; 40 further hectares.
The Councillors' views were considered. It was noted that the polytunnels had been contentious in the past when planning was first considered in 2008, and local views had been conflicting. The increased polytunnels in this application would have a visual impact on the countryside. It was noted that fruit farming has become more intensive, but the land had always been agricultural, and, arguably, was better looked after now. Hunter Hall Partnership offered employment, and local fruit was better for the environment than imported produce.
Potential residential development on this land would have a greater detrimental effect. The traffic numbers were queried, and more information is needed. Increased HGV's and traffic were of particular concern. The potential for more traffic from future developments at Dunsfold and Milford Golf Club, from Markwick Lane through to Milford was noted. It needs a holistic solution to the traffic into Milford and the surrounding roads by SCC.
- Councillors agreed a letter broadly supporting the scheme, but expressing concerns on traffic.

Action: Clerk and Cllr Anderson to liaise over response and send letter to Waverley Borough Council.

11. Recent Planning Applications

- **WA/2020/1795** – Hydon Wood Cottage. Feathercombe Lane, Hambledon, GU8 4DP. Erection of extension and alterations to elevations. PENDING DECISION.
- **WA/2019/1985** – Hambledon Lodge, Vann Lane, Hambledon, GU8 4HW. Erection of a dwelling car port and stables following partial relevant demolition of existing unlisted dwelling within a conservation area (revision of WA/2019/0470). REFUSED AT APPEAL.
- **WA/2020/1074** - HYDON FARM, HAMBLEDON ROAD, HAMBLEDON, GU8 4DL. Erection of a detached outbuilding to provide ancillary accommodation following demolition of existing garage/store. PENDING DECISION.
- **WA/2020/1143** – TIGBOURNE FARM, NEW ROAD, WORMLEY. Erection of an American barn and construction of an exercise track and round pen and associated works including change of use to mixed use of agricultural/equine use. WITHDRAWN.

Councillors noted for the record.

12. Village Matters

- Maintenance, highways, hedges, ditches and rights of way

Cllr McKeith noted that Colin Rapley will be starting work on the ditches, which should be completed by the end of the week. The ditch by the SGN gas works will be done at a later date. The pipe under the road at Rock Hill is blocked and has been reported to Surrey County Council, but in the event that Surrey don't attend, Colin Rapley would be asked to quote for it. Two trees which had recently fallen down across a footpath in the Hurst have now been cleared. Cllr McKeith will investigate additional maintenance works to be carried out in this financial year.

- Cllr Anderson reported that he had chased SGN on timings for the gas works, but it does not look like much more can be done to accelerate the works. SGN will not open the road at weekends or evenings due to Health and Safety regulations.

- Traffic and Speedwatch

Cllr Grove noted that Surrey Police and Surrey Highways will consider an enforcement action and Speed Trap on the A283 at Wormley Hill and Phillips Garage in the future. HPC have added their name to Witley Parish Council's petition requesting attention to signage, white lines and possible VAS usage on the A283 Wormley Hill, which is to be presented to Waverley's Local Committee on 23rd March. Cllr Grove thanked Cllr Steve Dale at Witley Parish Council for his help and support for progressing these traffic matters.

It was also reported that Mr. Cannon of Surrey Police Road Safety & Traffic Management has replied to Cllr Grove's letter confirming that where we requested speed limits, additional speed data would be required, and that it is now with Surrey County Council to progress. Speedwatch volunteer numbers are low, but a session had taken place two weeks ago with P.C. Steve Milford from Surrey Police. New sessions of Speedwatch will be restarting soon.

Cllr Payne briefly noted that there was no further news on the Destination Survey at Hydestile.

- Risk Analysis

Cllr McKeith confirmed that there were no updates.

- Other village matters

Cllr Payne reported that erecting the notice board was underway, and legs had been ordered.

Cllr Grove reported that she had delivered 7 Welcome Packs to new residents.

Action: Cllr McKeith to report back on Surrey County Council attending the culvert at Rock Hill

Action: Cllr McKeith to look at underspend in maintenance budgets for other works.

13. Village Organisations

- Almshouses – Cllr Sinnott noted that there was nothing to report. Next meeting was scheduled for 17th March. Cllr Payne noted the appreciative comments in the Parish Magazine about living in the Almshouses by one of the residents.

- Nursery School – Cllr Payne reported that the Nursery had closed one classroom because of staff and reduced numbers. Both classrooms were to be opened after half-term. He reported that lots of extra paperwork due Coronavirus had been experienced. Cllr Anderson thanked the staff at the Nursery for carrying on in difficult circumstances and the Trustees for all that they done to support the school.

- Village Hall – Cllr Grove noted that it had been Village Halls Week last week, supported by Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE). The Hambledon Village Hall has been entered into the ACRE Doomsday Book. Cllr Grove and the chairman Ruth Canham attended ACRE's meetings on Zero Carbon emissions and recovering from COVID.

Cllr Grove questioned whether Councillors had any objections to uPVC windows being installed in the Village Hall to replace the wooden frame ones. The Cllrs supported this. An application has

been made to Waverley Borough Council for Strategic Community Infrastructure (CIL) for funding for the windows.

- Hambledon Festival 2021 – Postponed until June 2022. Cllr Sinnott noted that there were a few potential events lined up for 2021, including a music event for one evening and a traditional fete on June 19th is being considered. A BBQ in August is also being reviewed. The Committee will need to evaluate risks and restraints depending on the COVID restrictions at the time.

- Village Shop – Cllr Scott-Bishop reported that the village shop was doing fine. A link was shared with the management team from SGN about loss of profit, but it was felt that this had not had much impact on profits. Budgets are being finalised for 2021/22, largely based on last year's budget. The shop remains open but operating on shorter hours. The Post Office is also open. They have applied to Waverley Borough Council for a COVID grant.

- St Peter's Church – Cllr Underwood reported that all Church services were listed in the Parish Magazine and were taking place from Busbridge. The church remains open from 9.30am – 4.30pm daily for private prayer.

14. Reports from outside meetings – None.

15. Forthcoming outside meetings – None.

16. Correspondence – None.

17. Dates of next meetings:

- 2nd March 2021

- 6th April 2021

- 22nd April 2021 Parish Assembly

- 11th May 2021

The Clerk raised the question of how the Parish Council would handle the Parish Assembly. It was agreed that the Clerk, alongside Cllr Sinnott and Cllr McKeith, would look at the possibility of conducting it via Zoom with updates in the Parish Magazine from the respective Village organisations. The Clerk to contact the usual participants soon.

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 20.30