

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL Minutes

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Hambledon Parish Council meeting on 7th February 2023 at 8pm in Hambledon Football Club.

Present Cllr Stewart Payne, Cllr Mary Grove, Cllr Sean Sinnott, Cllr Robin McKeith, Cllr Kevin Deanus (SCC/WBC), Catherine Russell (Clerk).

23/17 Questions from Members of Public

Sally Falk, local resident, was present. She wished to talk to the Council about the Good Neighbour Scheme. The Good Neighbour Scheme provides lifts for local residents to medical appointments and hospital visits. The scheme has run for many years, but has become more or less dormant. Sally Falk would like to formalise the scheme and get it going again. Surrey Community Action have set up similar schemes and have been offering advice as have Witley Parish. Recommendations are that there needs to be a committee, insurance and a push for more volunteer drivers who will be DBS checked. Insurance is needed to cover public liability outside of the car. Each individual driver would need to let their insurers know, but shouldn't incur any costs. Currently there are not enough volunteers but an increased demand for appointments. The Hospital Hoppa is available, but it costs £25 for a return journey and can be tricky to book. Hambledon Parish Council are in full support of the scheme and offer help in publicising the need for volunteers. During the year of the Volunteer and the Big Help Out, the Council hopes that it will encourage more volunteers in the village. For this scheme there needs to be 15 volunteers and there are currently 6 drivers. There will be more work on setting up the committee with a Treasurer and bank account. Future volumes of users are difficult to tell as publicity should help drive awareness. It is anticipated that it will need £500 to get started. Cllr Sean Sinnott advised that there would certainly be funds available somewhere within the village organisations. Chairman Stewart Payne thanked Sally Falk for all her work on the scheme and advised her to get in touch when she was ready to publicise it.

23/18 Apologies for Absence - Cllr Alison Scott-Bishop, Cllr Jude Milan, Cllr Philip Underwood, Cllr Jan Floyd-Douglass (WBC)

23/19 Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2023 were agreed.

23/20 Declaration of Interests no change:

- a) Cllr Mary Grove: Member, Village Hall Committee; Trustee, Hambledon Football Club, Trustee, Henry Smith Charity
- b) Cllr Sean Sinnott: Treasurer, Hambledon Village Shop; Treasurer, Hambledon Festival Association; Member, Hambledon Community Fund; Trustee, Hambledon Almshouses; Trustee, Henry Smith Charity.
- c) Cllr Alison Scott-Bishop: Chair, Hambledon Village Shop.
- d) Cllr Stewart Payne: Trustee, Hambledon Almshouses: Member of the Village Website Team.
- e) Cllr Jude Milan: Trustee and Parish Council representative, Hambledon Nursery School.

23/21 Brief Verbal Report from the County Councillor on matters from Surrey County Council (SCC) affecting this Parish.

Cllr Deanus said that of the 1106 reported pot holes from last week, 1101 had been fixed. There are double the number of crews out dealing with incidents and repairs, 16 during the day and 4 at night. Between April - December 2022 there were 93,000 gullies inspected with 83,000 cleared.

Cllr Payne asked about the recent news that the government has threatened to take Waverley Planning's local decision making powers away. Cllr Deanus reported that this was the case and that

Waverley Planning's performance was so poor that they may be taken over by the National Planning Inspectorate. Guildford Planning have also had the same letter. They have one week to come up with a plan to turn it around.

Local Plan Part 1 requires a review, which will undermine the work on Local Plan Part 2. If major changes are needed of LPP1 then that will stop LPP2.

Cllr Sinnott asked about the potential A3 tunnel under Guildford. Cllr Deanus said that this would not be considered in the next 5-10 years.

Cllr Grove asked about Thames Water fixes. Cllr Deanus agreed that Thames Water fixes were average and the standard is low. If it is clearly substandard then councillors should get in touch with him directly.

23/22 Brief Verbal Report from the Borough Councillors on matters from Waverley Borough Council affecting this Parish.

Boundary Changes have still not been communicated with HPC. Cllr Payne stated that Hambledon being grouped with Bramley and Womersley makes no sense as there are no ties to these parishes. Cllr Deanus said that the boundaries had been decided and would send through the final version in the morning (8th Feb)

23/23 Finance

- Verbal update on monthly finances, month 10 budget update. Cllr McKeith went through the draft budget. The Council is coming in on budget. Next year will be tight. There have been increases in costs across the board. However the Precept remains the same as it is a bad year for everyone, so the Council don't want more increases for households. There is plenty in reserves if needed this year. There are new costs this year for the Coronation and the Election. The Clerk will look into the potential cost to the Council if there is an election. Maintenance contractors have been asked for a statement of works. Surrey County Council have recently taken back certain environmental maintenance works, Cllr McKeith has asked for clarification on the lines of responsibility between SCC and HPC.
- Bank Mandates - Recognition that councillors should make any changes to bank mandates now as it takes months to change with Lloyds. Cllr McKeith will be changed to Administrator. Cllr Grove will speak to Lloyds

Approval was given to all payments:

- Clerk's expenses - £20
- CJ Dozers, Ditching - £1728
- Cllr Payne, Rock Salt - £47.40
- Neighbourhood CIL - The most recent amount received from Waverley will be moved across to the dedicated CIL account by the clerk.
- Good Neighbour Scheme - it was agreed that HPC would help with publicity
- Henry Smith Charity verbal update - £120 vouchers have been redeemed in the village shop. The CAB donation still needs to be arranged by the clerk, clarification is needed on the correct bank account. The clerk will follow up.

23/24 Planning Matters Update

WA/2019/0296 Orchard Farm - A look at any updates on works and comments on naming. The works are continuing. Naming is not finalised. The name Joicey superficially looked good, however there were a number of objections within the village. Following discussions with the Waverley Addressing team and English Rural, Livery is considered an acceptable option. No councillors objected to the use of Livery. Livery was agreed. Cllr Payne will communicate this to the Addressing Team and English Rural.

23/25 New Planning Applications

WA/2023/00284 Roundals Farm, Roundals Lane, Hambledon, Godalming, GU8 4EA. Erection of plant/bike/bin store outbuilding following demolition of existing plant/bike/bin store outbuilding.

HPC have no objections and no comments to make on this application.

WA/2021/03020 - Milford Hospital, Tuesley Lane, Godalming, GU7 1UF. Although outside of the Hambledon Parish boundary, Milford Hospital is an important facility for Hambledon. The future of the hospital has long been a concern for Hambledon. HPC wrote in support of this application in January 2022. HPC thanks Waverley for the notification of the amendment and continues to support the application.

23/26 Recent Planning Applications

WA/2022/03075 / WA/2022/03076 Orchard Cottage, Hambledon Park, Vann Lane, Hambledon, GU8 4DY. Application under Section 73 to remove Condition 3 of WA/2007/0188 (permission under appeal reference APP/R3650/A/07/20427 91) (condition requires demolition of Orchard Cottage and associated outbuildings) to allow the retention of Orchard Cottage. HPC's comments have been uploaded to the online portal.

WA/2022/02917 Cedarwood, 9 The Hydons, Salt Lane, Godalming, GU8 4DD. **GRANTED**

WA/2022/02827 Sunfield, Petworth Road, Wormley, Godalming, GU8 5TU. **PENDING**

WA/2022/02782 Hydon Wood House Annexe, Feathercombe Lane, Hambledon, GU8 4DP. **PENDING**

WA/2022/02738 Rockery Cottage, Woodlands Road, Hambledon, GU8 4HN. **GRANTED**

WA/2022/02691 West Surrey Golf Club, Station Lane, Godalming, GU8 5AF. **PENDING**

WA/2022/02009 - Bonners, Vann Lane, Hambledon, GU8 4EB. **PENDING**

WA/2022/01673 - The Bungalow, Vann Lane, Hambledon, GU8 4EB. **PENDING**

WA/2022/01674 - The Bungalow, Vann Lane, Hambledon, GU8 4EB. **PENDING**

23/27 Village Matters

- Local Government Boundary Commission Review. The ward structure has still not been communicated to HPC. Cllr Deanus advised that the map HPC were using was a draft. Cllr Deanus will send through the updated version in the morning.
- HPC May Election Planning - Advertising for new councillors. In May HPC will be losing two great councillors in Cllr Philip Underwood and Cllr Mary Grove. Therefore HPC are looking for applicants to put their names forward. If only two put their name forward there will be no need for an election. Those current councillors who wish to stand again will need to register their names. Waverley will be sending guidance on wording. Cllr Payne will work with the clerk to write an article for the website and the March Parish Magazine. A farewell for leaving councillors will be planned for the April meeting. The Clerk will double check the dates for form submission.
- Coronation / The Big Help Out Plans - HPC have no plans to put on any events, but will help publicise the Big Help Out and any other plans. Cllr Grove said that Andy Falk has indicated he may arrange an open garden event. There are volunteers required for the shop, Good Neighbour Scheme and Oakhurst cottage. Cllr Payne will write articles for the magazine and website to make it all clear to all on how to volunteer.
- Surrey Tree Warden Network - A local warden keeps an eye on trees. HPC agreed that this was already done within the Parish and formalisation within the warden network was not necessary.
- Oakhurst Cottage - Cllr Payne and Cllr Grove met with National Trust's new Oakhurst Cottage coordinator. The National Trust was not clear on the background of HPC's involvement in the property. Oakhurst Cottage was left to National Trust, but had tenants until the 1980s. It was turned into a visitor attraction only after a change of use from residential was approved. The cottage will open April 23 for 2 sessions over 2 days and will increase next year. The cottage needs two volunteers for each session. Cllr Payne reported that parking was discussed. Parking is difficult and it was agreed that the information pack would tell visitors to park on Vann Lane next to the shop.

- HPC Email Policy - Councillors agreed that the email policy was fine. The clerk's new email address has been activated and works. The councillors emails will now be set up. The clerk will follow up with Jon Petersen.
- Neighbourhood CIL Policy - The Neighbourhood CIL policy was agreed by Councillors. The clerk will set up a meeting with all village organisation heads.
- Play area - update on new children's play area. Users of the playground are delighted. Cllr Grove has requested quotes for the required sign. The see-saw is in place but looks very big. There still needs to be a final inspection. The Clerk will follow up
- Maintenance, highways, roadworks, hedges/ditches and rights of way
- Cllr McKeith reported that there are no roadworks forecast for the next 3 months. There is a leak at the bottom of St Dominic's drive
- Traffic and Speedwatch -
 There has been no speedwatch this month. Cllr Grove reported that Paul Osborne has asked that Salt Lane be reduced to 30mph from 60mph. This would mean Google Maps would not direct drivers down the route as it would be slower journey time. Councillors discussed that this would be difficult as SCC are not considering a change from 30mph to 20mph on a road next to a school.
- Welcome Packs - any new residents known who could receive a village welcome pack - one welcome pack has been distributed this month.

23/28 Village Organisations

- **Almshouses** – Cllr Sinnott reported no news.
- **Nursery School** – No update.
- **Village Hall** – Cllr Grove reported that the rates will be simplified. Film night will be going ahead soon.
- **Hambledon Festival** – Cllr Sinnott stated the Christmas party went ahead. There are no Coronation plans. There are plenty of funds to distribute.
- **Village Shop** – Cllr Sinnott reported that all was good. The financial results for the year are not as good as hoped. There will be a big drive for volunteers.
- **St Peter's Church** – No update.

23/29 Reports from outside meetings. Clerks Election Briefing

23/30 Forthcoming outside meetings. English Regional Transport Association - Proposal to reopen Guildford to Horsham train line. Meeting date tbc

23/31 Correspondence.

None reported

23/32 Dates of next meetings:

7 th March 2023	7th November 2023
4 th April 2023	5th December 2023
27 th April 2023 (Parish Assembly)	9th January 2024
16th May 2023	6th February 2024
6th June 2023	5th March 2024
4th July 2023	9th April 2024
No August meeting	25th April 2024 (Parish Assembly)
5th September 2023	14th May 2024
3rd October 2023	

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 22.11pm.