

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

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Hambledon Parish Council meeting on 7th March 2023 at 8pm in Hambledon Village Hall.

Present Cllr Stewart Payne, Cllr Mary Grove, Cllr Sean Sinnott, Cllr Robin McKeith, Cllr Jude Milan, Cllr Alison Scott-Bishop, Cllr Kevin Deanus (SCC/WBC), Catherine Russell (Clerk).

23/33 Questions from Members of Public

None present

23/34 Apologies for Absence - Cllr Philip Underwood, Cllr Jan Floyd-Douglass (WBC)

23/35 Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2023 were agreed.

23/36 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.

23/37 Brief Verbal Report from the County Councillor on matters from Surrey County Council (SCC) affecting this Parish.

Cllr Deanus said of the 5600 reports of potholes in the last 2 weeks, only 750 are left to fix. The number of repairs are exceeding the number reported. SCC currently have 29 crews out fixing the roads, far more than the normal 8-10 crews. The gritters were out tonight.

By the end of the month the HGV report should be ready. It will be sent to clerks to circulate further.

Community project funding is available and Cllr Scott-Bishop will speak to Cllr Deanus separately about funding for the village shop.

Cllr Deanus cited an example of utility works causing traffic issues on Reigate Hill where queues backed up onto the motorway. There can only be a fixed penalty of £80 overall regardless of the impacted number of days for this. This has been charged to the utility company.

Cllr Deanus reported that Hascombe Parish Council had also not received any information regarding the Boundary Commission Review. Cllr Payne spoke of the lack of communication. HPC had been told that they had been listened to and had their concerns acted on, but they were never told of the outcome.

There will be a complete new speed policy and the plan will be bold. In villages it will be noted where schools and estates are. Within 4 weeks there will be a rough plan. Councillors discussed how there were many towns and villages who had implemented 20mph. Cllr Deanus said that the policy will be changed but not overnight. The policy will be drafted, and 2023 will be for legal focus. There will then be a consultation across SCC. Cllr Deanus said it would happen.

23/38 Brief Verbal Report from the Borough Councillors on matters from Waverley Borough Council affecting this Parish.

Cllr Deanus said there was no update on the special measures

There was no update on Local Plan Part 2, but it is unlikely to be turned down. Cllr Payne asked if Local Plan Part 1 would be abandoned, Cllr Deanus explained that hopefully WBC would not need to do a full review.

Cllr Payne thanked Cllr Deanus for providing updates relating to WBC acknowledging it was not SCC Councillors job to do so.

23/39 Finance

- Verbal update on monthly finances, month 11 budget update. Coming to the end of the financial year, all regular payments and outstanding invoices have been called in. HPC are coming in £2500 under budget, which will allow for some to be used next year. March is normally the month grants for the individual organisations are sent out. Therefore the clerk will organise the transfer of £100 each to; Football club, Cricket club, Village Hall, Hambledon Church PCC, Citizens Advice Waverley, Hoppa Community Transport.

Cllr McKeith went through proposed changes for the budget, a number of items in the budget no longer needed will be shifted into an Election fund. There will now be £250 per year going into the fund. The play area will need a regular independent inspection. The clerk will check the costs involved. The village shop defibrillator will need a new battery and Cllr Grove will let Cllr McKeith the expected cost.

Approved payments:

- Clerk's working from home expenses - £20
- Cllr Grove - Welcome Packs - £18.55
- Neighbourhood CIL - Three applications have been received. HPC expect more and therefore will wait to have a full view. There is soon to be a new financial year and new Council so it is prudent to wait. The clerk will check with the Waverley CIL team to check that any project will be acceptable to Waverley prior to circulation.
Cllr McKeith suggested it was too early to make a decision and whether there needed to be wider awareness. Cllr Payne said he felt that there had been good advertising of the funds. Cllr McKeith asked whether footpaths could benefit.
Councillors agreed that it may be only a portion of the funds would be given to projects.
- Henry Smith Charity verbal update - The final £10 village shop voucher has been redeemed. Cllr Grove proposed a donation of £150 each to Citizens Advice Waverley and the Food Bank. All Councillors agreed. Cllr Grove will go to Sainsburys to do the shop for the Food Bank.

23/40 Planning Matters Update

WA/2019/0296 Orchard Farm - No update

Street naming Applications SNN/2022/0379 Livery Close, Hambledon, Godalming. The name Livery Close has been officially accepted by HPC and authorised by Waverley

APP/R3650/X/22/3313521 (WA/2022/02380) Highfield, Malthouse Lane, Godalming, GU8 4HH. The planning was rejected by Waverley and the occupants are appealing the decision. HPC had no comment or objection to the original application and this remains the same.

23/41 New Planning Applications

None

23/42 Recent Planning Applications

WA/2022/03075-03076 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 the demolition of Orchard Cottage and associated outbuildings) to allow the retention of Orchard Cottage **PENDING**

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

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

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

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. **GRANTED**

23/43 Village Matters

- Local Government Boundary Commission Review. Cllr Payne stated that with the initial consultation, HPC provided comments to the proposal. HPC were told that the comments had been listened to and concerns acted on. HPC were not made aware that the final recommendation was the original proposal - to be placed with Bramley and Womersley. It has become clear that the Hambledon Ward Councillors have not communicated to or represented the Parish. Cllr Payne states that this is not good enough and will write a letter to Waverley communicating this.
- HPC May Election Preparation - The magazine and website have articles asking residents to stand for election. No one has indicated their intent yet, but there is no need to do so. Councillors need to take their nomination papers in person to Waverley. In 2015 the last election, 6 of the 7 councillors stood again and there were 3 additional candidates. If more than 7 people put themselves forward, then there must be an election. Cllr Payne stated that democracy is best served by elections. The clerk will circulate Waverley's Election Briefing and links to nomination papers.
- Coronation / The Big Help Out Plans - Cllr Payne has spoken to Simon Willetts and Andy Falk about their plans. The Church will be open for the Coronation and there will be a viewing on the large screen. A flower festival will be arranged for the entire weekend. There will be no street party. Sunday 7th May will be an Open Garden. Councillors agreed that the Annual Parish Clean up will be delayed to Monday 8th May. Cllr Sinnott and Cllr McKeith will run the BBQ. Litter picking equipment will be arranged by Cllr Grove. People will be able to sign up to a number of volunteering organisations at the event as well.
- Parish Assembly Planning - This will be held on 27th April. There will be drinks and start at 8pm after the Chairman's Report, Cllr Payne will thank Cllr Underwood and Cllr Grove who will be standing down. Cllr Payne will speak to Cllr Underwood. The clerk will send out invites to all organisations and include the new table tennis club and Good Neighbour Scheme.
- Future of 503 Bus Service - It looks like the bus service will be lost to an on demand service. Cllr Payne wrote to Jeremy Hunt MP who picked it up with Katie Stewart, Director of Transport at SCC, who is yet to get in touch with HPC.
- Surrey Hills AONB Boundary Review - Cllr Payne will be attending the consultation on March 9th.
- HPC Email Policy - All councillors except Cllr Underwood are now using the hambledonsurrey email address.
- Play area - The play area is very popular and Cllr Scott-Bishop stated the shop has benefited from coffee buying parents. Cllr Grove and the clerk met with Natural Playscapes to discuss the final handover. Natural Playscapes will be adding in the missing pulley and lowering the seesaw. Cllr Grove has got two quotes for the permanent sign. The clerk will check the cost of the final inspection as well as the annual independent inspection. Cllr Grove and Cllr Milan will check what funding is available to purchase the sign and for the final inspection. Cllr Payne thanked Cllr Grove and Cllr Milan for all their great work in getting the play area installed.
- Maintenance, highways, roadworks, hedges/ditches and rights of way - An update on closures has been put on the website. Water Lane will be closed until 5th May. Lights will be in place on Lane End for gas repair, 20th March - 31st March. Traffic lights will be next to

the new Livery Close development on Petworth Road, 2nd May - 2nd June. Water leaks are being repaired. Cllr McKeith may look into how CIL money could be used on footpaths and bridlepaths.

- Traffic and Speedwatch - Witley have confirmed that the proposed VAS project will not go ahead. There may be some funds available from SCC but the proposal was not really what any Council wanted anyway.

There were 3 Speedwatch sessions last week where 9 cars were spotted in excess of 35mph on Malthouse Lane.

- Good Neighbour Scheme - There will be a meeting on Tuesday. Howard Green is Treasurer and has put together the constitution. Christine Campbell is the new Chair. The Fete has agreed to donate £500 for the insurance and the new bank account will be opened soon. Cllr Payne has donated a phone that will be used as the main point of contact for the scheme. The scheme will soon be fully up and running.
- Welcome Packs - any new residents known who could receive a village welcome pack - two new households have been identified this month.

23/44 Village Organisations

- **Almshouses** – Cllr Sinnott reported all was fine. An outdoor shed will be put up to allow extra storage in one house
- **Nursery School** – No update.
- **Village Hall** – Film night will be going ahead soon. More storage is required - Cllr Sinnott suggested a nearby resident may be able to help.
- **Hambledon Festival** – No update
- **Village Shop** – Cllr Scott-Bishop reported that from Monday 13th March, the shop will run on reduced hours, shutting one hour earlier on weekdays. This is mainly due to spiralling operational costs. It is regrettable and unpopular but it is needed to ensure the shop has a future.
- **St Peter's Church** – The vicar's house may be sold on the open market and they are currently in rented accommodation locally. In the meantime, the Church is investigating options for a new permanent home in the village

23/45 Reports from outside meetings.

23/46 Forthcoming outside meetings. AONB Boundary consultation on 9th March

23/47 Correspondence.

A non resident contacted the clerk to enquire whether the Surrey flag could be flown on the Church flagpole on Surrey Day. Cllr Payne agreed to contact them and speak to the Church.

23/32 Dates of next meetings:

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| 4 th April 2023 | 7th November 2023 |
| 27 th April 2023 (Parish Assembly) | 5th December 2023 |
| 16th May 2023 | 9th January 2024 |
| 6th June 2023 | 6th February 2024 |
| 4th July 2023 | 5th March 2024 |
| No August meeting | 9th April 2024 |
| 5th September 2023 | 25th April 2024 (Parish Assembly) |
| 3rd October 2023 | 14th May 2024 |
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THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.49pm.