

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

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Hambledon Parish Council Meeting on 6th June 2023 at 8pm in Hambledon Village Hall.

Present Cllr Stewart Payne, Cllr Robin McKeith, Cllr Jude Milan, Cllr Andy Hinde, Cllr Simon Rhodes, Cllr Kevin Deanus (SCC/WBC), , Cllr Jane Austin (WBC), Catherine Russell (Clerk).

23/82 Questions from Members of Public
None present

23/83 Apologies for Absence - Cllr Sean Sinnott, Cllr Alison Scott-Bishop, Cllr Lauren Atkins (WBC)

23/84 Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th May 2023 were agreed.

23/85 Declaration of Interests, one change:

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

23/86 Brief Verbal Report from the County Councillor on matters from Surrey County Council (SCC) affecting this Parish.

Cllr Kevin Deanus reported that maps showing the new HGV zones will be sent to the clerk by the end of the week. The new speed policy will be written by the end of the month and likely to be ready for a three month consultation period after summer.

23/87 Brief Verbal Report from the Borough Councillors on matters from Waverley Borough Council affecting this Parish.

Cllr Lauren Atkins was unable to attend the meeting and sent an update via email. She drew attention to the AONB consultation, HPC broadly support the changes. The Dunsfold Oil decision to allow oil and gas exploration is being challenged by Waverley. Munstead House has been bought by National Trust. She has been working to raise awareness of the Ask for Angela initiative, all pubs in her ward will display posters advertising the scheme. Lisa Townsend is keen to discuss police initiatives with local groups / neighbourhood watch coordinators. This will be added to the HPC July agenda for further discussion.

Cllr Jane Austin explained that there will be an Extraordinary Meeting held to discuss planning committees on 7th June. Elected ward representatives are being excluded from debating planning applications within their own ward. Councillors believe this change is being forced through and are totally against this change. An example was given that it could lead to Farnham representatives dealing with Hambledon business and removes all local knowledge from the decision. Councillors believe this is a threat to local democracy and will lead to poor decisions being made. Cllr Payne commented that it may be a political decision. On the face of it, the proposal does not make sense to remove local Ward councillors from the decision making. He stated that the point of local representation is just that. HPC will need to understand more about the proposal and will be following the decisions made carefully.

23/88 Finance

- Update on AGAR. The Annual Governance Statement was read to the Council and agreed. It was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- Update on monthly finances, nothing to report
- Approved payments:
 - Clerk expenses - £22
 - Microsoft 360 renewal - £59.99
 - Nigel Jeffries - £424.80 (Apr) and £424.80 (May)
 - Village Hall - hire - £200
 - Play Inspection Company - £420
 - Mary Grove expenses £43.43
 - ICO payment of £35 by dd no action required
- Neighbourhood CIL - No new applications. A new push will be needed. Council discussed how footpaths may be included. The footpath next to the Merry Harriers needs a lot of work. The clerk will look into how this might be improved, either via CIL or SCC.
- Henry Smith Charity verbal update - It was agreed to make payments of £100 to both the Foodbank and CAB.

23/89 Planning Matters Update

Livery Close Development - No update

23/90 New Planning Applications

None

23/91 Recent Planning Applications

PRA/2023/00977 Land centred coordinates 496520 14620, Station Lane, Enton, Godalming. General permitted development order 2015 schedule 2 part 6 **REFUSED NOT PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT**

WA/2023/01075 Homelea Cottage, Lane End, Hambledon, GU8 4HD. Alterations to roof space including installation of dormer window and roof lights to provide habitable accommodation.

PENDING

WA/2023/01078 Hurst Cottage, Petworth Road, Chiddingfold, GU8 4UX. Erection of a detached garage/workshop following demolition of existing garage and outbuildings. **PENDING**

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/2022/01673 The Bungalow, Vann Lane, Hambledon, GU8 4EB. **PENDING** The Council was made aware of wider local concerns around other activities related to the location. It is believed that Waverley may have already visited the site, but HPC are not aware of this. The clerk will investigate further.

23/92 Village Matters

- Future of 503 Bus Service - No update.
- Surrey Hills AONB Boundary Review - No update
- Play area - The permanent sign has been delivered. Cllr McKeith will organise putting the sign up. The post installation inspection identified some improvements that will be booked in with Natural Playscapes. It was identified that the branches and brambles need to be cleared to the boundary of the play area. Cllr McKeith will look into organising clearance. There was discussion over the need of a lifebelt at the pond, it was agreed that a lifebelt was likely unnecessary as the pond was so shallow (knee height).

- Maintenance, highways, roadworks, hedges/ditches and rights of way - There are no roadworks until August. The drain on Malthouse Lane will be fixed by SCC. The council will look into how to get SCC to maintain the footpath next to the Merry Harriers.
- Traffic and Speedwatch - There have been 15 2 hour sessions this year. 28 offences and 23 letters sent to offenders. They had representatives of Operation Edward (county wide project Every Day Without A Road Death) attend their last event.
- Welcome Packs - any new residents known who could receive a village welcome pack - two new households have been identified this month.
- Clerks Annual Review - Ongoing

23/93 Village Organisations

- **Almshouses** – No update.
- **Nursery School** – There are some staffing issues to be overcome. The outside walls have been painted. Cllr Payne has donated two apple trees which have been planted.
- **Village Hall** – There are daily bookings and a number of events being held. There are a number of refurbishments taking place, including the metal handrail and lanterns. The concrete standing outside the committee room has been extended and an outside tap installed.
- **Hambledon Festival** – No update.
- **Village Shop** – No update.
- **St Peter's Church** – Cllr Hinde will take over the regular updates
- **Website** - The website insurance is up for renewal and the cost has risen. The webteam will look into whether insurance is still needed and if it is, could HPC bear the cost.

23/94 Reports from outside meetings.

None

23/95 Forthcoming outside meetings.

SALC Clerk meeting, the clerk will attend.

23/96 Correspondence.

23/97 Dates of next meetings:

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

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.24pm.