

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

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Hambledon Parish Council Meeting on 5th September 2023 at 8pm in Hambledon Village Hall.

Present Cllr Stewart Payne, Cllr Alison Scott-Bishop, Cllr Robin McKeith, Cllr Jude Milan, Cllr Andy Hinde, Cllr Sean Sinnott, Cllr Simon Rhodes, Cllr Kevin Deanus (SCC/WBC), Cllr Lauren Atkins (WBC), Cllr Michael Goodridge (WBC), Catherine Russell (Clerk).

23/119 Questions from Members of Public

Mary Grove attended to discuss road safety by the Merry Harriers. There are concerns with the speed of cyclists going down the hill past the Merry Harriers. Mary Grove suggested that road chevrons could be added to the hill to slow down cyclists who pick up speed at the top of the hill causing safety issues at the crossing to the Merry Harriers. Councillors stated that the cyclists are unlikely to be speeding as the speed limit is 30mph, but equally they are unlikely to be heard like a car would be heard. Suggested ideas were chevrons or a fake painted pavement (similar to Milford). Cllr Deanus stated any painting of the road is not possible as it would need road closures. Councillors asked Cllr Deanus what options were available. SCC are looking at a 20mph limit and this is what would help. Councillors asked whether a sign could be placed at the top of the hill (for example Caution - Crossing Ahead). This would be around the entrance to Church Lane and the Old Rectory. Cllr Deanus said the sign would need to go on private land and not Highways due to increased liabilities. The Clerk and Cllr Payne will pinpoint where the sign could go and check who owns the land. The sign could be financed by the Road Safety Trust, Mary Grove will research this.

23/120 Apologies for Absence - Cllr Jane Austin (WBC).

23/121 Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th July 2023 were agreed and signed.

23/122 Declaration of Interests, no 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.
- e) Cllr Andy Hinde: Member of PCC, St Peter's Church, Hambledon.

23/123 Brief Verbal Report from the County Councillor on matters from Surrey County Council (SCC) affecting this Parish.

Cllr Kevin Deanus stated that the consultation on the proposed 20mph speed review continues. Hopefully the consultation with the police will be complete in the next month. The police have stated that the planned speed limit will be unenforceable. There will be a large number of TROs and a full legal process to go through afterwards. The 20mph will need villagers' support, Cllr Scott Bishop stated that there had already been a petition demonstrating the initiative is supported by Hambledon residents.

The HGV report is progressing and costs are being collected, roughly £120,000 for signs and legal orders. Cllr Deanus would like to include two new roads to ensure that HGVs are not pushed to Hascombe. Cllr Payne added that it was never HPC's intention to push HGVs to Hascombe and

therefore welcomed the addition. Cllr Payne said that local resident Paul Osborne who has campaigned to restrict HGVs through the village was pleasantly surprised by the proposal.

Bids for money from Fund Surrey are now open. The only criteria is that it would benefit a community asset and is non profit. There isn't a deadline, but bids are open and it's best to apply sooner rather than later. Councillors asked whether footpaths were included, Cllr Deanus stated footpaths are a Highways issue and do not fit the criteria.

The Surrey Ward Boundary Review, Cllr Deanus stated that the Eastern villages will stay the same

Cllr Payne asked about ditch maintenance and verge cutting. A resident has been in touch stating that the ditches around Wormley Road are not in a good state. SCC have recently taken back responsibility for the maintenance of grass verges, weeds and ditches. Cllr Deanus said the SCC are in charge of cutting the verges, but not necessarily the ditches. Councillors requested a map showing land responsibility. Cllr McKeith will get in contact with Matt Lank who may have further information.

Cllr Payne asked for further details on the rural bus on demand roll out. The bus service is very important to the village and HPC has not been a part of the discussion. Katie Stewart was meant to get in touch, but there has been no communication from her. Cllr Deanus stated that the on demand service would run alongside the 503 route and wouldn't be turned off. He added that there have been no bus routes changed within the Eastern villages. Cllr Deanus will put the relevant person in contact with HPC.

23/124 Brief Verbal Report from the Borough Councillors on matters from Waverley Borough Council affecting this Parish.

Cllr Atkins reported that she had been working through her list from the last meeting. There was no update on the future of 503 yet and would look to chase for more information. Councillors informed Cllr Atkins that there was an open conversation with the owners of Feathercombe Farm and no further help was needed in this area.

Councillors discussed the list of issues around Vann Lane Piggeries. The back field is being used for processing again. Councillors have photos to demonstrate it has been done for a while. Cllr Atkins stated that there is a list of areas Enforcement are looking at. The changes in the levels are unacceptable and the barn may need to come down. The wall is also unacceptable. Cllr Rhodes stated that the processing on the rear field was new. It was previously used for horses and therefore has recently had a change of use. There is also photo evidence that there was no path 10 years ago. Cllr Rhodes will follow up with Cllr Atkins. It is believed that the processing was not taking place on the rear field prior to April 22. The owner does not live in the village but has people living on site. The nearest neighbour has been driven out by the noise. Cllr Rhodes will send through any photos.

It's back to the drawing board for Waverley's Local Plan which will be fully revised and redrafted. Waverley's Planning Department has lost more staff. It has been destabilised by the merger with Guildford. Cllr Atkins estimates that 20% of the department have resigned.

23/125 Finance

- The VAT refund has been processed giving HPC a rebate of c£3000.
- Update on monthly finances, nothing to report as August is a quiet month.
- Annual Risk Assessment - Cllr McKeith circulated the Annual Risk Assessment and all was agreed.
- Approved payments:
 - Clerk expenses - £42

- Nigel Jeffries - Cricket Green - June - £266.40
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 - Tim Coleman - Grass cutting - Apr-Jun - £330
 - Tim Coleman - Grass Cutting - Jul-Aug - £230
 - Neighbourhood CIL - No update.
- Henry Smith Charity verbal update - There is £888 left for the financial year. It was agreed that the normal Christmas grocery shopping / heating vouchers would go ahead. The Clerk will work out the amount left after those have been taken into consideration.

23/126 Planning Matters Update

Vann Lane Piggeries - This was discussed earlier in the meeting

Livery Close Development - No update. A planned site meeting on October 19th, the timing needs to be confirmed.

Feathercombe Farm - Councillors have been to two site meetings since the July meeting. In August, Cllrs Payne, Scott-Bishop, McKeith and Rhodes met with the owners of Feathercombe Farm and their planning advisors. Councillors discussed a future planning application for an exercise track. It was considered a useful meeting and the application will need to go through planning. At this point HPC will be able to consider the application. A second meeting with the owner of Feathercombe Farm was held on 1st September. This was to discuss fencing in footpaths. Cllrs Payne, Rhodes and Scott-Bishop attended. Councillors walked across to the footpath in question, from Church Lane across the grazing field. The owners are concerned by the evidence of loose dogs across the field and potential future interaction with the horses they will place in the field. They wish to fence in the footpath across the field. It will be 2 m width and made with oak posts and wire to waist height which will not impede the view and the footpath will not be obstructed. The fencing will start at the church yard and will include gates to allow for movement of vehicles and horses across the land. Cllr Payne said that it was clear that dogs are not kept under control. It was observed that dog mess was spotted well off the footpath. No planning is required for the fencing. The Clerk has contacted both SCC Highways and Surrey Hills AONB for advice. Surrey Hills AONB have confirmed that there is no planning required and there will be no issues with this. SCC have not yet responded. On site Councillors asked whether the gap could be wider than 2m. HPC can not have any official input on this matter and will post as a statement of fact that this meeting has taken place.

23/127 New Planning Applications

WA/2023/01819 Bermonde, Hambledon Road, Hambledon, Godalming, GU8 4DR.

Erection of extensions and alterations (revision of WA/2023/01351) The original application was declared invalid as the rebuild was not complete. HPC noted that there have been no objections from neighbours. Councillors observed that the square footage of the application was greater than 40% of the original building (prior to the new build in place).

WA/2023/01805 ANNEXE HYDON WOOD HOUSE FEATHERCOMBE LANE GODALMING Erection of an ancillary annexe building following demolition of existing annexe building. HPC noted that there are no objections from neighbours

WA/2023/01750 2 AND 3 CRICKET GREEN COTTAGES THE CRICKET GREEN HAMBLEDON GODALMING GU8 4HF Listed building consent for replacement roof to numbers 2 and 3 cricket green cottages. These are National Trust properties that require reroofing. The work will be done sympathetically and therefore HPC have no comment.

TM/2023/01748 THE HYDONS SALT LANE HYDESTILE GODALMING GU8 4DD Application for works to and removal of trees subject of tree preservation order 37/99. HPC noted that the application has been put in on behalf of the Hydons management committee. The TPOs were placed on all trees at the point of the new development. HPC believe that the trees in question have no particular merit, they are rotting and splitting and therefore need removing.

WA/2023/01676 WOODBURY KNOLL 5 HAMBLEDON PARK HAMBLEDON GODALMING GU8 4ER. Erection of a single storey extension. HPC noted that there is one letter of support as well as one 'neither' which on balance is an object. Councillors consider the extension small and modest and see no need to comment.

TM/2023/01709 TOLT HOUSE 10 THE HYDONS SALT LANE HYDESTILE GODALMING GU8 4DD. Application for works to and removal of trees subject of Tree Preservation Order 37/99. The trees are within the property's garden. The trees in question are rotten and therefore require removing.

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Erection of extensions and alterations **INVALID**

PRA/2023/01265 Land at Feathercombe Farm, Feathercombe Lane, Hambledon, Godalming, General Permitted Development Order 2015, Schedule 2 Part 6 - Prior Notification Application for erection of an agricultural building. **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. **REFUSED**

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

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

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

23/129 Village Matters

- HGV report - This was discussed earlier in the meeting
- Surrey Police / Neighbourhood Watch local group - No update
- The Future of 503 Bus Service. This was discussed earlier in the meeting
- Surrey Hills AONB Boundary Review - Consultation on the proposed extension to the boundary. No update
- Play Area. Natural Playscapes are going ahead with some fixes on Thursday 7th.
- Maintenance, highways, roadworks, hedges/ditches and rights of way. As discussed earlier in the meeting, Cllr McKeith will see if there is a map that show SCC responsibility verges and ditches
- Traffic and Speedwatch. No speedwatch held recently
- Welcome Packs - any new residents known who could receive a village welcome pack. 5 delivered since July.
- Clerk's Annual Review. A salary review took place in July. Cllrs Payne, Scott-Bishop and McKeith met with the Clerk and agreed a salary increase moving from SCP 24 to SCP 26 which equates to £17.10 an hour. It was agreed that the amount would be backdated to 1 May 2023. An increase in hours was also agreed where the current contracted hours state 10 hours a week with the new contract stating 12 hours a week. The new contract has been sent to the Clerk to be signed and returned. CILCA training was agreed and the SALC recommended support programme at an additional cost of £365 was also agreed.

23/130 Village Organisations

- **Almshouses** – No update.
- **Nursery School** – No update.
- **Village Hall** – Roof investigations continue. A Fashion Show, Art Fair, cinema and quiz are all planned for the next few months.
- **Website** - There is a new member of the committee who has some good ideas to refresh the site.
- **Hambledon Festival** – The Christmas party is planned for December and the first meeting for the fete is in a week or so.
- **Village Shop** – All is fine. The Annual BBQ was last Saturday and very successful.

- **St Peter's Church** – No update. The Minster project is all approved and moving forward. The vicar's housing is currently near Enton rather than directly in the village.

23/131 Reports from outside meetings.

Two Feathercombe Farm site meetings as detailed earlier in the meeting

23/132 Forthcoming outside meetings.

SALC meeting for Councillors 13th September
Orchard Farm site meeting tbc 19th October
SALC AGM and Conference - 19th October

23/133 Correspondence.

- A resident contacted HPC to ask about ditch clearance scheduling. This was discussed earlier in the meeting

23/134 Dates of next meetings:

3rd October 2023	6th February 2024
7th November 2023	5th March 2024
5th December 2023	9th April 2024
9th January 2024	25th April 2024 (Parish Assembly)
	14th May 2024

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.44pm.