

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL Minutes

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Hambledon Parish Council Meeting on 3rd October 2023 at 8pm in Hambledon Village Hall.

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

23/135 Remembering former Cllr Philip Underwood and former Vicar John Postill.

Cllr Payne paid tribute to former Cllr Philip Underwood for his sterling service to the community. Philip Underwood was on the parish council, for many years as deputy. He virtually ran the village fete for years and in particular was in charge of the dog show within the fete. He helped see the village shop through a challenging period, running it as an unpaid manager for quite some time. He was passionate about butterflies and insects running many informative talks in the hall. He retired from the parish council earlier this year. Hambledon Parish Council would like to extend its thanks and gratitude for his many years of service.

HPC would also like to recognise the large contribution to the community from former vicar John Postill. His thanksgiving service will be held over in Busbridge.

23/136 Questions from Members of Public

None present

23/137 Apologies for Absence - Cllr Andy Hinde, Cllr Sean Sinnott, Cllr Lauren Atkins (WBC), Cllr Michael Goodridge (WBC), Cllr Jane Austin (WBC).

23/138 Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th September 2023 were agreed and signed.

23/139 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.

23/140 Brief Verbal Report from the County Councillor on matters from Surrey County Council (SCC) affecting this Parish.

Cllr Deanus confirmed that the HGV report is ticking along and one extra road is to be added. *(Added Background, the proposed HGV ban will stop HGVs using Markwick Lane / Salt Lane as a cut through from the A3 to the A281).* The progress will be a marathon not a sprint. It is likely to be the biggest HGV ban in the south of the country.

The speed policy review continues with a meeting on Thursday with select committees. The approach Wales has taken with blanket 20mph will not be this approach. The policy will be 20mph in rural areas and near schools. Parish councils / the community must support it. The plan is unchanged.

Cllr Deanus informed Councillors that his role was changing. He is moving from Highways and will be on fire, mortuaries and community safety.

Cllr Payne gave an update regarding the future of the 503 bus service (covered later in the meeting). Cllr Deanus informed councillors that the roll out of DDRT had been well received in other areas, for example Mole Valley has had positive feedback to the new service.

23/141 Brief Verbal Report from the Borough Councillors on matters from Waverley Borough Council affecting this Parish. None present.

Cllr Deanus confirmed the news that Tom Horwood, Waverley Chief Executive, had resigned as had two other financial chiefs and the head of Environment. They will be tricky roles to fill. Guildford Council is in the midst of financial issues and the replacements would need to take on both Waverley and Guildford. Waverley Planning is in disarray with a significant staff turnover of 40%.

23/142 Finance

- HPC was externally audited and is waiting on the results. It is likely to have been picked due to the increase in income caused by CIL funds (an additional c£50,000). The budgets are tighter this year.
- Approved payments:
 - Clerk expenses - £72.30
 - Natural Playscapes - £2049.60
 - SALC Conference attendance - £48
 - Nigel Jeffries - Cricket Green - Sep - £266.40

It was agreed that HPC would pay for the new defibrillator battery next to the village shop in November / December.

- Neighbourhood CIL - The clerk has completed the Waverley CIL form for submission to detail how the money has been spent so far. Councillors considered areas that might benefit from investment, there were no new applications for funds.

It was discussed whether the funds could be used to mitigate the dog mess on footpath 181 Henry Smith Charity verbal update - There is £888 left for the financial year.

23/143 Planning Matters Update

Vann Lane Piggeries - There is no update

Livery Close Development - A planned site meeting on October 19th at 4pm, requiring PPE to be worn. The clerk will ensure the invite is sent out and request PPE for those attending. The new rental properties have been advertised.

Feathercombe Farm - The new fencing has been installed on footpath 181 and councillors are pleasantly surprised. The width is considerably larger than the legal requirement. Councillors acknowledge and appreciate this action. The fencing has highlighted anti-social dog walking behaviour with a large amount of dog excrement now visible. The owners of the farm will maintain the current look of the fencing and therefore the dog mess will always be visible. One current notice reminding dog owners to clean up after their dog is slightly hidden. The council will produce a clearer one, more prominently displayed on the gate at the start of the footpath. Planning applications relating to Feathercombe Farm will soon be submitted and HPC is in conversation with the owners.

23/144 New Planning Applications

WA/2023/02002 HAZELS VANN LANE HAMBLEDON GODALMING GU8 4EB. Erection of two storey extension and alterations. Councillors are aware of the considerable planning history of Hazels, including its recent complete rebuild. HPC is surprised that it needs an extension. The extension will include a new hall with a lift and cloakroom to allow for wheelchair storage. There are no objections from neighbours. HPC does not object but will send a comment to Waverley to draw its attention to the significant planning history.

WA/2023/02066 WHITE WARREN VANN LANE HAMBLEDON GODALMING GU8 4DY. Certificate of lawfulness under section 191 for existing building works; a material operation started within three years of the date of permission under wa/2020/0921 (erection of store building; replacement

stable block following demolition of four outbuildings.) And as such the permission remains extant and implementable. HPC note that this is a technical application required to demonstrate that works have begun following the lapse of previous planning permission.

TM/2023/01940 CEDARWOOD 9 THE HYDONS SALT LANE HYDESTILE GODALMING GU8 4DD. Application for works to trees subject of tree preservation order 37/99. HPC note that no comment is needed.

23/145 Recent Planning Applications

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

Erection of extensions and alterations (revision of WA/2023/01351) **PENDING**

WA/2023/01805 ANNEXE HYDON WOOD HOUSE FEATHERCOMBE LANE GODALMING Erection of an ancillary annexe building following demolition of existing annexe building **PENDING**

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. **PENDING**

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 **CONSENT GRANTED**

WA/2023/01676 WOODBURY KNOLL 5 HAMBLEDON PARK HAMBLEDON GODALMING GU8 4ER. Erection of a single storey extension. **GRANTED**

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 **PENDING**

WA/2023/01351 Bermonde, Hambledon Road, Hambledon, Godalming, GU8 4DR. Erection of extensions and alterations **INVALID**

23/146 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. Cllr Payne met with David Ligertwood, he is Senior Planner at SCC rolling out the Digital Demand Response Transport (DDRT). Central government has provided money to get rid of scheduled buses. Stagecoach's contract (who run the 503) will run out September 2024. This means that the scheduled 503 as it exists today will no longer run. Councillors were informed that Hambledon had done well to keep the service, but now SCC believe they have a far better option to offer as an alternative. The scheme has already been rolled out for Cranleigh and Farnham. There will be an electric minibus and you ring a number so that the bus can come to you and take up anywhere within the ward boundary. If you want to go to Guildford, you will need to change at Godalming. HPC will work closely with the team to ensure that the future plans work for the village.
- Surrey Hills AONB Boundary Review - Consultation on the proposed extension to the boundary. No update
- Play Area. Natural Playscapes has completed its work. The clerk has compiled a monthly safety check list which will be circulated each month.
- Maintenance, highways, roadworks, hedges/ditches and rights of way. Cllr McKeith has been identifying whether there are any issues with the village ditches. No issues have been identified. The cricket green was badly cut recently. After complaints, the contractor apologised and the most recent cut was using the usual equipment and therefore satisfactory.
- Traffic and Speedwatch. No update on the potential 'slow down' sign near Church Lane. Recent speedwatch identified 4 cars speeding above 36mph and 6 above 30mph but below 36mph.
- HPC Emails - i) confirmation all Councillors are using HPC emails ii) a discussion whether HPC emails should be published on the village website. Following recent phishing emails, all

councillors agreed that the councillors emails should be removed from the village website but to keep them in the magazine. Councillors will continue to be contactable via the clerk.

- Welcome Packs - any new residents known who could receive a village welcome pack. 3 recently delivered.

23/147 Village Organisations

- **Almshouses** – No update.
- **Nursery School** – No update.
- **Village Hall** – The fashion show was successful and the art show is upcoming
- **Website** - A few minor changes are being made
- **Hambledon Festival** – No update
- **Village Shop** – All is alright financially. The deli accounts for 50% of sales which leaves the deli busier. The shop management structure will be discussed at the next meeting.
- **St Peter's Church** – No update. There will be a Thanksgiving service held for Philip Underwood at the church.

23/148 Reports from outside meetings.

Future of the 503 - reported earlier in the meeting

23/149 Forthcoming outside meetings.

Orchard Farm site meeting - 4pm 19th October

SALC AGM and Conference - 19th October

23/150 Correspondence.

- Councillors discussed the Community Ownership Fund, was there anything HPC could apply for? HPC discussed the village pound.
- A resident has queried the removal of trees within the footprint of the old greenhouse in the field near Hydestile crossroads. Councillors believe the trees being removed are new to the landscape.

23/151 Dates of next meetings:

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

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.30pm.