

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 December 2011 in the Church Rooms

Present: John Anderson (Chairman), Mike Parry, Paul Pattinson, Steward Payne, Philip Underwood and Mike Whittall; Cllr. Elizabeth Cable; PC Tracey Taylor; and Jane Woolley (clerk)

Apologies: Sarah Stuckey and Cllr. Adam Taylor-Smith

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2011 were **agreed** and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

3. FINANCE

Cheques

Agreed and signed the following

- Tim Coleman: village maintenance, November	£160.00
- Norris and Gardiner: cricket green cutting, October	£205.94
- CPRE: annual subscription	£ 29.00
- Village Hall hire, 2011	£173.50
- Waverley Borough Council: election polling cards	£ 65.77
- Workstation: stationery	£ 15.00

Budget, 2012-13

Agreed to include £1,000 each for general maintenance and the fete marquee hire, plus an additional £500 for other fete costs; and to finance production of the Village Design Statement from reserves. Noted that the resultant budget would require a precept of just over £10,000, which was in line with previous years.

Noted that, although accounting for the Henry Smith Charity grant did not form part of the formal annual audit, it was scrutinised as part of the internal audit.

4. PLANNING

Nutbourne Brickworks

Noted that the transfer of property to the Parish Council had now been completed and that when the deed had been registered a copy would be sent to the Parish Council.

Noted the (tabled) recent aerial photographs of the site which confirmed that all existing buildings had been demolished.

WA11/1877 – Merry Harriers. Confirmed the Chairman's decision to agree to the removal of a condition restricting use of a garage to domestic use.

WA11/1897 – Nutbourne Brickworks. Confirmed the Planning Committee's decision to approve the removal of a condition to permit deculverting and landscaping of a section of a stream.

5. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Noted that preparation of a first draft was due to start in the new year.

6. VILLAGE MATTERS

Police

Noted that there had been two burglaries and one attempted burglary (with a subsequent arrest) in October in Hambledon; that investigations into recent drug raids remained on-going; and that, compared with the previous year, there had been a 53 per cent reduction in crimes in Waverley in 2011.

Maintenance

Expressed concern at Thames Water's delay in dealing with leaks in Roundals Lane and outside the Village Shop; **agreed** that the Clerk should make enquiries; and noted that pipe damage could have been caused by the transport of heavy machinery to and from the Nutbourne Brickworks.

Winter weather

Noted that Peter Knight would be clearing Cherryhurst and Wormley Lane (which had not been included on the original schedule); that Stewart Payne had placed a detailed article on winter preparations on the village web site; and that information on roads and travel, including gritting information, could be found on a dedicated Surrey Travel Twitter page.

Local bus services

Noted that SCC was consulting on reductions to commercial bus services (which in rural areas were largely financed by SCC grants) and that one of the proposals was the withdrawal of service 503 through Hambledon and its replacement by a demand-responsive Hoppa service. Noted that, although only a few villagers used the bus, it provided a vital facility for anyone who could not drive and that Stewart Payne was therefore eliciting comments on its proposed withdrawal in advance of attending a consultation meeting on 6 December. **Agreed** that, if at all possible, a bus should continue to run on Friday morning (Godalming market day) and that, if Hoppa became the only alternative to a commercial service, a regular run should be organised and that the possibility of Hoppa honouring bus passes should be investigated. Noted that the consultation period ran until the end of January 2012 and therefore **agreed** that the Parish Council should prepare a formal response at its next meeting. Also noted the further proposal to cut those parts of services 70 and 71 that currently run from Lane End into Godalming and Haslemere.

Superfast broadband

Agreed that massive speeds were probably unnecessary, even for those working from home; and that the main requirement was for a consistently reliable service. Noted that, having invited all villagers to take part in the current survey, there was little more that the Parish Council could do at this stage but that it might be appropriate for a further meeting to be organised with Jeremy Hunt if the Surrey Strategic Partnership did not appear to be making progress.

Can man

Noted that used cans were again being thrown onto verges and into hedgerows around the village; **agreed** that the Clerk should make enquiries; and noted the possibility of seeking Police support in getting it stopped.

7. PARISH ASSEMBLY AND VILLAGE CLEAN-UP

Noted Village Design Statements as a possible topic for a guest speaker at the Parish Assembly and **agreed** to pursue this, and Councillors' other ideas, at the next meeting. **Agreed** that the format of the clean-up worked well and should therefore be repeated, with a concluding barbeque at the Village Shop; and noted the possibility of involving whatever contractors might be working at the Nutbourne Brickworks in on-going litter management.

8. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Nursery School

Noted that the Nursery School had information as to which state primary schools its pupils went on to and **agreed** that this should be brought to the next meeting with a view to discussing the extent to which Hambledon parents' first – or any – choices for primary school places were being met.

St Peter's Church

Noted that an Associate Vicar had been appointed.

9. OUTSIDE MEETINGS

Surrey Community Action: Digital TV Switchover Help Scheme. Noted that the workshop on 29 November had been solely concerned with how to support those who qualify for help under the scheme.

Surrey Wildlife Trust: Living Landscapes seminar, 18 November. Deferred to the next meeting.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Sport Godalming: 2011 Downs award

Agreed that the Parish Council should write formally to Mick Coleman, congratulating him on winning this award for outstanding achievement in promoting sport in the community.

Milford Hospital

Noted that Waverley would shortly be launching a public consultation on the future of land surrounding Milford Hospital and that, in its response, the Parish Council would probably want to press for any development to include affordable housing.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30