

# HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

of the meeting held on 11 September 2012 in the Village Hall

Present: John Anderson (Chairman), Karen Jones, Stewart Payne, Peter Spall and Philip Underwood; and Jane Woolley (clerk)

Apologies: Mike Parry, Paul Pattinson and Cllrs. Adam Taylor-Smith and Elizabeth Cable

### 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 August 2012 were **agreed** and signed.

### 2. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

### 3 COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL

Noted that Peter Spall had agreed to be co-opted pending the next elections and welcomed him to his first meeting.

### 4. PORTFOLIOS

**Agreed** the list for the current year (attached to the file copy of these minutes).

### 5. FINANCE

#### Cheques

**Agreed** and signed the following

- Tim Coleman: village maintenance, July/August	£320.00
- Norris & Gardiner: August Cricket Green cutting	£199.94
- BDO: audit fee	£162.00
- Workstation: copying, laminating, ink	£ 85.23

#### Budget, 2013-14

Noted that, wef April 2013, central government would be cutting funding for council tax support by 10 per cent, which would leave Waverley with a budget shortfall of approx. £.6m. Noted the tabled paper setting out Waverley's initial proposals for tackling the problem and **agreed** that it would be prudent to assume, for the time being, that Waverley's support (through the precept) for Town/Parish Councils would also fall by 10 per cent in 2013-14. Discussed various suggestions for meeting this shortfall and **agreed** to pursue these at the next meeting, by which time all Councillors would have had an opportunity to read the Waverley paper.

### 6. PLANNING

#### Waverley Core Strategy: pre-submission document

Reviewed the previously circulated summary which included the Parish Council's comments on the March 2012 draft core strategy; noted the extent to which these comments had/had not

been incorporated in the present document; noted that comments, on the legal compliance or soundness of the pre-submission document, were now being invited; and **agreed** that these should be submitted as follows:

- CS3: sustainable transport. It should be a pre-requisite that development proposals in rural areas should include proposals for the provision of adequate transport facilities; this was particularly important in the case of Upper Tuesley but was barely addressed in the Upper Tuesley Development Brief; it was therefore important that it be specifically stated in Policy CS3.

- CS4: infrastructure and community facilities. Same comments apply as for CS3.

- CS15: landscape character. Although the Green Belt was a matter for central government legislation, given the pressures that were being mounted for its reduction should not this policy express the view that its integrity should be maintained?

#### Dunsfold Park Development Brief

Noted the paper from Waverley (tabled) seeking comments, by 21 September, on an outline of issues likely to be covered in the brief and **agreed** that the following points should be made in the Parish Council's response:

(1) Is it envisaged that development could in theory take place on all of the Previously Developed Land (ie 86 per cent of the entire site)? This could be construed from the present paper. Instead, the brief should clearly set out the maximum area(s) and location(s) on which development will be permitted. Ideally these should be limited to the area to the north of the runways.

(2) That Dunsfold Park is not the Council's preferred location for accommodating housing growth is to be welcomed. However, "employment development, intensification and expansion of activity to support the economic needs of the Borough" – ie office/industrial development – is likely to put more pressure on transport infrastructure than housing. Housing would increase the number of car movements; office/industrial creates requirements for car and lorry movements; yet it is already recognised that the majority of rural roads leading to the site are unsuitable for HGVs. Constraints on transport infrastructure and the difficulty of overcoming these should therefore be stated in the brief and should also dictate the maximum area(s) permitted for development (see (1) above).

(3) The brief should clearly state that there can be no subsequent transfer of permissions for office/industrial development to housing development.

## 7. VILLAGE MATTERS

### National Trust properties in Hambledon

Noted that, following prior advice from the National Trust to the Parish Council, the forthcoming availability of Honeysuckle Cottage had been advertised in the Parish Magazine and on the village web site, together with details of the letting agent.

### Bus service

Noted that the new three-times-a week 503 service through Hambledon became operational on 3 September; that revised timetables had been posted on the notice boards, would appear in future issues of the Parish Magazine and were available in the Village Shop; that Stewart Payne had reported a minor error in the timetable for the 503 service; and that, although the 503 could be hailed, the possibility of a few strategically-placed bus stops remained under consideration.

### BT telephone box at Hambledon Village Shop

Noted that the leaks had been repaired insofar as was possible and that the box had been repainted by a BT contractor during August.

## 8. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

### Almshouses

Noted that Jane Caie, a Parish-Council nominated Trustee, had agreed to resign; that Peter Spall had been nominated in her place; and that his appointment was expected to be ratified by the Trustees of the Almshouses at their meeting later in September.

### Nursery School

Noted the School's thanks to the Parish Council for the redundant 1953 village sign.

### Village Hall

Noted plans for future fund-raising events, including a quiz night; and that Tim Coleman would be shortly be clearing vegetation and cutting hedges.

### Village Shop

Noted that work had started on up-grading the garage.

Noted that nominations for the Countryside Alliance Awards (the "Rural Oscars") were currently being sought; that as many people as possible were being invited, via the Parish Magazine, the village web site and the shop's Facebook page, to nominate Hambledon Village Shop and Post Office in this category of awards; and that nomination forms were available in the Village Shop or on line.

### St Peter's Church

**Agreed** that the role of the churchyard as a graveyard should take precedence over the provision of a nature reserve, particularly given the amount of open country within and adjacent to the village. Noted that the grass had recently been cut (cost: £250) and the possibility of the Parish Council contracting direct for two cuts per annum in future years; and **agreed** to pursue this suggestion when preparing next year's budget.

## 9. OUTSIDE MEETINGS

### English Rural

Noted that Stewart Payne would represent the Parish Council at the celebrations in Chiddingfold of English Rural's 1,000<sup>th</sup> home on 18 September.

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

## 11. OTHER BUSINESS

Parish Council notice board at the Hydestile Crossroads. Noted that this was falling into disrepair and thanked Stewart Payne for his offer to construct a replacement.

Grit bin, Woodlands Road. Noted that subsidence now prevented this from being locked.

Hambledon web site. Noted that its technical maintenance, long-term, might have to be reviewed and **agreed** that the Hambledon Village Trust, which had assumed financial responsibility for the site, should be involved in any discussions to this end.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 23 October 2012**