

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the meeting held on 26 June 2012 in the Village Hall

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

Apologies: Paul Pattinson and Cllr. Adam Taylor-Smith

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2012 were **agreed** and signed.

2. CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOMES

Agreed that a letter should be sent to Mic Coleman, past Chairman of the Parish Council, warmly congratulating him on his award of the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours for services to sport and the community in Hambledon.

Welcomed Karen Jones following her co-option to the Parish Council and who was attending her first meeting.

Welcomed PC Tracey Taylor on her return to duty after a period of sick leave.

3. DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE/REGISTERS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

These were signed/reviewed by Karen Jones and Philip Underwood respectively.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

5. PORTFOLIOS

Reviewed the current list and **agreed** amendments.

6. FINANCE

Cheques

Agreed and signed the following

- Arthur Blackman: marquee deposit	£ 600.00
- Perfect Pitch: marquee balance	£4,590.66
- Jane Woolley: jubilee party food (S.137)	£ 212.87
- Philip Underwood: jubilee party food, etc. (S.137)	£ 428.71
- Stewart Payne: jubilee party beer (S.137)	£ 158.69
- Mike Parry: jubilee party charcoal (S.137)	£ 39.00
- Workstation: jubilee party posters/invitations (copying, laminating)	£ 74.79
- Norris & Gardiner: May Cricket Green cutting	£ 199.94
- Tim Coleman: April/June maintenance	£ 480.00
- Norbury sawmills: Jubilee signs	£1,413.60

S.137. Noted that current expenditure remained well within permitted limits.

7. JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Agreed that the involvement of so many village groups in the fete had made a substantial contribution to its success and thanked all those concerned with its organisation.

Agreed that the Parish Council-hosted party had also been extremely successful; thanked those concerned with its organisation; and asked that letters/e-mails expressing villagers' appreciation should be placed on circulation.

8. PLANNING

WA12/0399 - Springfields, Woodlands Road. Noted that the appeal against Waverley's decision to refuse planning permission for the proposed dormer windows had been lodged.

9. VILLAGE MATTERS

Police. Noted three cases of criminal damage, including to the Nutbourne Brickworks site gateway, as a result of which it was planned to install CCTV monitors; that the Waverley crime rate was satisfactorily low at present; and that car park surveillance was being maintained.

Bus review. On consideration of the circulated report and an oral up-date by Stewart Payne, expressed appreciation of the decision not only to retain but also to increase to three mornings a week the 503 service; noted that the service would continue to be provided by Stagecoach; **agreed** to accept SCC's invitation to work with them in promoting the service and identifying a few strategic sites for bus stops, plus timetables, along the route; and **agreed** that Stewart Payne should remain the point of liaison with SCC.

Telephone box at the Village Shop. Noted that BT had just contacted Stewart Payne to discuss repairing leaks and repainting; and **agreed** that the Village Shop should be asked to minimize inconvenience caused by the storage of newspapers in the box.

10. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Almshouses. Noted that maintenance work had been carried out on the drains and that over £30,000 had been contributed to the up-grade appeal fund.

St Peter's Church. Noted the considerable disquiet expressed by a number of villagers about the state of the graveyard, which in some cases had prevented people from accessing graves; noted that the PCC received an annual grant towards Church (including graveyard) maintenance costs from the Parish Council; and **agreed** that both points should be conveyed to the PCC, together with a request that grass cutting in the graveyard be reinstated

Oakhurst Cottage

Noted that the reconstituted Advisory Committee had met on 25 June; that the Clerk had been elected as its Chair; that it had been a productive and forward-looking meeting; that visitor numbers were up by over 200 per cent year-on-year; that the Trust had agreed to revert to visits by appointment only, on four afternoons a week during a three-hour period, as from 2013 (which could be managed by the existing stewards); that a letter of thanks and encouragement was being sent later in the week to all stewards; and by way of thanking them further for their contribution to the success of Oakhurst, there would be an end-of-season party at Feathercombe.

Agreed that, for the time being, the Clerk should remain a Parish Council representatives on the Advisory Committee but that Karen Jones should take on the Oakhurst portfolio and be invited to attend future committee meetings.

11. OUTSIDE MEETINGS

Waverley: Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). On consideration of the circulated report, noted the main criterion was that projects should benefit whole communities and that the Almshouses up-grade would not therefore qualify; but **agreed** that enquiries should be initiated on behalf of the Football Club for their new pavilion.

Waverley joint meeting with Town/Parish Councils, 23 July. Noted that the main agenda item would be the new Standards Regime and Code of Conduct required by the Localism Act; **agreed** that the Parish Council should be represented; and **agreed** to decide nearer the time whom the representative(s) should be.

CPRE Surrey Committee meeting, 28 June. Noted that Upper Tuesley Farm was an agenda item; **agreed** that Mike Parry should be sent the Waverley Executive covering paper to the final text of the Special Development Brief for this site; and noted that a planning application was about to be submitted.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Busbridge Parish Council: invitation to participate in the formation of a joint Busbridge-Hambledon-Hascombe Neighbourhood Plan. **Agreed** that the reasons underlying the decision not to prepare a Hambledon Plan were equally applicable to a plan covering the wider area proposed by Busbridge and that the invitation should therefore be declined.

Tuesley Farm: various. Noted Waverley's response to issues raised by Busbridge (which had already been considered by the Parish Council), the grants (with conditions) of planning permission for an agricultural building and for mobile homes, and proposals for restorative work to the Community Path; and asked that the relevant documents be placed on circulation.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

A283. Noted that there was to be a further survey of speed limits from the Cherry Tree Roundabout, Milford to the Sussex border.

Rights of Way - grass cutting. Agreed to request a copy of the 2012 schedule.

BW186. Noted that, following a Land Registry search, the SCC Rights of Way Officer would be meeting the owner of the land on the north side of the path to discuss the positioning of his fence and that a further report would be made to the next meeting.

Resignation. Noted that Mike Whittall would be moving out of the village on 30 July and in consequence would be submitting his formal resignation from the Parish Council; and thanked him for his considerable input during the past two years.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7 August 2012