

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the meeting held on 27 November 2012 in the Village Hall

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

Apologies: Cllrs. Adam Taylor-Smith and Elizabeth Cable

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2012 were **agreed** and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

3. FINANCE

One-off grants

Noted the request for a grant from Citizens Advice Waverley; noted that a similar request (and one from Hoppa) had been received last year and grants of £100 made to both organisations; and **agreed** that both should be included in this and subsequent years' budgets.

Cheques

Agreed and signed the following

- Tim Coleman: village maintenance, October	£160.00
- CPRE: annual subscription	£ 29.00
- Norris & Gardiner: October Cricket Green cutting	£199.94
- Village Hall: meeting hire charges, 2012	£180.00
- Citizens Advice Waverley: grant (S.137)	£100.00

Budget, 2013-14

Noted the information provided by St Peter's Church about future grass cutting in the churchyard; **agreed** that this should result in a far better maintained area of an important part of the village; expressed concern that a proposed area for wild flowers, which would remain uncut until late summer, lay in full view of the public footpath; and **agreed** to suggest that, if such an area were needed, it should be located against the north rather than the south wall.

Agreed in principal to make a grant towards the cost of cutting the churchyard and to determine a final figure in January.

Noted that Stewart Payne would advise the likely cost of the Nursery School outdoor classroom (for which it had already been agreed to make a grant) as soon as possible.

Noted that the budget would be finalised at the January meeting, by which time the precept should have been set and it should be known whether Waverley would be continuing payment of compensatory grants.

Funds from deposit

Agreed a withdrawal of up to £3,000 and authorised the Chairman and one other Councillor to sanction the exact amount once the December bank statement had been received.

4. PLANNING

WA12/1733: Marepond Farm Barn – certificate of lawfulness for use as ancillary residential accommodation. **Endorsed** the Planning Committee's decision not to object.

TP12/0179: 10 The Hydons – tree works. **Endorsed** the Planning Committee's decision not to object.

Upper Tuesley Farm: outline planning application. Noted that the views of the Parish Council, as expressed at the last meeting, had been sent to Waverley and asked to be advised of the date when the application was to be considered, with a view to the Parish Council attending/making representations.

Waverley Draft Tenancy Strategy. On consideration of the previously circulated note, **agreed** to support the objectives and key proposals of the strategy and also to stress the importance of Waverley doing everything possible to increase the supply of affordable housing within the borough.

Community Infrastructure Levy. On consideration of an oral report by the Clerk, who had attended the briefing meeting organised by Waverley on 20 November, noted and commented as follows on what appeared to be the key issues:

- proposed residential charging schedules: one- and two-bed houses are the most needed, yet they will be the most severely hit by the proposals – double the current S.106+SPA rate in the case of a one-bed house. Some taper essential: for example a CIL rate of £50 per sqm for one-beds, rising to £200 per sqm for five-beds.
- exclusion of office/industrial/all other development: surely no developer will bring forward proposals for any of these types unless they are expected to be viable? CILs, particularly in the case of private sector developments, should be considered, though possibly at rates in line with retail rather than residential.
- review of rates: essential that these should regular, with the first after, say, five years.

5. VILLAGE MATTERS

Police. Noted that since 18 October there had been no crime within the village and that proactive spot checks, as part of the drink/drug driving campaign, would be carried out in Hambledon and adjacent villages during December.

Parish Assembly, 2013. Noted the tabled list of topics/speakers over the past 10 years; **agreed** that this should also be included in the next Parish Magazine with a request for ideas for 2013; and **agreed** to pursue further at the next meeting.

Footpaths. On consideration of the circulated report, **agreed** suggestions for exclusions and inclusions in the list of paths to be cut during summer 2013 and requested that the SCC Rights of Way officer be so informed.

Public access to Coleman's Copse. On consideration of the circulated report, **agreed** that the letter, as drafted, should be sent to SCC in support of the Heritage's Society's work to maintain public access to Coleman's Copse via footpaths on land now belonging to Millgate Homes.

Affordable housing. On an oral report, noted that, with input from and the agreement of Waverley, English Rural had identified a possible site and entered into negotiations with the land owner; noted that the land owner had recently decided not to sell the land, at least for the time being; and **agreed** that the matter would therefore have to be put on hold.

Football Club. Noted the celebratory event at the Cricket Club at 18.00 on Friday 30 November which the Chairman, Philip Underwood, Stewart Payne and the Clerk planned to attend; and that the venue for the cheque presentation ceremony was now likely to be the Merry Harriers [note: subsequently confirmed, 17.15, Friday 30 November].

6. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Almshouses. Noted that the appeal for funds for the up-grade now stood at £58k (inclusive of a donation of £10k, yet to be received, from Millgate Homes); that no support had so far been forthcoming from the local commercial undertakings that had been approached; that two charities had indicated that they might provide support in due course; and that some ex-villagers were now being asked if they would consider making contributions..

Village Hall. Noted the success of the recent curry and quiz night, which had raised just over £670.

Hambledon Village Shop. Noted the success of the recent 20th anniversary party and that Tim Parker had taken over from George Pitt as Chairman of the Directors of HVS Ltd.

Oakhurst Cottage. Noted that there had been over 1200 visitors in 2012 (due to the suspension of prior booking) and that this had put a considerable strain on the volunteer guides; that next year visits would revert to being by appointment only; that the new toilet should by now have been completed; that the maintenance schedule was being reviewed and that necessary repairs to the fabric of the cottage appeared to be in hand; that its contents were also being reviewed; and that Karen Jones had attended the last meeting of the Advisory Committee as an observer.

7. OUTSIDE MEETINGS

Surrey and Sussex Association of Local Councils' seminar, 16 November. On oral reports, noted that Karen Jones, Peter Spall, Mike Parry and the Clerk had attended; that it had been an informative and interesting evening from which a few useful points had emerged (and, where appropriate, noted by the Clerk); and that these had included the suggestion that the Internal Auditor might undertake a half-yearly examination of the Parish Council accounts.

SCC Local Committee in Waverley: Cranleigh and Eastern Villages task group, 22 November. Noted that Mike Parry had attended and noted his tabled report on the matters that had been discussed. Arising from these, **agreed** that a strong case should be made for the resurfacing of Lane End and that Stewart Payne would ensure the inclusion in the next Parish Magazine of a note about Hambledon's arrangements for coping with winter weather.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Superfast Broadband in Surrey. Noted that SCC had signed a contract with BT; that after a survey had been undertaken a deployment schedule would be published, possibly early in 2013, including information for every post code in Surrey; that the project would look into the use of alternative technologies for premises that cannot be reached by fibre-based infrastructure; and that the latest newsletter contained no information about possible costs to customers wishing to access superfast broadband.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Display boards. Noted that George Pitt had donated six boards to the village; **agreed** that he should be sent a letter of thanks from the Parish Council; and **agreed** that Philip Underwood would liaise with Kim Cross (or another member of the Village Hall Committee) with a view to the boards being stored in the Hall.

Grass cutting. Noted that the Cricket Club had paid for the recent cutting of the grass outside Hambledon Hurst.

Village Pond. Noted that weed dressing had been applied.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.25 **Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8 January 2013**