

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 29 October 2013 in the Village Hall

Present: John Anderson (Chairman), Karen Jones, Paul Pattinson, Mike Parry, Peter Spall and Philip Underwood; Jane Woolley (clerk); Cllr. Elizabeth Cable; PC Tracey Taylor and PCSO David Boxall; and two members of the public

Apologies: Stewart Payne

QUESTION TIME

DEVELOPMENT AT UPPER TUESLEY FARM

The Chairman introduced Peter Green (Barratt Homes) and Simon Toplis (HTA Design) who briefly presented the scheme. A detailed planning application was likely to be submitted in two weeks; demolition would start as soon as possible thereafter; contractors were expected to be on site by February/March; and work was expected to last for two/two and a half years.

Clarification was sought and obtained regarding the number of affordable homes. Concern was expressed about the number of four- and five-bedroom homes; whether the 10 custom-built homes (for internal fitting out to purchasers' specifications) would in practice be affordable to those seeking to buy at the lower range of the market; and the inclusion of roof lights where dormer windows would be visually preferable. The proposal to replace the left/right turns at the Station Lane//Church Road junction with a mini-roundabout (a departure from the previously proposed transport/traffic mitigation measures) was queried. Bus provision would be via an extension of the existing Hoppa service for Milford Hospital; it might be increased from two morning/two afternoon services per day if widely used; and a bus shelter would be built on the development site. Other queries related to restrictions on on-site parking of caravans, boats, etc; management of the site post-development; lighting levels and the provision or otherwise of lighting on the footpaths linking the site to Milford Station and the Portsmouth Road; and a prohibition, and if so for how long, on post-development PDRs. The future of the water tower had yet to be decided; but if, as seemed likely, it was demolished, nothing could be built in its place.

FORMAL BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2013 were **agreed** and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

3. FINANCE

Cheques for confirmation

C J Dozers & Partners - hedge cutting

£ 384.00

Cheques for **approval** and signature

Tim Coleman – September/October maintenance	£ 320.00
Norris & Gardiner – cricket green cutting, September/October	£ 411.88
Workstation – ink, stationery	£ 47.87
Surrey County Playing Fields Association - annual subscription/grant	£ 40.00
Hambleton Heritage Society – books for Welcome Pack	£ 15.00
Hambleton Nursery School – grant towards cost of outdoor classroom (S.137)	£1,000.00
Surrey Hills – Hambleton Hurst grass cutting and removal	£ 140.00

Henry Smith Charity

Noted the grant of £2,000 for 2013, of which the bulk would be passed on to the Hambleton Almshouses

Budget, 2014-15

Noted receipt of a letter from Waverley suggesting that Town/Parish Councils assume a 12 per cent reduction in council tax support and a 10 per cent reduction in compensatory grant; that these would represent reductions of £20 and £910 respectively for Hambleton; that a draft budget for the forthcoming year would be brought to the next meeting (3 December); that Waverley hoped to notify its overall council tax base shortly thereafter; that central government was still considering capping town and parish councils whose precepts exceeded two per cent compared to the current year; and that the budget would be finalised at the January meeting.

4. PLANNING

Planning applications

Confirmed decisions of the Planning Committee not to object to the following

- NMA13/0120: Moor Cottage, Sweetwater Lane - extensions
- WA13/1571: Burgate Lodge, Markwick Lane – detached outbuilding
- WA13/1629: 10 The Hydons – extension

Waverley planning forum, 24 September

Noted that the Chairman had attended; that discussion topics had included conservation area appraisals, a legislative up-date and permitted development changes; and that it had been a useful meeting.

Upper Tuesley Farm

Agreed to seek further information about advance permission to commence demolition [note: an application for permitted development rights has been submitted and is still under consideration] and

- the proposed mini-roundabout
- on-site parking of caravans, boats, etc
- lighting
- post-development PDRs.

5. VILLAGE MATTERS

Police

Noted that there had been two shed burglaries and one dwelling theft during the past two months; that a campaign to cut the number of burglaries was already bearing fruit; and the increase in thefts of expensive bikes, very often from unlocked sheds. **Agreed** that Dave Boxall would contribute an appropriate article for the December Parish Magazine.

Highways

Noted that Colin Rapley already cleared undergrowth/overhanging hedges adjacent to ditches; that he was currently clearing ditches along Lane End/Hambleton Road and Vann Lane; and that he would then start checking drains and gullies. Noted that he had also

cleared, by private arrangement, ditches on Raymond Smith's land which should mitigate flooding along Land End. Noted that the removal of earth that was currently having to be piled up at the side of ditches would probably have to wait until next spring as a suitable venue for its disposal still had to be identified. Complemented Colin Rapley on his work and asked that the thanks of the Parish Council be passed on to him.

Noted that Tim Coleman and Arthur Frearson had cleared the two trees that had fallen across Malthouse Lane during the storm on 27 October and that action by SCC to clear the one across Vann Lane at its junction with the Cricket Green was awaited.

6. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Almshouses

Noted that quotes for the refurbishment of the vacant Almshouse were now being obtained.

Village Hall

Noted the forthcoming fund-raising quiz night (23 November).

Village Shop

Noted forthcoming events, viz. Halloween celebrations (31 October), a Christmas Fair (5 December) and the volunteers' party, preceded by wine tasting (26 November); and that Jane Woolley had taken on the role of volunteers' co-ordinator.

Oakhurst Cottage

Noted that the volunteers' party was on 1 November, that the Cottage would be put to bed early in November and that the next meeting of the Advisory Committee was on 18 November.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Citizens Advice Waverley. Noted the annual request for a grant and that £100 had been included in the current budget for this purpose; and **authorised** the signing of a cheque (S.137) for £100.

Japanese Knotweed. Noted Alex Fuller's concern that this be controlled, particularly alongside the path running from the Village Shop to Paddock Close; and **agreed** that this should be checked and, if necessary, remedial action discussed with the Lord of the Manor.

Superfast Broadband in Surrey. Noted SCC's suggestion that it brief the Parish Council and **agreed** that further information should be obtained so that the appropriateness or otherwise of a presentation to the Parish Assembly could be assessed.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

CPRE. Noted (i) a recent submission to Jeremy Hunt concerning the importance of Waverley maintaining its defence of the rural environment when refining its Core Strategy and (ii) a letter from the Department for Communities and Local Government confirming the importance which central government attached to the Green Belt.

SCC Local Committee in Waverley: task group meeting, 5 November. **Agreed** that it would be appropriate to report the success of devolving funds to enable the Parish Council to commission its own programme of hedge, ditch and gully maintenance and to indicate that, if the scheme were to be continued, Hambledon would wish to request further funding in subsequent years.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 22.00

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3 December 2013