

# HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 5 August 2014 in the Village Hall

Present: John Anderson (Chairman), Karen Jones, Mike Parry, Paul Pattinson and Peter Spall; Cllr. Elizabeth Cable; Jane Woolley (clerk); and four members of the public

Apologies: Stewart Payne and Philip Underwood

### 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2014 were **agreed** and signed.

### 2. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

### 3. FINANCE

#### Cheques

**Confirmed** signature of the following

- Perfect Pitch Marquees: hire of tent, village fête	£5,362.08
- Peter Woolley: first cut, grass outside Hambledon Hurst	£ 60.00

**Agreed** and signed the following

- Tim Coleman: June, July maintenance	£ 320.00
- Norris & Gardiner: cricket green cutting, June, July	£ 514.86

### 4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

#### Planning applications

- WA14/10423/4: Court Farm, Church Lane - use of habitable basement
- WA14/1046: Admers Cottage, Cricket Green – replacement extension
- WA14/1062: Moor Cottage, Sweetwater Lane – new kitchen in existing habitable space
- WA14/1110: 8 Nutbourne Cottages, Roundals Lane – variation of previously approved roof line
- WA14/1300: Stepside, Lane End – replacement conservatory

**Endorsed** the decision of the Planning Committee to approve all of the above

WA14/1305: Farm Cottage, Malthouse Lane - application for a Lawful Development Certificate for extensions and a garage

Noted that Waverley was currently assessing whether the application met all necessary criteria, including the designation of the principal elevation and the percentage of the curtilage to be covered by the development. If it did, it would be for the legal team to make a decision; if it did not, a planning application would be required and the planning department/committee would adjudicate.

**Agreed** that Farm Cottage was one of the few small vernacular cottages remaining in the village and that, borough-wide, there was just as great a need for modest dwellings as there was for executive homes.

**Agreed** that the proposed development would destroy the character of the existing building and would have a detrimental effect on the views and privacy currently enjoyed by the immediate neighbours.

**Agreed** that locating a 5-bedroom house surrounded by decking on a picturesque village road which formed part of the Greensand Way and within a conservation area was totally unsuitable and that any such development would be out of keeping not only with its immediate surroundings but also with the village generally.

**Agreed** that the amount of traffic that would be generated by a 5-bedroom house would add considerable to the strain that existing traffic was already placing on Malthouse Lane and that the views of SCC highways should be sought.

Noted the precedent that would be set if the application were allowed and **agreed** that every attempt should therefore be made to prevent its going forward.

## 5. VILLAGE MATTERS

### Police

Noted that no crimes had been reported in Hambledon during the past month.

### Highways

Noted that verge cutting was due to be carried out in September.

Noted the ineffectiveness of the street cleaning initiative in Hambledon, and probably in most rural areas, and that Cllr. Cable would pursue this with the relevant Waverley officer.

Noted that the blocked gullies in Malthouse Lane and at Potters Hill had been included on the list of work for an SCC jetter during the week beginning 4 August [Note: both cleared on 7 August]; that SCC had ordered a new pipe and gully for installation at the top of School Hill during the next three months; that Roundals Lane was due to be resurfaced before the end of the year; and that the thanks of the Parish Council for positive responses to these requests for assistance had already been passed on to SCC.

### Scottish and Southern Energy

Noted that further news regarding the promised future work schedule was still awaited and that regular e-mails were now being received from SSE's performance manager.

Noted that Mike Parry and the Clerk would be visiting SSE's network management centre on 28 August.

### Cricket Green

Noted that the whole of the land for which the Trustees were responsible was registered as a village green, that discussions regarding the future of the Trust remained on-going and that an up-date would be requested for the next meeting of the Parish Council.

## 7. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

### Almshouses

Noted progress with the letting of the refurbished cottage. Expressed surprise that there had been no response from Waverley to the initial advertising of the vacancy and noted that Cllr. Cable would make enquiries.

### Village Shop

Noted that the new coffee machine had arrived and was proving extremely popular; that the shop was now open all day during week-ends; and that there continued to be a substantial increase in trade.

#### Oakhurst Cottage

Noted that a cheque for £500, from the proceeds of the village fête, had been sent to the National Trust as a contribution towards the cost of essential repairs and that a letter of thanks to the Parish Council and the fête committee had been received.

### 7. CORRESPONDENCE

#### Surrey Waste Management Plan

Noted that a questionnaire about reducing, reusing and recycling more of Surrey's waste was available on line, that details would be forwarded to Parish Councillors and that fliers had been requested from SCC for the village notice boards, the Parish Magazine and the village web site.

#### Waverley replacement local plan

Noted that proposals, including four possible scenarios for meeting future housing needs, ranging from 210 to 400 houses a year, would be considered by the Borough Council on 12 August and, if approved, submitted for public consultation in September with a view to a full draft plan being published early in 2015. **Agreed** that the Clerk should abstract and circulate brief details of the scenarios to Parish Councillors.

### 8. FUTURE MEETING DATES

**Agreed** changes to dates of meetings during the first part of 2015.

### 9. OTHER BUSINESS

Arising from two queries by Cllr. Cable, noted that a riding school that was being advertised in the Hambledon Road was in Busbridge parish and that there had been no reports to the Parish Council regarding the flooding of the pond at Marepond Farm.

Informal playground outside the Village Shop: **agreed** that Tim Coleman should be asked to provide a new wicker hut and to consider what other minor improvements might be made to the site.

Hambledon House: noted the high noise levels at recent events held at the property.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.15

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9 September**