

# 1HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 April 2014 in the Village Hall

Present: John Anderson (Chairman), Mike Parry, Paul Pattinson, Stewart Payne, Peter Spall and Philip Underwood; Jane Woolley (clerk); and one member of the public

Apologies: Karen Jones and Cllrs. Adam Taylor-Smith and Elizabeth Cable

### 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2014 were **agreed** and signed.

### 2. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

### 3. FINANCE

#### Cheques

**Agreed** and signed the following:

Hambledon Village Shop: Parish Assembly refreshments (S.137)	£ 56.00
Hambledon Village Shop: Village Clean-up refreshments (S.137)	£ 68.74
NALC: annual subscription, Local Council Review	£ 35.00
AON: annual insurance premium	£511.74

#### Risk Assessment

Noted the previously circulated report which had not identified any matters of concern for which the Parish Council was directly responsible.

#### On-line banking

Noted that the application continued to be processed.

#### Clerk's salary

**Authorised** an amendment to the Standing Order for a payment of £189 pm wef the end of April 2014.

### 4. PLANNING

#### Planning applications

- WA14/0399 and 0400: Court Farm, Church Lane - replacement extension

**Confirmed** the Planning Committee's decision not to object.

- WA14/0497: Hambledon Village Shop - change of use from residential to retail

**Agreed** that the extra space that would thereby be provided would benefit the shop and that the application should therefore be supported.

### 5. PARISH ASSEMBLY, VILLAGE CLEAN-UP

Noted the minutes of the Parish Assembly (previously circulated) and the high attendance; and **agreed** that both had been very successful events.

Arising from the request for a small playground outside the Village Shop, **agreed** as a first step to resurrect the informal play area that had been created in response to a 2003 Parish Plan initiative and thanked Philip Underwood for offering to take this forward.

## 6. HAMBLEDON CRICKET GREEN TRUST

Noted that the Trustees were still awaiting legal advice on options for the future of the Trust.

## 7. VILLAGE MATTERS

### Highways

Noted that the substrata of that part of the Hambledon Road which had not yet been resurfaced was still waterlogged and that work was therefore unlikely to be resumed until the end of May; that when it was, the expectation was that the gulley which had been tarmac'd over by Malthouse Farm would be cleared and that the edges of the road between Feathercombe Lane and Potters Hill would be filled in; and that an SCC jetter was due in the village at the end of May to unblock drains running under the road at Malthouse Farm and at Lane End.

Noted that SCC had approved a grant of £2,500 under the 2014-5 localism initiative; that just over £500 remained of last year's grant; that Mike Parry had started to discuss a new programme of ditch and drains maintenance with Colin Rapley; and that his first task would be to apply mesh to the culverts along the Hambledon Road and in the rectory field to prevent their silting up again in the future.

Noted the cutting schedule for selected Rights of Way in the Parish remained the same as for 2013 but with a later start date.

### Thames Water

Noted that a report on the sinkhole at the Church Lane/Hambledon Road junction had been promised by 17 April.

Noted the report (previously circulated) that had been received following Emmeline Smart's attendance at the previous meeting and **agreed** that it should be reproduced in the Parish Magazine and on the website. Noted that the problem of water loss over Christmas would be followed up direct with Mrs Baker by Thames Water.

### SSE

Noted the previously circulated report from Matt Yates and **agreed** that the Clerk should monitor proposed action vis-à-vis local radio stations and discuss with Stewart Payne practical proposals for self-help and two-way communications in the event of further power cuts. Noted that, in response to a request for institutions, etc, that might be particularly vulnerable to power cuts, Matt Yates had been given contact details for St Dominic's School and Hambledon Nursery School.

**Agreed** to defer further action pending receipt of the technical reports promised by the SSE representatives who had attended the Parish Assembly.

## 8. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

### Almshouses

Noted that work was now being completed on the interior of the refurbished property and that the vacancy would be advertised shortly.

### Nursery School

Noted that the main challenge was to raise sufficient funds for replacing the windows and asked Stewart Payne to bring the estimated cost to the next meeting.

Village Hall

Noted that the electrical up-grade had been completion and that the committee would be organising and receiving the income from teas at Vann on the spring bank holiday.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted that Stewart Payne had been advised that Busbridge Parish Council had decided to continue its sponsorship of the telephone box at the Hydestile Crossroads for an annual fee of £500.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.05

**Date of next meeting: Monday 19 May 2014**