

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 24 June 2014 in the Village Hall

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

Apologies: Cllr. Elizabeth Cable

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2014 were **agreed** and signed.

2. REGISTERS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Received an amended register from Philip Underwood and noted that no amendments were needed to the registers of Mike Parry and Stewart Payne.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

4. FINANCE

Cheques

Agreed and signed the following

- Tim Coleman: May maintenance	£160.00
- Workstation: print cartridges	£ 24.75
- Norris & Gardiner: cricket green cutting, May	£205.94

Data protection registration

Noted and **agreed** the annual payment of £35 by direct debit on 26 June

Hambledon Almshouses

Noted receipt of the accounts for 2013.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

WA14/0917 – Marepond Farm, Markwick Lane: alterations to existing barn to provide a dwelling with detached garage.

Noted the comments of the planning committee. **Agreed** that, aesthetically, it would be preferable to demolish the barn and replace it with a purpose-built house (as envisaged in the previous application, WA13/1796, which had been refused); that the alternative, ie putting a bargate stone facing on to what was effectively a non-convertible barn, was a second-best alternative; but that, as the Parish Council had stated in its comments on WA13/1796, a new-build would not accord with current planning legislation and could, as such, set a precedent for future unwelcome development within the Green Belt.

6. VILLAGE MATTERS

Police

Noted that during the period 1 April – 19 June there had been no reported crime in Hambledon but that there had been an increase in thefts from sheds, garages and motor vehicles in the area.

Village Fete

Noted its success but that doubts had arisen regarding a contribution to the National Trust.

Agreed that this needed to be handled sensitively and noted that the Clerk would liaise with the Fete treasurer before any firm decision was taken.

Noted that liaison would be established with Witley to avoid a clash of dates in future years.

Highways

Noted that the Parish Council's comments on the success of the highways localism initiative had been well received at the recent meeting of the SCC Local Committed in Waverley.

Expressed disappointment that repairs to Roundal's Lane were not expected to be carried out in 2014-5; **agreed** to request that this be reconsidered for funding under the Horizon programme; and agreed to remind SCC that repairs had also been requested to the footpath along the A283 and to Church Lane.

Noted that the resurfacing of the Hambledon Road had been completed; that the problem of parked cars along Lane End might be alleviated by a central white line and that its provision should be kept under review; that tree cutting at the Lane End/A283 junction was needed to improve site lines; and that pressure continued to be put on SCC to deal with four blocked gullies that required jetting.

Scottish and Southern Energy

Noted the previously circulated up-date regarding tree cutting and line refurbishment and that Hambledon-specific news might be provided during July; and **agreed** that Mike Parry and the Clerk should take up the invitation to visit SSE's management centre in Portsmouth.

BT phone boxes

Noted that BT phone cards could no longer be used to dial a number via an initial 0800 number, which rendered operational boxes virtually obsolete (with the exception of 999 calls and, possibly, reversed charge calls); and that the decision to withdraw this facility without any consultation was being pursued by Stewart Payne.

7. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Almshouses

Noted that the formal opening of the refurbished Almshouse would take place on 28 June and that Millgate's offer of a £10,000 grant was still being pursued.

Nursery School

Noted the recent outstanding Ofsted report; that, at the appropriate time, this would be publicised in the Parish Magazine and on the village web site; and that a congratulatory letter would be sent from the Parish Council.

Noted that it was not yet known whether the School had approached the Hall Hunter Foundation for a grant towards the new windows and that only minimal assistance, if any, would be available from Waitrose; and noted that the School had been informed of voluntary maintenance work currently being undertaken in the area by Sainsbury.

Village Hall

Noted that the financial situation remained satisfactory despite higher-than-usual expenditure on improvements during the past year.

Village Shop

Noted that increases in sales and the café trade had enabled the manager to be employed full-time, with two more part-time paid assistants; that all-day Saturday and Sunday opening was planned in the near future; that fliers advertising the new arrangements had been distributed at the village fete and that all volunteers had also been briefed; and that one of the two computers had been removed (without affecting the wi-fi facility), thus freeing up space within the shop.

Oakhurst Cottage

Noted the recent meeting of the Advisory Committee; that the NT curator had attended the fete to talk to villagers and obtain information about the history of the cottage; that to date visitor numbers were up by 13 per cent on last year's figures; and that it was still hoped to start the structural repairs in the autumn.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Hall Hunter Foundation

Noted that this supported mainly horticultural and agricultural projects and international charities linked to staff; but that criteria for funding would be put on file in case an appropriate application from a Hambledon organisation was ever identified.

Waverley review of polling districts and places

Noted that this had been publicised and that the closing date for representations was 18 July.

Surrey Clubs for Young People

Noted receipt of the annual report and **agreed** that this should be placed on circulation.

Farnham Neighbourhood Plan: scoping report

Noted receipt of the scoping report and **agreed** that this should be placed on circulation.

Waverley joint meeting with Town and Parish Councils

Noted that the next meeting would be on Monday 28 July starting at 19.00 and that the Chairman and Clerk hoped to attend.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

SCC draft transport strategy

Noted that this was now available for public consultation via the SCC web site.

Hambledon House

Noted that its extended use had prompted a query as to whether this might result in future noise and other disturbances and **agreed** to keep the matter under review.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5 August