

# 1HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 25 March 2014 in the Village Hall

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

Apologies: Paul Pattinson and Stewart Payne

### QUESTION TIME

Emmeline Smart, regional performance manager, Thames Water (SW London and Guildford area), attended at the invitation of the Parish Council, with her colleague Colin Bryant, to discuss the following

- Bursts in one of the mains running down Rock Hill, 18 and 19 December. There had been a two-week delay in carrying out the second repair: this was unacceptable as all faults should be repaired within five working days. Only the section in which the bursts had occurred had been replaced as a 60-year old cast iron pipe was not normally considered obsolete.

However, this would be further investigated given that the road surface lower down the hill was being undermined by flowing water.

- Bursts at Lane End. Several bursts had occurred since a section of the main near the junction of the A283 had been replaced. A report on the burst that had occurred in September 2013 was still awaited.

- Water pressures and the effect of power cuts on the pumping station below Hydon's Ball. The station pumped water up to the Ashlands reservoir; thereafter it was gravity fed and pressures were dictated by the steepness of the terrain. They were not considered to be excessive. The reservoir should hold enough water to last through any power cut, however long.

- Sink hole at the Hambledon Road/Church Lane junction. This had recently appeared and would be investigated.

- Past history/going forward. There had been 15 bursts in Hambledon since 2008, which was not considered abnormal. Nineteen per cent of pipework had been replaced as part of a (now completed) 10-year renewal programme. A new programme was currently under review with the regulator; it was not known if anything in it was Hambledon-specific but the inclusion of Rock Hill might be a possibility.

In conclusion Emmeline Smart undertook to provide a synopsis of the points discussed, if possible before the date of the Parish Assembly; and she was warmly thanked for her input to the discussions.

### FORMAL BUSINESS

#### 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2014 were **agreed** and signed.

#### 2. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

### 3. FINANCE

#### Cheques

**Agreed** and signed the following:

Tim Coleman – Village Hall leaves, post repairs	£ 115.00
Stationery 4 All – print cartridges	£ 29.24
CCI – jetting drainage systems, Hambledon Road	£3,553.75
C J Rapley – ditch clearance	£1,340.16

#### Risk Assessment

Report to follow.

#### On-line banking

Noted that an application had been made and was being processed.

### 4. PLANNING

#### Planning applications

- WA14/0240 – Hydon Wood House, Feathercombe Lane: detached garage/store.

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

- AG14/0004 – Watersmeet: prior notification for an agricultural/forestry building.

Noted that this was a revision of a previous application about which the Parish Council had expressed a number of reservations and which had been refused by Waverley as an insufficient case had been made for the building and it did not constitute general permitted development. Noted that, in the view of the applicant, a general development order did not require details of "need" but only whether the building was "reasonably necessary" and queried whether even the latter applied prior to the commencement/establishment of the forestry business with which the building was to be associated. **Agreed** that this point should be made to Waverley; that the Parish Council's comments on the previous application remained valid; and that, if the building were approved, it would be less intrusive if it were sited within or immediately adjacent to the existing cluster of buildings on the property.

- WA13/1926 – land adjoining Milford Hospital, Tuesley: application for the approval of "reserved matters" (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline planning permission.

Noted that none raised issues of principle and that the Chairman had accordingly decided that it would not be necessary for the Parish Council to make representations.

#### Planning Infrastructure Contributions

Noted that none was currently available in Hambledon and that up-dates would be provided by Waverley on a quarterly basis.

#### Waverley Local Plan: consultation on the draft Statement of Community Involvement

Arising from the Clerk's e-mail dated 23 February, **agreed** that there were no matters on which the Parish Council needed to comment.

### 5. PARISH ASSEMBLY

**Agreed** the agenda (previously circulated) and noted that it and notices advertising the Assembly and the Village Clean-Up would be posted at the Village Shop and on the web site. Noted that invitations to attend had been sent to 26 families who had moved into the village since the last Assembly, to Hambledon's Waverley and Surrey County Councillors and to neighbouring Parishes.

**Agreed** that, in his annual report, when commenting on action taken by the Parish Council to clear ditches and drains, the Chairman should emphasise the importance of individuals attending to ditches outside their properties; and noted his request for any other matters that it might be useful to include.

Noted that the Clerk was liaising with SSE regarding its presentation.

**Agreed** that wine and soft drinks should be served prior to the formal business and thanked Philip Underwood for agreeing to organise this.

**Agreed** arrangements for the Village Clean-Up barbeque at the Village Shop (12.00, Saturday 12 April) and noted that the Chairman would provide the barbeque and that the Clerk would order the necessary food via the shop.

## 6. HAMBLEDON CRICKET GREEN TRUST

To note that the Trustees were considering and seeking legal advice on options for the future of the Trust and would report back to the Parish Council in due course.

## 7. VILLAGE MATTERS

### Police

Noted no crimes had been reported in Hambledon during the period 18 February – date but that outside the village there had been some shed break-ins and several thefts from motor vehicles.

### Highways

Noted that an allocation of £1,000 towards the cost of jetting gullies/pipes in the village had been approved by Victoria Young from her SCC allocation; that on 10-13 March CCI had cleared all the blockages in the Hambledon Road between the Church Lane junction and the Hydestile Crossroads and in the culvert at the Vann Lane/Upper Vann Lane junction; that the net cost of the work had been £2,961.46 (ie within the £3,000 budget allocation); and that a letter of thanks had been sent to CCI.

Noted that Simon Edwards had dug out ditches adjacent to the Vann/Upper Vann Lane junction and **agreed** that the thanks of the Parish Council should be passed on to him.

Noted that £2,500 had been requested from SCC's highways localism initiative to fund maintenance work by Colin Rapley in 2014-5 but that, due to the number of other requests, the full amount might not be received. Noted that the scheme would be reviewed in June and that its continuation was by no means certain and therefore **agreed** to write to the Chair of SCC's Local Committee in Waverley, stressing the value for money that accrued from this initiative.

Arising from the previously circulated note on other highways matters, noted that resurfacing of the final stretch of the Hambledon Road was due to start on 11 April and that attention would be paid to the contractors also dealing with the roadside edge ridges on the stretch of road beyond Feathercombe Lane.

## 8. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

### Almshouses

Noted that well over half the work had been completed, on time and within budget; that a mid-May completion date was envisaged; and that the Chairman of the Trustees had reminded Millgate of its commitment to contribute £10,000 towards the cost of the up-grade.

### Village Hall

Noted completion of the re-sanding and varnishing of the floor.

### Village Shop

Noted that the new manager, Jo Jazeel, was settling in well and had already made some noticeable changes including improvements to the fresh fruit and vegetable supplies, rationalising stock and introducing some new lines.

### Oakhurst Cottage

Noted that repairs to the structure could not start until the autumn due to the presence of bats.

Noted that a new NT regional curator had already made substantial progress with her research project into the history of the cottage; that she was seeking the wider involvement of the whole village in this; and that to this end she would be attending the Parish Assembly and the Village Fete.

Noted that all volunteers were being instructed in the handling and care of objects on display in the cottage, following organisation of a training course by the NT regional conservator.

#### 9. CORRESPONDENCE

Surrey Playing Fields Association: request for feed-back. **Agreed** that it would be useful to continue receiving newsletters.

Waverley: up-date on ethical standards. Noted the on-going programme of training sessions and the importance of preserving confidentiality of personal information.

Waverley: dementia training. **Agreed** that details of a training course for Councillors on 8 April should be circulated.

#### 10. OTHER BUSINESS

Village Fete. Noted that all spots had been filled and that the dinner dance was sold out.

Benches by the Village Pond. Noted that one of the benches was periodically being thrown into the pond and considered but decided not to bolt it down for the time being.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.50

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 15 April**