

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 25 March 2015 in the Village Hall

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

Apologies: Karen Jones and Cllr. Elizabeth Cable

QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

FORMAL BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2015 were **agreed** and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

3. FINANCE

Cheques

Confirmed the following

- GU8 community broadband: grant (S.137)	£250.00
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Agreed and signed the following

- Workstation: photocopies, ink,	£ 119.98
- Colin Rapley: hedges/ditches (localism initiative)	£1,332.00
- contribution to Dunsfold transport review	£ 392.66

Risk assessment

Noted Paul Pattison's report (previously circulated).

4. PLANNING

Planning applications

Noted that none had been received since the last meeting.

WA14/2326: Land opposite The Merry Harriers

Noted that this would be determined by 14 April.

Orchard Farm

Noted that English Rural had been sent copies of all villager comments arising from its presentation on 15 January and was taking these on board; that it had a copy of the 2015 Hambledon Housing Needs Survey; that drainage was a major technical issue and was being addressed, in consultation where appropriate with affected neighbours; that the originally proposed number and categories of housing remained the same, given the findings of the

Housing Needs Survey and to render the scheme financially viable, but that their configuration on the site was likely to be adjusted; and that it was likely to be some time before English Rural was in a position to submit a planning application.

Permitted development rights

Noted that if no reply was received to the letter to Brandon Lewis prior to Parliament being prorogued, the matter would be followed up with the new responsible government Minister.

5. HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

Adopted the final report of the 2015 Hambledon Housing Needs Survey

Noted that the full report would be placed on the Parish Council pages of the village web site and that a summary version would be available in the April Parish Magazine, on the news pages of the village web site (with a link to the full report) and in the Village Shop.

Noted that local households seeking affordable housing in Hambledon were being reminded that they should register their need with Waverley Borough Council

6. PARISH ASSEMBLY

Noted the agenda (previously circulated).

Noted that invitations to newly-arrived villagers, speakers and guests had been issued and that the event, together with the agenda, would be advertised in the April Parish Magazine, the web site and the village notice boards.

Noted apologies from Stewart Payne and Philip Underwood.

Agreed arrangements for pre-meeting refreshments.

Agreed arrangements for the village clean-up on 18 April and that the Chairman would be responsible for the barbeque starting at 12.00 at the Village Shop.

7. VILLAGE MATTERS

Police

Noted that the only crime in Hambledon during the period 26 February – 21 March had been an assault which had subsequently been resolved.

Highways

Noted that Colin Rapley had completed all work under the localism initiative within budget; and congratulated him on an excellent job.

Local bus service

Noted that the report would be considered by SCC's Cabinet on 26 May; that there had been over 7,000 responses, the second highest of which had come from Waverley residents; that as regards individual services the 70/71 had elicited the fourth highest number of responses and that there had been 46 in relation to the 503; and that this latter service was entirely subsidised by SCC. **Agreed** that the Clerk and Stewart Payne would liaise regarding an article on the village web site and in the May issue of the Parish Magazine.

8. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Almshouses

Noted that a 24-week contract for up-grading and extending No. 1 had been awarded and that work would start on 30 March.

Nursery School

Noted that numbers remained strong and that a new book-keeper had been appointed as a result of the vacancy being advertised on the village web site.

Village Hall

Noted that the committee would be again be organising teas at Vann when it opened for the National Gardens Scheme on 4 May.

Village Shop

Noted that the limited liability company had been formally wound up at an AGM on 19 March, to enable the Industrial and Provident Society to be established; that turnover was up year-on-year by 34 per cent; but that the overall annual loss, occasioned by higher staff costs, was approx. £6k.

Oakhurst Cottage

Noted that this was now featured on the village web site (with reciprocal links to and from the National Trust site), together with a story (plus a link to photographs) on the cottage's up-grade and re-opening for the 2015 season on 1 April.

Village web site

Noted that this would be migrating to a new site during the next two months and that an advertisement on the site for volunteers to join the team had already resulted in one response.

Village pond

Noted that Arthur Frearson, in liaison with Philip Underwood, would be undertaking its future maintenance.

9. OUTSIDE MEETINGS

SCC footpaths. Noted that the Clerk had attended a further meeting on 17 March to discuss needs and priorities for maintaining RoWs in Waverley; that a list of paths in Hambledon requiring attention had been submitted to SCC; and that the possibility of volunteer working parties assisting with minor repairs would be followed up, including at the Parish Assembly.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Hambledon Almshouses: noted the letter of thanks for the 2014 Smiths Charity grant.

Houses of Parliament, events to celebrate Magna Carta (previously circulated): noted Philip Underwood's ideas for an event on Hambledon Common and **agreed** that he should pursue this with the Hambledon Heritage Society and Stephen Dean.

Surrey Playing Fields Association newsletters; noted receipt by e-mail of the latest issue and **agreed** that printed copies should be placed on circulation as they arrived.

Waverley Borough Council, Development Matters, edition 15: noted that this would be placed on circulation.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Village Fete, 2016: noted that Philip Underwood would consult regarding the date and notify the Clerk so that adjacent villages could also be informed.

Future dates for Parish Council meetings: in addition to 26 May (annual meeting) **agreed** these should be on Tuesday 30 June and Tuesday 4 August.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.45

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 29 April 2015