

# HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 29 April 2015 in the Village Hall

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

Apologies: Cllrs. Adam Taylor-Smith and Elizabeth Cable

### 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2015 were **agreed** and signed.

### 2. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

### 3. FINANCE

#### Cheques

**Agreed** and signed the following

- Jane Woolley: Parish Assembly and Village Clean-up refreshments	£114.65
- NALC: annual subscription, Local Council Review	£ 40.00
- Tim Coleman: April maintenance	£180.00

#### Clerk's salary

**Confirmed** the rate previously agreed in the 2015-16 budget (equivalent to £190 pm) and signed an amendment to the Bank Standing Order

### 4. PLANNING

#### Planning applications

Confirmed the decision of the Planning Committee not to object to the following:

- WA15/0584: Hydon Wood Lodge, Feathercombe Lane, single storey extension
- WA15/0586: Oak Tree Farm, Petworth Road, increase in height of proposed outbuilding
- WA15/0623: Chestnut Cottage, Salt Lane, construction of dormer window.

#### Orchard Farm

Noted the previously circulated report of the Planning Committee's meeting with Barry Hughes, Paul Stone and Edward Uren on 20 April.

Noted the previously circulated letter to the Chairman from Godric Walker and **agreed** that, in reply, the Parish Council should state that it noted his comments which represented his own interpretation of the findings of the 2015 Housing Needs Survey. Also **agreed** that the letter, together with the Parish Council's reply, should be copied to ERHA, SCA and Waverley Borough Council as some of the comments therein might need to be addressed by any or all of them at some future date.

#### Permitted development rights

Noted the previously circulated letter from Brandon Lewis MP and that the amendment to the General Permitted Development Order to which he referred would prevent future extensions such as that which had been previously been allowed at Farm Cottage.

#### WA14/2326: Land opposite The Merry Harriers

Noted that this still had not been determined, despite a previous assurance that a decision would be reached by mid-March, and **agreed** that the Clerk should make enquiries of Waverley Borough Council.

### 5. PARISH ASSEMBLY

Noted the previously circulated minutes; amended the closing time to 21.20; and noted the Chairman's thanks to all Councillors for their input and to all villagers who had taken part in the village clean-up on 18 April.

### 6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Noted the comments made by Ian Motuel in his presentation at the Parish Assembly and that Neighbourhood Plans were generally well thought-of and already being produced by many local communities. **Agreed** in principle to pursue the idea of a Hambledon Neighbourhood Plan, subject to ensuring (a) its appropriateness for the village and (b) that all the resources that would be essential for its successful production - and in particular finance and people with the necessary levels of expertise and commitment - could be guaranteed.

### 7. VILLAGE MATTERS

#### Highways

Noted that SCC had recently cleared some of the gullies but that others remained blocked; and **agreed** that advance dates of visits by jetters should yet again be requested from SCC so that they could be advised exactly which gullies required attention.

#### SSE

Noted the meeting which representatives of SSE had had on 20 April with Stewart Payne and the Clerk to follow up matters arising from the Christmas 2013 storm damage; that, other than the Hambledon Road by the Nursery School and the line coming up from Chiddingfold to Vann, where confirmation was awaited, tree cutting around the high voltage lines into the village had been completed; and that SSE were now guaranteeing that two alternative HV circuits would always be available for all parts of the village.

### 8. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

#### Almshouses

Noted that the foundations for the renovation of cottage no. 1 were now in place and that work was on course.

### Village Shop

Noted that trade was good and that a curry morning, for tasting local-sourced, fresh-made sauces, would be held on Saturday morning.

## 9. OUTSIDE MEETINGS

There were none.

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted the following e-mail from retiring Waverley Borough Councillor Elizabeth Cable to the Clerk: "I am really sorry to miss what would have been my last meeting with HPC. ... Please pass on to the Council how much I have enjoyed working with them and thank them for their support over the past 12 years. I am sure if HPC were to be rated nationally it would be one of the best in the country! I hope residents realise how fortunate they are to have you all. ...".

## 11. OTHER BUSINESS

Village Fete, 2016: noted that the likely date would be 18 or 25 June and that Arthur Blackman or Philip Underwood would confirm in due course.

Magna Carta tea party: noted that this had been registered as taking place at 15.00 on Sunday 14 June on Hambledon Common and that the necessary publicity was being organized by Philip Underwood.

IN CONCLUSION the Chairman thanked all retiring Councillors for their work during the past four years and in particular Peter Spall who was moving out of the village and in consequence would not be standing for re-election. On behalf of the Parish Council the Chairman also thanked Waverley Borough Councillors Adam Taylor-Smith and Elizabeth Cable, both of whom were standing down, for all the help and support they had given to Hambledon during their terms of office.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.00

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 26 May 2015**