

**MEETING OF HAWKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 17th MARCH AT 7.30PM via ZOOM**

MINUTES

Present:

David Caukill (Chair)
Jo Humphrey
Susan Sinclair
Simon Dixon

Charlie Butcher
Geoff Brighton
Liz Buckle
David Large.

Also present: Three residents were present.

Attending: Katherine Horton (Clerk)

21.15) Welcome. Chair welcomed the attendees

21.16) Apologies for absence. None

21.17) Declarations of Interest.

Liz Buckle noted that she is a member of the Parochial Church Council in relation to item 12 of the agenda

21.18) To approve the minutes of the meeting of 20th January 2021

No Comments. Minutes reviewed and agreed as a true record, to be signed by the Chair at next possible opportunity.

21.19) To approve the minutes of the planning meetings of 10th February 2021

As agreed at the meeting an objection was sent. Minutes confirmed as a true record and approved. Chair to sign at next available opportunity.

21.20) Chairman's comments

- a) BT phonebox refurbishment. Permission was requested from BT who advised that is on their painting schedule for this summer. As the phone box is their property the work will be left to them to complete.
- b) Road Closure on Hawkley Road. This is to allow for road prep ahead of resurfacing. Chair confirmed he is meeting with Joe Holland (Traffic Management Engineer, Hants) to discuss possible road signage and the marking of white lines that might go on road after it is refurbished including the the signage suggested by BHS.
- c) BOATS. Cllr Oppenheimer is actively working to engage SDNP in reclassifying these rights of way as Restricted Byways. Residents in Empshott are keen to add their support to the campaign and their feedback is being incorporated in HPC's response which will be sent out later in the week.
- d) Traffic on Prior Deans Hill. HPC has been made aware of some recent collisions. Residents are asked to report all accidents to the police to populate the casualty statistics that inform HCC's decision making. It was noted that the hill is not actually in Hawkley Parish.

- e) Items on APM. Peter Sutton has offered to make presentation to attendees about the need to expand the graveyard: wishes to consult as far as possible. In addition Liz Buckle and the Tree Warden will give a report on Tree Working group.
- f) Postie Steve has been awarded British Citizen Award.

21.21) Public forum.

- a) In relation to the proposed expansion of the Graveyard, comments were received about the need to conduct an accurate soil and drainage test. It was also noted that properties on Cheesecombe Lane have a septic tank which will need to be taken into consideration
- b) With reference to BOATS, support for the reclassification was voiced and concerns shared that the seasonal restrictions are disregarded.

21.22) Planning Application

- a) SDNP/21/00696/TCA. 1 Greenview Cottage, The Hollow, Hawkley, Liss, GU33 6LY
Work to two trees
Tree Maintenance. No objection noted
- b) SDNP/21/00238/FUL. Spring Garden, Stairs Hill, Empshott, Liss, GU33 6HN
Replacement and relocation of oil fuel tank for residential heating system supply
No objection noted

21.23) To consider the damage to Lower Green caused by moles and badgers and possible control measures

- a) Discussion paper distributed ahead of meeting by Chair and attached as appendix.
- b) Both of the greens are owned by HPC. Moles on Lower Green have increased in number over last three years and their presence is more apparent having expanded from the meadow area to the area of cut grass.
- c) Three possible options were discussed. There was agreement that action was required but a reluctance to enter into a long term commitment.
- d) Resolved that a 12 month contract (£840) was necessary to be sure the matter was under control. Position to be reviewed next year.
- e) Simon Dixon agreed to manage the contractor.

21.24) Update on highways matters: Possible Finger Post sign refurbishment – Lower Green and Upper Green

- a) Paper shared by Chair ahead of meeting and attached as appendix.
- b) Work on the Empshott Green fingerpost has been completed and it is now cemented back in place.
- c) Following a larger than anticipated grant from Cllr Louisson, finance is in place to proceed with refurbishing another finger post. Attendees agreed that the Lower Green sign refurbishment should proceed once Richard Elderton had been consulted. Chair has now actioned this.
- d) It was agreed that the Mabbotts' sign should be cleaned and cleared of vegetation not refurbished.
- e) Chair will source a quote from a local craftsperson for the Finger post on Upper Green. Attendees were in agreement that if quote were for less than £500 work should proceed.

21.25) Arrangements for mowing Upper Green

- a) Barry Philips has agreed to take on the work of mowing Upper Green. His charge would be £600 pa. including machinery and consumables. Thanks to the Large family for allowing the use of their mower.

b) Nick Davis and the Sports Club would be able to provide a back up/alternative arrangement.

21.26) Proposed Expansion of St Peter & Paul graveyard

a) The council's thoughts and feedback on the proposed expansion were collated to be shared with Peter Sutton by the Chair.

21.27) Open discussion

a) Mobile Phone mast. Currently has no power and needs broadband connection. No information on when these will be added.

21.28) Date of next meeting – April 14th 19.00 Hrs – The Annual Parish Meeting

Signed

Date

Chair of Hawklely Parish Council

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