

HAWKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 8TH 2017 AT 7.30PM IN HAWKLEY PARISH HALL

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PRESENT: David Caukill (Chairman); Charlie Butcher; Susan Sinclair; Jilly Caesar; Geoff Brighton and Robin Crittenden.

Sue Harwood (Clerk) was in attendance.

ALSO PRESENT: District Councillor Keith Budden.

No members of the public were present.

17/21 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone present

17/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Jo Humphrey and County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer, both of whom were on holiday.

17/23 Chairman's Comments

Thanks to the kind act of a local resident, the rotting bench has now been removed from Upper Green.

HCC has already acted to reinstate the gate on the Snailing Lane BOAT, removed once more it is supposed by off-roaders intent on abusing the ongoing closure. Surface repair work is expected to begin in the autumn.

The Chairman encouraged all parish councillors and indeed all residents to report all incidents of fly-tipping directly to EHDC, where a dedicated officer is now in place to deal with reported incidents.

The Parish Council intends to submit a further objection to the inclusion of Half Acre as an authorised site for gypsies and travellers in the forthcoming SDNP Local Plan at the consultation stage. He extended his thanks to Jo Humphrey and Geoff Brighton for agreeing to attend the forthcoming SDNPA parish workshop.

Following last month's meeting, an article explaining the social housing application process was placed by Jo Humphrey in last month's parish magazine.

The process to fill the casual vacancy on the parish council created by the retirement of Peter Cregeen is ongoing.

Following his and Councillor Geoff Brighton's attendance at a recent training meeting, the Chairman reminded all parish councillors that it is their personal responsibility to decide whether or not they should declare an interest in any matter. Failure to correctly declare a pecuniary interest may in extreme cases result in a custodial sentence.

17/24 Report of District Councillor

Councillor Budden encouraged the parish council to respond to the consultation on the review of boundary changes. The clerk was asked to submit a comment of no objection.

He reported on his attendance at a recent meeting of the local NHS Clinical Commissioning Group. A pilot scheme whereby GPs made home visits first thing in the morning rather than the more traditional time of after their morning surgeries has proved to be effective in reducing the number of overnight hospital admissions. It will therefore be extended to all areas in the near future.

He will pass on a copy of a forthcoming publication on how citizens should react in the unlikely event of a terrorist incident just as soon as he receives it.

Finally he reminded all present that grant aid is still potentially available through his devolved budget.

17/25 Report of County Councillor

Councillor Oppenheimer's report is included as an appendix to these minutes. It was agreed that his report also contained some useful possible ways forward to attempt to improve broadband reception. The Chairman will seek to progress these with interested parties.

17/26 Finance

a) The Clerk presented a financial summary for the period to August 2017 and cheque numbers 300233- 300235 were authorised and signed. The summary is included as an appendix to these minutes.

b) The Internal Audit Report had previously been distributed to all councillors. Its contents were noted. After discussion it was agreed to go ahead with the suggestions made, excepting the suggestion to provide maps and pictures to identify location of assets.

c) The Fixed Asset Register was presented for review. The rotting bench previously sited on Upper Green that was purchased in 2006 was deleted. After discussion it was agreed that both the circular seat and the three owl boxes, as these had all been acquired by the parish council at no cost should be devalued and given a nominal value of £1.00 each. The total book value of the assets therefore now stands at £1589 vs a previous value of £4723.

17/27 Planning

a) 17/03806/APN Land south of Spring House, Stairs Hill, Empshott
APN- detached building for the storage of hay and straw fodder

The Chair was taken by Councillor Geoffrey Brighton for this item.

Objection. The Parish Council can find no agricultural justification at all for such a huge barn on a 22.5 acre site. In the unfortunate event that the application is successful, members request please that a strongly-worded rider be attached to the permission, stating that the development is strictly for agricultural purposes only and should this justification cease, that it be removed.

17/28 RoSPA report on play area

The contents of the report were considered. It was noted that following actions taken last year, there was no matter requiring early attention and the points raised would be dealt with in due course. The Chairman has raked over the wood chippings.

17/29 Standing Orders

A modification to standing orders was proposed by the Chairman, specifically to modify the wording to paragraph 21(c) in order to confirm that the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman have voting rights when attending any committee or advisory panel meeting in an ex officio capacity.

17/30 Lengthsman

Several new tasks were noted, in addition to those outstanding. Clerk to report these to the lengthsman for action. It was agreed that all the grit bins need to be inspected ahead of the winter months in order to establish whether or not they are fully fit for purpose. Councillor Crittenden kindly offered to arrange this.

17/31 Reports of Representatives

Footpaths

Footpaths Officer Geoff Brighton commented unfavourably upon more than one RoW where the footpath has not been reinstated correctly in accordance with the law. He has made contact where appropriate.

He has reported a few faults to the RoW team and remedial action has been taken, which is pleasing.

Coryton Trust and LGHFF

Nothing to report. It was agreed that as the parish council no longer has a representative on the Coryton Trust, that this item be dropped from the agenda in future. A new parish council representative must shortly be appointed to the LGHFF.

17/32 Date of next meetings

November 1st 2017 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Chairman

Date