

HAWKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 29TH 2020
AT 7.30PM IN HAWKLEY PARISH HALL

PRESENT: David Caukill (Chairman); Jo Humphrey; Simon Dixon; Charlie Butcher; Geoff Brighton; Liz Buckle; David Large.

County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer and District Councillor Charles Louisson.

Three residents were present.

Sue Harwood (Clerk) was in attendance.

19/56 Chairman's comments

The new noticeboard on Upper Green has now been installed.

The dangerous trees on Lower Green have now been felled by Alasdair Marr, not a straightforward undertaking, carried out to a very high standard.

EHDC has advised of a local canine nuisance, the matter is in hand, parish council to monitor.

HCC is currently requesting all local users of HWRCs to register their vehicle details prior to the introduction of fees for all other users on April 1st. Clerk to place short article in the parish magazine.

Hawkley now has a second defibrillator, on Lower Green.

19/57 Apologies for Absence

None

19/58 Minutes of meeting

The minutes of the meeting on November 27th 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

19/59 Minutes of planning meeting

The minutes of the planning meeting on 14th January 2020 were approved and adopted.

19/60 Declarations of Interest

None declared

19/61 Public Forum

No resident wished to speak.

19/62 Report of District Councillor

EHDC is engaged in its budget setting process. A policy change means that there will be a precept increase this year, with the increased revenue ring-fenced for welfare and green projects. Financial management remains strong.

Tree planting project is ongoing.

New waste contract now running smoothly. The green waste collection is once more able to expand its collection service.

Cllr Louisson is still keen to conduct a local surgery in order to address residents' concerns.

19/63 Report of County Councillor

Copy of his January report is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

In addition Councillor Oppenheimer encouraged participation in the current library service consultation. He highlighted the new BorrowBox app as a really good way to make optimum use of the library service.

19/64 Planning applications

a) Orchard House Pococks Lane Hawkley

Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing, & rear entrance porch

No objection

b) Oakshott Hanger House, Middle Oakshott Farm Lane, Hawkley

Conversion of garage to habitable annexe

No objection

c) Orchard Cottages, Vicarage Lane Hawkley

Work to four trees, one to be felled.

No objection

19/65 Finance

a) The clerk presented a financial summary for the period to January 2020. Cheque numbers 300305-300307 were authorised and signed.

b) The followings donations were agreed:

Rosemary Foundation £400.00;

Butser Homestart £400.00

Hampshire Air Ambulance £350.00

Additionally, it was agreed that a donation be made to Petersfield Museum of between £100 and £350 depending on the outcome of ongoing discussions with them.

c) The Chairman presented a detailed discussion paper. The staff panel proposed a salary increase for the clerk in line with the appropriate Local Government pay scale and to take account of last year's authorised increase not having been implemented. A proposed budget for 2020/21 was agreed. An unchanged precept for 2020/21 of £13,000.00 was also agreed.

19/66 Parish Council communications

David Large having concluded that a suitable GDPR-compliant flexible email distribution list function is not yet available as a low cost option, the Chairman proposed inviting the parish council's website manager to progress a more basic database. This was agreed as a sensible low cost option.

19/67 Flooding on Vicarage Lane

The Chairman has been investigating this issue with HCC (Highways) engineers. He hopes that as a result a viable solution has been found and it is hoped that relatively minor works to the drain and culvert will soon be carried out.

19/68 HGVs on Lower Green

Simon Dixon reported that there has been a recent spate of large lorries greatly in excess of 7.5 tonnes have been arriving at Lower Green only to turn round at the sight of Mill Lane, causing damage to the verges and to Lower Green. He proposed that a better location for the sign would be down in Liss at the start of the Hawkley Road. Clerk to take this up with HCC.

19/69 Phone kiosk on Lower Green

The parish council has now adopted the phone kiosk for £1. An overhaul will be considered in the coming year. A fee has been paid to Openreach for them to investigate whether the sole purpose of the adjacent pole is to serve the phone equipment. It being so it should then be removed without further cost.

19/70 Watersplash

HCC has stated that the pipes will not be plugged until warning signs have been installed.

19/71 Crime in the parish

At the invitation of the Chairman, resident Neil Chrimes made a short informative presentation on Neighbourhood Watch. An extensive discussion took place on all aspects of this worrying issue, to which there are no easy answers. It was agreed to invite a rural crime police officer to the APM and at that time to community appetite for self help measures.

19/73 Reports of Representatives

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

Hawkley Parish Hall

The cricket field continues to be blighted by a small number of irresponsible dog owners.

19/74 Date of next meeting

April 8th 2020 Annual Parish Meeting 7pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 2130hrs.

Chairman

Date