

HAWKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7TH 2012 AT 7.30PM IN HAWKLEY PARISH HALL

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PRESENT: Peter Cregeen (Chairman); John Scutt; Nick Davis; Susan Sinclair; Geoff Brighton; Jilly Caesar.

Sue Harwood (Clerk) was in attendance.

ALSO PRESENT: County Councillor Vaughan Clarke.

One member of the public.

12/30 Apologies for Absence

Parish Councillor David Caukill is overseas at the current time.

12/31 Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

An error was highlighted in minute 12/23, which should have read:

SDNP/12/00295/APNB Happer Snapper, The Hollow, Hawkley

General Purpose Farm Building

The Clerk reported that the status of this application for Prior Notification Status is now 'not proceeded with'.

A planning enforcement matter in Empshott is now in the hands of EHDC.

The minutes were then approved and signed as a true record.

12/32 Declarations of Interest

Nick Davis declared a pecuniary interest in agenda items 9e) and 9f), the nature of each interest being that he manages the Fireworks Fund and also administers the website on behalf of the village.

12/33 Report of District Councillor

None (not present).

12/34 Report of County Councillor

Councillor Clarke's report is attached as an appendix to the minutes.

The state of various roads was discussed and Councillor Clarke offered to get involved on the Parish Council's behalf. In particular the north side of Mill Lane and the Hawkley to Priors Dean roads are in particularly poor condition.

12/35 Parish Plan

Susan Sinclair and Jilly Caesar continue to work hard on this project and hope to be able to present a draft copy at the next meeting. Estimated full production costs are unclear at the present time and so a grant application will not yet be made. The Parish Council is prepared to match fund the application if necessary. County Councillor Clarke also offered to make a generous contribution through his devolved budget next year, should that be necessary and he was thanked for this.

12/36 Upper Green

The Clerk presented three quotes from three different contractors and these were discussed in some detail. It was decided to accept the lowest quote, from RCD Hoare, subject to no issues being raised about the project by HCC. HCC are to hold a site visit next week, and Nick Davis kindly agreed to attend. HCC has also been approached for a funding contribution and their response is awaited.

12/37 Finance

a) The Chairman proposed increasing the grass-cutting payment to £600 per annum. This was agreed by all present; it has not been reviewed for two years despite increasing fuel costs and the service is very much valued and appreciated.

The excellent job done over several years by a local resident around the pond on Lower Green was commented on and the Clerk was asked to write and thank him for his efforts.

b) The Clerk presented a financial summary for the period to November 2012, and cheques 300099 (£968.90) 300100 (£1400.00) 300101 (£144.00) were authorised and signed.

c) The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council has passed the annual external audit process with no queries arising.

d) Letters of thanks from Victim Support and EHCAB were read out by the Chairman, following recent grants made.

d) Councillor Nick Davis left the room. All Councillors commented on the excellent bonfire and firework display held in the village last weekend. A contribution of £200.00 was agreed. Cheque prepared and signed.

e) A contribution of £150.00 to the costs of hosting and managing the village website was agreed. Councillor Nick Davis then returned to the room. Cheque prepared and signed.

g) The Clerk presented a document to aid discussion on the setting of this year's precept. It was agreed that overall costs were likely to rise next year and that as reserves will be greatly reduced by the work to be carried out on Upper Green, that a rise in the precept was sensible. An increase of £1000.00 to £9000.00 was agreed.

12/23 Planning

Two recent planning applications had been discussed at the Planning Committee meeting of 1st October 2012:

SDNP/12/02678/HOUS Lower Green Farm, Hawkley GU33 6NW

Single storey extension to kitchen and basement and extension of existing double garage to add one additional parking bay

No objection.

SDNP/12/01598/FUL Cheesecombe Farm, Cheesecombe Lane, Hawkley GU33 6NB

Retention of works to existing block and pier retaining wall, steps through the retaining wall

No objection.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee John Scutt drew Councillors' attention to the appeal lodged by the applicant following EHDC's refusal of SDNP/12/00293/HOUS Jolly Robins Barn, Vicarage Lane Hawkley GU33 6NQ (*Two dormer windows to rear replacing existing roof lights and porch to front*). It was felt that this rejection by EHDC was 'ludicrous' and the Clerk was asked to write a letter to The Planning Inspectorate in Bristol underlining the Parish Council's support of the resident's position.

12/24 Oak Tree

The Chairman reported that the sapling donated by HCC to mark the Queens Diamond Jubilee has been damaged and that it is unlikely to thrive. He proposed replacing the tree. This was agreed and the Clerk was asked to establish the cost of a more established 6 foot specimen for the next meeting.

12/25 Reports of Representatives

a) Hawkley Parish Hall

Nick Davis reported that the committee is about to advertise for a part time manager to take on the day-to-day running of the hall.

b) Footpaths

The Council is grateful to the resident who has strimmed the Uplands footpath.

The seasonal TRO is now in place on Standfast Lane. Unfortunately HCC has used the bollards elsewhere but more have been ordered and it is hoped that they will be in place by the end of the month.

c) Lengthsman

Nothing to add beyond points already raised in discussion with County Councillor Clarke.

d) LGHFF

e) Coryton Trust

Both to function smoothly. Several small grants have been awarded by the LGHFF.

12/26 Date of next meetings:

Clerk to circulate possible dates early in the New Year.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Chairman

Date