

# HAWKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> 2016 AT 7.30PM IN HAWKLEY PARISH HALL

**DRAFT**

PRESENT: Peter Cregeen (Chairman); Charlie Butcher; Susan Sinclair; Jilly Caesar; Geoff Brighton David Caukill and Jo Humphrey.

Sue Harwood (Clerk) was in attendance.

Two members of the public were present.

### **15/49 Apologies**

District Councillor Judy Onslow and Parish Councillor Robin Crittenden. County Councillor Vaughan Clarke apologised for likely late arrival due to an earlier meeting.

### **15/50 Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting**

An error was identified in the minutes of the meeting on September 30<sup>th</sup>, minute 15/47 should refer to Councillor Geoff Brighton. They were then approved and signed as a true record.

### **15/51 Declaration of Interests**

None declared at the time.

### **15/52 Public comment**

A resident came to reiterate her points made in a recent email to the parish council concerning the parking of cars outside houses on Mill Lane. In her judgement, the parking is inconsiderate to other drivers using the lane, as it means other cars must then reverse in order to pass each other.

The condition of some trees on the sunken lane below Upper Green was highlighted.

Attention was also drawn to the extensive damage to one side of the small bridge at the Oakshott turning. Clerk to discuss with Highways in the first instance.

The Chairman then altered the order of the agenda in order for the parking matter to be discussed at this point:

### **15/53 Parking on Mill Lane**

Councillors were divided; while some agreed that the cars pose a danger to other road users, others felt that it only required road users to drive with greater care and at a slower speed and that this is no bad thing. All agreed that the layby is part of the highway and is there as a passing place, not intended for parking. The Chairman suggested that he visit the homeowners concerned in order to discuss the matter.

### **15/54 Report of District Councillor**

No report due to absence.

### **15/55 Report of County Councillor**

Councillor Clarke's report for January is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

There were no questions arising.

Charlie Butcher said he would write to Councillor Clarke once more re the state of the Priors Dean road.

### **15/56 Finance**

a) The Clerk presented a financial summary for the period to January 2016 and cheque numbers 300204-300207 were authorised and signed.

b) The Chairman thanked Geoff Brighton Susan Sinclair and Charlie Butcher for the time and effort taken to confirm that all appropriate procedures and safeguards are in place. They proposed that the Statement of Internal Control be approved and signed. There were no questions arising and the Chairman and the clerk then signed the document.

c) The Chairman altered the order of the agenda in order for the setting of the precept to be discussed at the end of the meeting.

d) As he is a member of the Sports and Social Committee, Charlie Butcher declared an interest in this item and withdrew from the room. The Chairman then read out a letter from Nick Davis asking the parish council to support the village tennis court project with a grant. It was generally agreed that this is a very worthwhile project which will provide a very popular amenity in the village. A grant of £1500.00 was unanimously approved, to be given once fundraising is underway, other funding streams are in place and the project is assured to proceed.

e) A grant of £250.00 to LGHFF was proposed by the parish council's representative, Peter Cregeen, and this was agreed by all present.

f) A grant of £250.00 to Home Start Butser was also agreed by all present.

Cheque numbers 300208-300110 were prepared accordingly and signed.

**15/57 Planning**

a) The minutes of the planning meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup> were approved and signed as a true record. The minutes of the planning meetings of November 10<sup>th</sup> and December 16<sup>th</sup> to be signed at the next planning meeting.

b) SDNP/15/06234/HOUS Churchfield, Vicarage Lane, Hawkley GU33 6NF

*Two storey extension to rear.*

Jilly Caesar declared an interest in this application, the nature of that interest being that her spouse is acting as agent to the application, and she withdrew from the room during the discussion.

No objection

c) SDNP/15/06455/HOUS Pocock, Pockocks Lane Hawkley GU33 6NE

*Two storey extension to rear, porch, internal alterations*

No Objection

**15/58 Lengthsman**

HCC having agreed to fund the scheme for a further year, Councillors agreed to carry on in the existing lengthsman cluster arrangement providing, at no cost to the parish council, 50 hours of labour on outside works around the parish.

Clerk asked councillors to suggest further suitable tasks. These are: removal or cutting back of holly bushes by Jolly Robins pond; cleaning of signpost at the Grange Farm junction in Empshott; clearing and reinstatement of ditch on Church Lane Hawkley so far as is possible without earthmoving equipment; clear drain grates around Hawkley and Oakshott.

**15/59 Tree on Upper Green**

David Caukill is continuing to monitor this project. Parish Councillors are extremely grateful to the local landowner who is going to donate a suitable beech tree from his land. It will be dug up and replanted early in the autumn of 2017. Clerk to update EHDC's arboricultural officer.

**15/60 Ditches and verges**

The deleterious state of many of these was much lamented. It was acknowledged by all present that they are particularly bad during this period of prolonged and heavy rain. It was noted that on Upper Green the edge opposite the new kerbing is starting to suffer from the effects of careless driving and from parking but it was felt that little can be done to counter this.

**15/61 Footpath 16**

Following reported repeated use of this footpath connecting the end of Pockocks Lane to Upland Lane by a person on horseback, the individual concerned has been approached to discuss the matter. It is hoped that there will be no need to install a post at one end, however the situation will be monitored.

**15/62 Cars dumped on Stairs Hill**

Councillors consider this site a dangerous eyesore. Clerk to contact Environmental Health at EHDC.

**15/63 Rights of way not on the definitive map**

David Caukill expressed concern that there are several long-standing rights of way in the parish, much used but not on the definitive map, which may be lost to the public if the right to use them is not secured. Clerk to investigate.

**15/64 Reports**

a) The dreadful condition of BOAT 25 (Snailing Lane to Hawkley Hill) was discussed. HCC RoW are aware but have very limited funds with which to effect repairs. The Clerk suggested that the parish council could seek funding and arrange the work itself. However County Councillor Clarke mentioned that this is very much against the current ethos of the RoW dept of HCC, which recognises the likely waste of money involved in attempting repairs only to see routes trashed once more by off-road vehicle users. In some areas, gates and cameras have been installed to control use. Clerk to investigate.

b) Coryton Trust and LGHFF

Nothing new to report.

**15/65 Date of next two meetings**

Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 7.00pm.

Annual General Meeting Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

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Chairman

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Date