

HAWKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

WEDNESDAY MARCH 9TH 2011 AT 7.30PM IN EMPSHOTT HUT

PRESENT: Peter Cregeen (Chairman); Nick Davis; Susan Sinclair; Charlie Butcher; Geoff Brighton. Sue Harwood (Clerk) was in attendance.

ALSO PRESENT: County Councillor Vaughan Clarke and one member of the public.

10/38 Apologies for Absence

District Councillor Judy Onslow was required to attend a meeting at EHDC; John Scutt was absent due to other commitments; David Caukill and Jilly Caesar were both on holiday.

10/39 Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on March 9th were approved and signed as a true record.

10/40 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

10/41 Matters arising:

a) Signs on Standfast Lane

These have now been made, but have not yet been erected. John Scutt to chase this up.

b) Stairs Hill

This matter has been passed back to EHDC who are attempting to pursue an extant enforcement order. There is claimed to be cause for optimism that the land will be cleared by the end of this month. The Clerk was asked to write to EHDC to stress how very keen the PC is to see this matter brought to a successful conclusion at last.

c) Grit bins

HCC has arranged for all requested grit bins to be sited now. There remains one location issue but it is hoped this can be sorted out shortly.

10/42 Report from District Councillor

Nothing further to add to the report already made at the APM.

10/43 Report of County Councillor

Details of proposed new signs for all HCC-owned open spaces such as Ashford Hangers were distributed and views sought. Charlie Butcher queried the costs involved in this unnecessary project during a time of austerity and councillors agreed that the project was a waste of money.

10/44 Snailing Lane

The extensive damage to the verges along Snailing Lane due to the ongoing diversion was discussed. It appears there have been complications and the work may go on longer than originally envisaged. Clancy Docwra has undertaken to carry out repairs but they are not obliged to do so, much of the damage being caused simply by poor driving and many of the culprits being locals. Clerk to add this to article for parish magazine.

10/45 Planning Matters

John Scutt reviewed recent planning applications and decisions. Charlie Butcher drew attention to a possibly worrying development in West Liss, close to the Ham Barn roundabout. Clerk to liaise with Liss Parish Council.

10/46 Finance

a) The financial statement showed recent transactions and payments to be approved.

b) A grant of £300.00 to the East Hants CAB was agreed.

c) A contribution of £500.00 towards the costs of staging a village royal wedding party was agreed.

d) Geoff Brighton presented a report compiled by himself, Charlie Butcher and Susan Sinclair, being the results of the planned review of the system of internal audit. As detailed in the report, the conclusion was that the arrangements are absolutely appropriate at the current time. Geoff Brighton undertook to ensure that the review is carried out on a regular basis into the future. The Chairman thanked all concerned for their great efforts.

10/47 Reports of Representatives

a) Hawkley Parish Hall

Nick Davis reported that the Hall Committee is working on a June completion date. Fundraising continues as the cost of the project has risen slightly with work to the bar area.

b) Footpaths

A finger post on Champlers Lane is rotting at its base and is lying on its side by the entrance to Champlers Lane. Clerk to report.

c) Ashford Hangers

Clerk reported that Mrs Madeline Allison is now in post as the Parish Council representative on the Ashford Hangers Consultative Committee. In addition, she and her husband are keen to become EHDC tree wardens. This proposal was welcomed warmly, Clerk to arrange.

d) Lengthsman

Tony Madeley reported an exposed tree root causing problems on Vann Lane, John Scutt offered to speak to landowner.

e) Coryton Trust

Peter Cregeen reported that the charity has now obtained permission to change its name to 'Liss Greatham and Hawkley Friendship Fund'. This gained the approval of the Parish Council. It was also agreed that the nominated trustee for the fund representing the Parish Council should be Peter Cregeen.

10/48 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th May 2011 at 7.30pm. This will be held at the Empshott hut.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

Chairman

Date