

HAWKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1ST 2014 AT 7.30PM IN HAWKLEY PARISH HALL

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PRESENT: Peter Cregeen (Chairman); Nick Davis; Susan Sinclair; David Caukill; Geoff Brighton; Jilly Caesar and Charlie Butcher

Sue Harwood; (Clerk) was in attendance.

ALSO PRESENT: County Councillor Vaughan Clarke District Councillor Judy Onslow and one member of the public

14/31 Apologies for Absence

Parish Councillor John Scutt.

14/32 Approval of Minutes of Last Meetings

Subject to one typo in the minutes of the meeting held on July 30th (within minute 14/24, line 2), they were then approved and signed as a true record.

14/33 Declaration of Interests

None declared.

14/34 Report of District Councillor

Councillor Onslow sought assurance that the Parish Council is liaising with the SDNPA in trying to progress the Travellers' Panel. David Caukill is doing so. Parish Councillors criticised EHDC's shift in policy towards charity clothing banks, whereby revenue may be retained in house, specifically bemoaning the consequent loss of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance one in Liss. Facts remain unclear for the moment.

14/35 Report of County Councillor

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

14/36 Finance

a) The Clerk presented a financial summary for the period to October 1st 2014 and cheque numbers 300150-300152 were authorised and signed.

b) The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had passed the external audit process with one 'minor query'. The revenue support grant element of the parish precept had been included in annual income under 'precept' (box 2) and not 'other income' (box 3). The clerk confirmed that next year an accurate breakdown of the two elements will be sought from EHDC and will be recorded separately, in accordance with the auditor's note.

14/37 Parish Plan

The final version was unanimously approved. It will now be printed and submitted to EHDC for consideration and adoption at the Community Forum meeting on November 11th. Parish Councillors were encouraged to attend. The Chairman once more thanked Susan Sinclair Jilly Caesar and Charlie Butcher for the time and energy that they have devoted to the plan.

14/38 Empshott Green

Nick Davis reported on his recent site visit with John Scutt and the Clerk. After much discussion with the resident, a compromise had been reached whereby the resident agreed to return to (the common land that is) Empshott Green the extended gravelled area beyond the residential curtilage by removing the gravel and reinstating as grass. It was also agreed at that meeting that the slightly widened driveway be allowed to remain as is.

14/39 Inspection of Play Equipment

Nick Davis reported that one of the repairs highlighted in the report has now been repaired. He has not yet identified the second but will endeavour to do so. The clerk stated that it was necessary for regular checks of the equipment to be carried out to ensure that it was safe. This was discussed and Councillors agreed that monthly checks would be sufficient, it being a small play area with just three pieces of equipment and while it is popular, it is not subject to heavy use. A book must be used to record the checks. Nick Davis to consider whether the Parish Hall Manager might be approached to do this. Clerk to look into possible training courses. Nick Davis also confirmed on behalf of the Parish Hall Committee that no rent would be charged to the Parish Council as new owners of the play equipment on Parish Hall land, either now or in the future.

14/40 Uplands Pond

A resident has asked that the reeds obscuring the pond, now very overgrown, might be dug out. Nick Davis to arrange. Clerk to write to the resident confirming this and asking that fallen trees on more than one right of way across their land be removed and full access restored. Removal of holly bushes to the front of Jolly Robins pond will be done at the same time, it is hoped.

14/41 Proposed Travellers' Sites Panel

David Caukill continues to work on this matter but with limited success due to the apparent unwillingness of SDNPA to fully engage with him on the underlying issues.

14/42 HCC Countryside Access Plan

Geoff Brighton to kindly complete the survey on the Parish Council's behalf.

14/43 SDNPA Parish Council workshop

Susan Sinclair and Nick Davis to attend.

14/44 Reports of Representatives

- a) The Parish Hall will be hosting a fireworks display this year.
- b) Most footpaths in decent condition, some fallen trees have been kindly removed on request
- c) Clarification was sought as to who is mowing Upper Green. Chairman to investigate.
- d) Some maintenance is being carried out in the Coryton Trust properties & LGHFF continues to operate smoothly.

14/45 Date of next meeting

Wednesday January 21st 2015 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

Chairman

Date