

HAWKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26TH 2020 AT 7.30PM
CONDUCTED USING THE ZOOM PLATFORM

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

Also present: County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer.

No residents were present.

Sue Harwood (Clerk) was in attendance.

20/17 Minutes of previous meeting

The chairman pointed two errors, namely that there are 110 email addresses on the parish council database not 120, and to change 'half' in the first line of page 134 to '£500'. The minutes were then approved to be signed at a later date.

20/18 Minutes of 4 planning meetings

These were all approved, also to be signed at a later date.

20/19 Declarations of interest

None declared.

20/20 Chairman's comments

Following a complaint by a resident, the chairman has spoken to a dog owner about the need to keep their dogs under control. A full report has been lodged with the EHDC dog warden. Dog fouling on the cricket outfield and the playground continues to be a problem. The trustees of the Parish Hall are to consider what further actions are necessary to deter the limited number of owners thought to be involved.

David Large kindly offered to provide a poo bag dispenser and this offer has now been relayed to the Parish Hall Trustees.

20/21 District Councillor report

Councillor Louisson had given his apologies and his report is attached as an appendix to these minutes,

20/22 County Councillor report

Councillor Oppenheimer presented his report which is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

20/23 Finance

- a) The clerk presented the financial summary. The Chairman confirmed that he had checked the figures against the bank statement. It will be signed at a later date.
- b) The clerk presented the asset register for 2020/ 21 for approval. Two items were added: the clerk's laptop at a value of £450 and the heritage-style Hawkley signs at a value of £4200. This was approved.

20/24 Verge cutting

The chairman proposed that although the annual budget had allowed for two supplementary verge cuts to be carried out, only one was necessary this year as HCC appears to have carried out some extra work themselves. This was agreed and appreciation of the generally thorough job done by HCC was expressed.

20/25 Tasks for the lengthsman

The chairman had drawn up a list and this was agreed. The general tidying up of the verge around the noticeboard on Upper Green was also added.

20/26 Waste bin on Upper Green

Jo Humphrey reported that a new dog waste bin has been installed as desired and the old one removed at no cost to the parish council.

20/27 HGV sign on Hawkley Road

Liss Parish Council has expressed concern about a possible increase in lorries heading into Liss as a result of any diversion sign and has requested a traffic survey. In addition, it is agreed that some lorries must necessarily access a local business located just beyond the planned sign. In principle the additional sign remains desirable to put a stop to the small number of large lorries transgressing but several aspects still need to be thought through. Chairman to discuss further with Simon Dixon before HCC is contacted.

20/28 Tree Warden

Following an EHDC initiative supported by the Tree Council, Madeleine Allison has declared her preparedness to embrace this role once more. Liz Buckle kindly offered to liaise with her and with the East Hampshire Tree Warden Network and to report back to the parish council at the next meeting.

20/29 Cast iron fingerposts

The chairman commented on the poor state of many of these historic signs and proposed that the parish council consider the overhaul of as many as possible, and to consider the replacement of at least one damaged unattractive modern sign, dependent upon the cost. All present agreed that this would be a good use of reserves. Chairman to investigate further and report back at the next meeting.

20/30 Phone Kiosk on Upper Green

The chairman congratulated Simon Dixon on having orchestrated an excellent overhaul of the Lower Green kiosk. In comparison, the one on Upper Green is in a sorry state and councillors considered what might be done about this. It is still a working kiosk owned by BT and is also Grade 2 listed, which complicates matters. David Large offered to consider further.

20/31 Date of next meeting

November 18th 2020 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 2110hrs.

Chairman

Date