

HAWKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH 2015 AT 7.30PM IN HAWKLEY PARISH HALL

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PRESENT: Peter Cregeen (Chairman); Susan Sinclair; Jilly Caesar; Geoff Brighton David Caukill and Robin Crittenden.

Sue Harwood (Clerk) was in attendance.

No members of the public were present.

15/34 Apologies

County Councillor Vaughan Clarke, District Councillor Judy Onslow and Parish Councillors Jo Humphrey and Charlie Butcher.

15/35 Approval of Minutes of Last Meetings

The minutes of the meeting on July 15th were approved and signed as a true record.

15/36 Declaration of Interests

None declared.

15/37 Public comment

None

15/38 Report of District Councillor

No report due to absence.

15/39 Report of County Councillor

Councillor Clarke's reports for September and October, which were both read out by the Chairman, are attached as appendices to these minutes.

An update was sought on repairs to the surface of the road to Priors Dean which Cllr Clarke had offered to look into at the last meeting.

Susan Sinclair raised local concerns at the recent reductions to the Alton to Petersfield bus service, which leave those who relied on it now unable to travel at weekends. Clerk to follow up on both points.

15/40 Finance

a) The Clerk presented a financial summary for the period to September 2015 and cheque numbers 300201-300203 were authorised and signed. The use of a new cheque book, issued by Unity Trust bank as a result of their appointment of a new payment processing agent was noted.

b) The proposed new signatories on the bank account have now all been authorised. The Clerk explained that Unity Trust has changed the Parish Council's account to one that will in future pay interest. Currently this is payable at 0.1%.

15/41 Planning

a) The minutes of the planning meeting on September 14th were approved and signed as a true record.

b) 15/04583/TCA Upper Green, Hawkley

Fell Horse Chestnut due to diseased state, replant approved alternative.

All aspects of this application, the Parish Council's own, were discussed at much length. The need to carefully remove and store the circular seat for as long as is necessary, the possible timing and costings of the felling of the tree, and choice of and possible sources for a replacement were the main areas covered. David Caukill finally proposed forming a small working party to investigate all aspects further with a view to carrying the matter forward and this was agreed by all present.

c) 15/04436/FUL Sports Fields, Hawkley Village Hall

Formation of tennis court and cricket net.

The Chairman read out a letter from the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee in support of the application.

No Objection

d) Councillor Jilly Caesar voiced the objections of several councillors to an email recently received from a resident, which was considered to be unnecessarily rude and abusive. She reminded the meeting that all members of the planning committee give up their time entirely voluntarily and in good faith for the benefit of the whole village. It was agreed that members of the planning committee would continue to act as they have always done in the past, whereby every effort would be made to contact residents before site visits are made.

15/42 Lengthsman

It is hoped that the new lengthsman will be visiting Hawkley shortly. To the list of existing tasks, the mowing of the grass and the cutting back of hedges to clear sight lines at the Uplands Lane/ Hawkley Road junction, the removal of holly bushes and the strimming of the grass by the pond were added, also the cleaning of signposts and removal of overgrowth around grit bins in Oakshott as well as the rest of the parish.

15/43 Play area inspection report

Remedial action has now been taken to prevent further damage to the seat legs by the strimming of the grass. David Caukill has spoken to the play area manufacturer who has suggested that the cracks in the wooden supports do not in fact need repairing and have several years of useful life remaining. A quote for their replacement will be considered when it is received.

15/44 Traffic speeds

Further to his written report, David Caukill expanded on his tour of the centre of the parish with a senior HCC traffic officer. It was generally agreed that increased use of bollards, signs, speed humps etc was not desirable; in some areas sight lines need to be improved but that this may well have the undesirable effect of increasing traffic speeds. Clerk to write to the PCC to request that the yew hedge bordering the churchyard be cut back.

15/45 Injuries to local wildlife

A short note will be placed in the parish magazine asking that anyone coming across an injured animal please arrange for it to be destroyed. Clerk to coordinate with David Caukill.

15/46 Farnborough

The clerk confirmed that the parish council's recently circulated letter of objection to the most recent proposals from TAG had been sent, with copies to EHAPTC and to Lasham.

15/47 Reports

Footpaths

The deleterious state of BOAT 25 (Snailing Lane) was commented upon with disappointment. Geoff Caukill to email photographs to the clerk for onward transmission to the HCC RoW office.

Coryton Trust and LGHFF

A new leaflet has been produced so that prospective beneficiaries might be encouraged to apply.

15/48 Date of next meeting

Wednesday January 13th 2015 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

Chairman

Date