

HAWKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25TH 2016 AT 7.30PM IN HAWKLEY PARISH HALL

Draft

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

ALSO PRESENT: District Councillor Keith Budden; County Councillor Vaughan Clarke. Sue Harwood (Clerk) was in attendance along with 1 residents.

16/55 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Charlie Butcher and Geoff Brighton.

16/56 Approval of minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on November 9th 2016 were approved and signed as a true record.

16/57 Declaration of interests

Jilly Caesar wished to declare an interest in agenda item 9b) minute item 16/63b) the nature of that item being that she is a near neighbour to the applicant. She opted to take no part in the discussion.

16/58 Public forum

No resident wished to speak.

16/59 Chairman's comments

The Chairman reported on the satisfactory outcome of extensive discussions with SE Water early in the New Year, whereby their planned road closures which would have adversely affected the village for many weeks, have now been very much curtailed.

The landowner has reinstated the ditch on Church Lane to a very high standard.

The Chairman hopes to speak to the new landowner who has responsibility for the drainage ditches along both sides of BOAT 25 (Snailing Lane). Unless the ditches are properly maintained, HCC's forthcoming surface repairs will not prove long-lasting.

The Chairman has responded to the SDNPA Sites and Settlements consultation, objecting to the proposed allocation of Half Acre.

The replacement tree for Upper Green continues to be prepared for removal and resiting in 2018.

The work to Uplands Pond has not yet been done, unfortunately. It is hoped that it will be done in the coming weeks.

The tone of certain 'Neighbour Comments' on the SDNP Planning Portal is regrettable. All councillors agreed that residents should participate in debates on local matters on the basis of reasoned argument.

Susan Sinclair wished to record the council's thanks to the Chairman for his time and trouble in reaching a successful outcome with SE Water.

16/60 Report of District Councillor

Councillor Budden continues to pursue the matter of TAG Farnborough's airspace expansion plans. He has attended a meeting with TAG locally, and has a meeting with the CAA shortly. He will be accompanied by Damian Hinds MP and by another EHDC representative. Serious concerns remain.

He looks forward to arranging a meeting shortly between Radian Housing, EHDC Housing Dept and a representative of the parish council.

A grant to the PCC for their new seating should be received shortly.

He is continuing to promote a possible alternative site which may well be suitable as an authorised site for gypsies and travelling showmen. There are signs of progress. It was suggested that a letter of support from the parish council might be sent if thought helpful, and all present supported this proposal.

16/61 Report of County Councillor

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

16/62 Finance

a) The Clerk presented a financial summary for the period to January 2017 and cheque numbers 300224-300226 were authorised and signed.

b) The Chairman proposed an increase in the Clerk's salary of £240 per annum, and all present agreed.

c) The Clerk presented a document to aid discussion on the setting of next year's precept. It was unanimously agreed to leave the precept unchanged for a fourth consecutive year at £10,000.

16/63 Planning

a)SDNP/16/05776/HOUS Pocock, Pococks Lane, Hawkley GU33 6NE

Application to regularise changes to previously approved applications under SDNP15/06455/HOUS and SDNP/16/01608/HOUS and for a two storey rear extension, single storey rear extension together with porch and internal alterations together with proposed glazed link and garage conversion.

The parish council has no objection to this application so long as planning officers have inspected the works and are content with all changes and so long as the enlarged footprint of the property does not exceed the 50% rule.

b) SDNP/16/06007/APNB/ Land NE of Middle Oakshott Farm Lane Hawkley

Prior Notification – Agricultural General Purpose Storage Building

Objection. The scale of the proposed barn and its surrounding hardstanding will make it very visible, particularly from the Hangers Way footpath. Councillors do understand that under current legislation pertaining to PDR, a farmer has the right to build a barn for agricultural purposes, so long as that barn complies with the relevant conditions. Councillors do not believe that it does: with regard to the design and appearance of the barn, the materials used and the colour scheme should be reconsidered. The proposed concrete-coloured roof is inappropriate in this rural setting. No attempt appears to have been made to reduce the stark visual impact upon the landscape. The design incorporates an excessive number of roof lights which are highly likely to be glaringly reflective. The parish council therefore asks that these are greatly reduced in number and are restricted to the side facing away from the Hangers only. Further, councillors would like to see greater use made of native planting to screen the barn. Finally, the parish council asks that a condition be attached stipulating that should the land cease to be used for agriculture in the future, then the barn must be demolished and removed.

c) SDNP/16/06007/APNB/ Land NE of Middle Oakshott Farm Lane Hawkley

Row of 3 crab apple trees by front gate – to prune and crown reduce to finished height of 5m and spread of 2m
No objection.

16/64 Lengthsman

It was unanimously agreed that continued participation in the scheme is highly desirable.

Several tasks were added to the list. It was proposed that all residents are invited to submit suggestions for suitable projects at the APM.

16/65 Social Housing

In accordance with the aim stated in the parish plan of achieving greater understanding of how social housing is allocated in the parish, the Chairman proposed appointing a parish councillor to become more closely involved. Jo Humphrey kindly agreed to take on this responsibility. In the first instance, there will be a meeting at EHDC arranged by Councillor Budden.

16/66 Street Light

The Chairman reported that an estimate for the necessary works had now been obtained and this was approximately £850. It was likely that grants might be obtained to cover these costs. However, a small but significant number of objections to the proposal have now been received. Some residents who previously pronounced themselves in favour have changed their minds. The installation of an additional light would be very much against the SDNPA's policy of 'darker skies' and EHDC would only agree to it if it could be convinced that there is a serious safety issue that a street light alone can address. Also, there must be almost unanimous support for the light. Councillors considered all these factors and decided that in view of the lack of local support, the proposal should be dropped.

16/67 Community Tactical Crime Group

Now that the parish council is aware of the existence of this group, it was agreed that this may prove a useful conduit to report local crime and to seek relevant support. Councillor Budden attends these meetings and very kindly agreed to relay parish concerns. In the first instance, ongoing abuse of the current closure of BOAT 25 (Snailing Lane) will be reported.

16/68 Coryton Trust

In response to an appeal for a local resident who may be interested in joining the Coryton Trust committee, Peter Humphrey declared himself willing to do so. In view of his highly relevant experience and expertise, this met with the unanimous approval of all councillors. Clerk to forward the proposal.

16/69 Reports of representatives

Footpaths

No report in Geoff Brighton's absence.

Coryton Trust and LGHFF

Nothing new to report.

Hawkley Parish Hall Trust

Jilly Caesar reported that no decisions have been taken by the trustees in regard to the proposed village shop as the church has not yet met to discuss and decide upon the proposed relinquishing of the church room. A number of letters of objection to the change of use of the hall have been received. It is hoped that a decision will be made in February once the church's view is known.

16/70 Parish Plan Update

Poor public transport links and possible responses were discussed. Clerk to investigate and report back on current provision. Clerk also to speak to the Lupin Charity in Liss.

16/54 Date of next meeting

Wednesday April 19th 2016 at 7pm – the Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Chairman

Date