



Hedgerley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8.00pm,
9th June 2014, in the Memorial Hall, Hedgerley

Present – Cllr. Derek Baker (Chairman), Cllr. Neil Coxhead (NC)(Vice Chairman), Cllr. Maurice Ridgeley (MER), Cllr. Ted Evans (TE), Cllr. Simon Hawkins (SH), Cllr. Tom Webb (TW), Cllr. Judith Evans (JE) and the Clerk

In attendance – Cllr. Peter Hardy (BCC) (PH) , Cllr. Anita Cranmer (SBDC) (AC), and six members of the public

Chairman indicated emergency exits

Apologies for absence – none

1. To approve Minutes of Meeting held on 12th May 2014
Minutes approved as a true record, and signed.
APM 2014 still awaiting some written reports.
2. County Councillor
PH apologised for not attending the last two meetings. He said that the Ofsted Inspectors are currently assessing the Childrens' Safeguarding Service. This Service has faced increasing demand with many more children being taken into care. It is likely that the inspectors' recommendations will lead to increased costs which will mean having to make further savings in other areas of the Council including possibly pothole repair work.
3. District Councillor
Community affairs and Community safety now linked with CDC, will be few changes and probably a wider programme.
Crime rates low, but domestic abuse is on the increase by 25% even though the figures in South Bucks are quite small. This affects more than women, men the elderly and children. The Police are mounting a campaign to raise awareness.
4. County Council Matters
 - NC referred to the Electoral Review of South Bucks. Reminded Councillors that the consultation closes on 21st July. Hoped that people would make the effort and respond.
5. Clerk's Information Items
 - Pond posts – TE had given a revised specification for the job. Considering using beech wood as the cost of oak seemed very expensive.
 - Dog Bins – JE said agreement had been reached with the Community Plan that two more bins would be ideal in order that each corner of the Green would be covered. Clerk to arrange approval and order.
 - TW mentioned that Burnham Beeches had held an event on Sunday to try to encourage dog walkers to pick up their dog poo. They are considering implementing a dog exclusion zone. TW wondered if this would work in Hedgerley.
 - Mobile library - TW told the meeting about the arrangement that Rotary had organised in their local area for the elderly people. Which would be the collection and return of books. Councillors agreed this seemed a better idea than the mobile library. Agenda item for July.
 - BKV – Councillors had helped out with the leaflet drop. Some people said that they had not received one. Litter pick had gone ahead; strimming on the verges; bollards in Village Lane

repainted. Councillors were very concerned about the graffiti and damage around the Youth Club.

- Update on shops lease – Clerk had spoken with Lukman Ahmad and was told that he is still awaiting confirmation of the lease, which is hoped in the next fortnight. He also said failing that, he it would seek further offers.

6. Finance

To note report; cheques signed.

7. Planning

DB detailed the report which was noted.

8. Property

- Seats on the Green
MER said that the Tracy Trust wanted to fund the cost of the two benches dedicated to their members.
- Coppice Way steps – offer
Clerk had been approached by a resident of Coppice Way who was concerned that the steps were becoming in poor condition and needed renovation. He said he would be prepared to do the work, with others, and asked if there was a chance of funding from the PC. Clerk had received an offer of two tonnes of Type 1 sub base and milling the timber necessary for the steps; timber from Hedgerley.

9. Magazine

DB told Jean Medway -Gash that he apologised on behalf of all the Councillors regarding the manner in which the then proposed Magazine meeting had been arranged. She was annoyed that no one had bothered to speak to her on the phone about it. DB thought that there was no need to follow up the suggestion of the informal meeting any more. Dr. Lunn asked the Council if this meant that the Parish Council had nothing to do with the magazine at all, which was confirmed.

10. Electoral Review – discussed in item 4.

11. Community Plan

JE said that another meeting is being held on 27th June.

12. Meetings

To report on – none at this time

To attend – SBALC 19th June, 7.30, Capswood

13. Date of next meeting – Monday 14th July, 2014 Memorial Hall

Democratic period

A resident asked if the PC accounts were available to be seen. Clerk explained the annual accounts for 13/14 will be posted on the Hedgerley Parish Council website as soon as they are approved. Mrs. Lunn was so troubled by the state of the Youth Club that she asked if it was possible to have CCTV installed.

Another resident said that it was evident that a drug dealer was making regular visits to the bus stop where several youngsters waited for their supply.

Dr. Lunn asked if Top Farm Cottage had got permission for the building works which were being carried out there.