



Hedgerley Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on MONDAY 14th January 2013
In the Youth Club Hut, Hedgerley

Present – Cllr Tom Webb (TW)(Chairman), Cllr Derek Baker (DB)(Vice Chairman), Cllr Maurice Ridgley (MER), Cllr Neil Coxhead (NC) and the Clerk.

In attendance – Cllr Peter Hardy (BCC)(PH)

Chairman indicated emergency exits

Apologies for absence –

Cllr Anita Cranmer (SBDC), Cllr Michael Rice, Cllr Maddie Bushnell, Cllr Ted Evans.

1. To approve Minutes of Meeting held on 10th December 2012

Minutes were approved as a true record, and signed.

2. County Councillor

- PH told the meeting that a zero percent Council Tax rise had been approved. This is the third year in a row this has been agreed.
- He said there was controversy about Eleven Plus places. There is proposed a new type of exam for entry to grammar schools. This is at the moment, out to consultation. It is hoped this will overcome the unfair situation caused by some children receiving extra tutoring for the exam.
- PH said that this year's Delegated Budget scheme will be focussing on footway repairs/renovation.
- Further to the Clerk receiving a call from Bill Youell, Chairman of FCPC regarding their MVAS, he will look into the situation, but recommended that we continue with the proposal that we share with Fulmer.
- He also said he was very pleased with the potholes repair situation. MER agreed and also said that the repairs he'd seen appeared to have been done 'properly' as opposed to a quick fix.
- Regarding the flooding in Kiln Lane. PH said he had written to Portman Burtley and suggested a meeting between them and HPC to try and remedy this continuing situation.

3. District Councillor – not present, apologies sent

4. County Council Matters

Kiln Lane flooding – dealt with in item 2

5. Clerk's information items

- Bus stop update – bus stop sign had been put in place two days after the last PC meeting. Members thanked PH for his help on this.
- Tree guard – Councillors agreed that the plaque should face the houses. Tree guard should be in place this week.

6. Finance

- To approve report – report was approved, cheques signed
- Electrical contractor – Clerk explained to Councillors that the situation with the current contractors was far from satisfactory, especially with regard to the Christmas lights. She had obtained two quotes from alternative contractors, recommended by other councils and will be circulating the information to councillors this week, for their decision.
- Budget – TW confirmed that Budget meeting to be held on Thursday 24th Jan, 8.00 pm, the Little House. Clerk to circulate relevant current data prior to meeting.

8. Planning

To approve report – DB explained that there had not been a lot happening over the Christmas period and also that he had been away. MER queried the entrance alterations at Edge Hill, and DB suggested that MJR would most likely know the history on this.

9. Property

- Kemsley Wood – MER said that a new contractor had now submitted a quotation which worked out at only £300 more than the original price, and only £75 more than we have in grants. This work should be completed by end Jan/early Feb. It is also agreed that an area behind the residential properties be left to act as a barrier.
- Kiln Wood – Ben Harris had continued the felling work. MER said he had a quote via Peter Harding from the original contractors, for the work under the management plan. There were only two trees mentioned as Ben Harris had done the rest already.
- Willow Tree by pond – clerk had obtained one quote, and was expecting two more. The contractors approached previously did not undertake climbing work. Upon receipt of these quotes, Clerk will circulate to Councillors for their consideration.
- Youth Club car park – skateboard ramp. Councillors agreed to leave this for the time being.
- MER asked the Clerk if any progress had been made on the replacement benches for the Green. Clerk to investigate situation.

10. Community Orchard

As MB was not in attendance, nothing to report. MER did say he had spent several days with his son, clearing away the brambles and dead vegetation from the site and burning. Clerk said she would be providing tree guards.

11. Parish Plan

TW said that the last meeting had to be cancelled. Next meeting on Wednesday 23rd. He thought it was very close to being written up finally.

12. Meetings

To report on –
To attend – SBALC

13. Date of next meeting –

Monday 11th February, Youth Club Hut