



# Hedgerley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
in the Memorial Hall, Hedgerley

**Present** - Cllr. Neil Coxhead (Chairman), (NC), Cllr. Derek Baker (Vice Chairman) (DB), Cllr Marcus Orchard (MO), Cllr Paul Miller (PM), Cllr Thomas Broom and the Clerk

**In Attendance** – Cllr. Marlene Lewis (SBDC)

**Apologies for absence** – Cllr Maurice Ridgeley

Chairman indicated emergency exit

**1. Election of Chairman**

Neil Coxhead. Proposed by Derek Baker, seconded by Paul Miller

**2. Election of Vice Chairman**

Thomas Broom. Proposed by Derek Baker, seconded by Neil Coxhead

**3. To approve the draft Minutes of Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 which had been publicised on the noticeboards previously**

Minutes were approved as a true record, and signed.

**4. County Councillor**

Barbara Gibbs had been elected as member of Bucks County Council. We look forward to meeting her at the June meeting.

**5. District Councillor**

ML said that the decision on the unitary arrangement, most preferred the two-tier, was being delayed because of the elections.

**6. County Council Matters**

Nothing to report at this time.

**7. Clerk's information items**

Annual Parish Meeting.

The reports will be presented for signature at the June meeting.

The Clerk suggested to Councillors that in future, we wouldn't bother with providing refreshments as it was a waste of time, money and effort, as hardly anyone took up the offer. Councillors agreed that in future, there would be no refreshments provided.

Best Kept Village

Clerk had printed leaflets for distribution to residents throughout the village.

Holt Hedge

Clerk had visited Phillip Hallam to find out if he was going to cut the Holt Hedge again. Unfortunately, he had been very ill and as a result, had given up working. Ben Harris would be doing the hedge in future for the sum of £250. He is experienced in hedge laid maintenance.

Hedgerley Village Sign

Clerk didn't think the potential siting of the sign on the side of the Green was a very good idea, especially as only one side would ever be seen from the road. Clerk made the suggestion that the grass area near the bus stop would be an ideal spot as it would be seen from both sides. Councillors agreed. Clerk is to make enquiries about any planning which might be involved.

**8. Finance – To note report**

- Report was noted, cheques signed.
- Quote for repainting fence round the pond.  
With reference to the specification, the Clerk had not had any success in finding a suitable contractor. NC suggested HCV might be able to help on this.

- Quote for refurbishing the steps in Kiln Wood

Two quotes had been received. Councillors approved Ben Harris's quotation which included using oak timbers, and that which had been felled in Kiln Wood as part of the Woodland Management Plan.

**9. Planning - To note report**

Report was noted. Two items of interest were the LBC application for the roof of Shell House and the dismissal from the Planning Inspectorate of the appeal for the Reservoir site.

**10. Annual Review of Governance documents**

- Financial regulations – seen and approved, signed by NC
- Standing Orders – seen and approved, signed by NC
- Risk Assessment – seen and approved, signed by NC
- Insurance – it had been agreed to continue with the three-year arrangement already in place.

**11. Property**

Information board for the Community Orchard

- No news yet. Clerk will get in touch with the sign-makers to find out the situation.

**12. Youth Club Hut**

NC explained that the intent of the 'Youth club clause' was to allow any future youth organization to use the hut. However, on advice from the Council's solicitor it was decided not to include this provision in the Guides' lease. Peter Cathcart said it would be acceptable for use on an ad hoc basis. NC asked the Clerk to find out what the YC were going to do with their equipment.

**13. Slade Farm – update**

MO said that HPC's appeal hearing document had gone in to the Planning Inspector.

**14. Neighbourhood Plan – update**

NC said there would be a public meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> May. Steering Group to organise publication in the notice boards and website.

**15. Membership of Parish Council advisory groups**

Planning	DB, TB	Accounts	PM, PH
Property	MER, PM	Insurance	NC
Slade Farm	DB, MO	Footpaths	MER
Playground insp.	NC	Tree Warden	MER

**Representatives on outside organisations**

S.Bucks Partnership	DB	Neighbourhood Plan	NC, TB
SBALC	PH	Scouts	TB
Wapseys Wood	BCC	Guides	TB
Tracy Trust	MER	Memorial Hall	MER

**16. Meetings**

To report on – nothing at this time

To attend – Drop in Transparency morning. BMKALC

**17. Date of next meeting**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017, Memorial Hall 8.15pm

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

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**Democratic period**

*Marlene Lewis commented on the problem she had had with the big oak at the entrance to her driveway. After she had spoken with tree expert, she was told it was a Highways matter. Highways are saying it is part of the resident's verge. Marlene said the electricity people were assessing safety of the wires being in close proximity to the tree.*

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