

Hedgerley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 14th December,

2015

In the Youth Club Hut, Hedgerle,

Present - Cllr. Neil Coxhead (Chairman), (NC), Cllr. Derek Baker (Vice Chairman) (DB), Cllr. Maurice Ridgeley (MER), Cllr Judith Evans (EJE), Cllr Paul Miller (PM), and the Clerk

Chairman indicated Emergency Exits

In Attendance - Cllr David Vincent (SBDC), and four members of the p

Apologies for absence - Cllr Marcus Orchard (MO)
Did not attend - Cllr. Peter Hardy (BCC)



1. To approve the draft Minutes of Meeting held on 14th December 2015 which had been publicised on the noticeboards previously.

Subject to a new paragraph being inserted regarding Slade Farm, Minutes were approved as a true record, and signed.

- 2. County Councillor did not attend
- 3. District Councillor

DV said that with no meetings being held prior to the Christmas period, there was little to say.

Councillors asked about the 'den' in Kemsley Wood and if anything had happened regarding the clear-up. DV was unaware of the problem but after his hearing of what had been going on, he said he would have a word with one of the lads and see if something could be done about it.

- 4. County Council Matters nothing to report
- 5. Clerk's Information Items
 - Duneen verge problem

The resident telephoned to say he would be going to SBDC to speak to the Planning department and organise a planning application. He apologised for the delay in doing this earlier.

- o Kemsley Wood 'den'
 - Item already mentioned in No.3
- o Kemsley Wood Forest School request

We have now received a copy of the information regarding this. NC said it would be looked at and it would be considering a possible formal agreement.

- o Parking in Jones Way
 - Clerk had mistakenly looked at the wrong area of Jones Way, thus had not seen any vehicles parked on the verge. MER said it was the dead end of Jones Way which had the problem. Clerk will investigate.
- o **Driving on the Green**

MER said he was unaware of any further disturbance. Clerk will visit Tatling End TVP and ask if anything had been heard regarding this, after a resident had reported the licence number.

Queen's Birthday celebrations

HM The Queen's 90th Birthday will be celebrated across the UK by beacons or bonfires. NC suggested it would be a good idea to have a bonfire for this occasion which would be on 21st June, Thursday. Suggested the upper part of Church Meadow, as it would be a more visible spot.

Christmas Lights

Councillors agreed it was a great shame that no lights had been on this Christmas. Clerk had received a call from a resident who said they were disappointed Hedgerley had no lights this year. When the Clerk explained the reason (BLE said the lights did not work any more) the resident offered – anonymously – to donate the cost of new lights for next Christmas.

6. Finance

Report was noted; cheques signed.

Clerk told the meeting there appeared to be a query on signatories for the bank mandate. After visiting NatWest, the Clerk was given forms for DB and EJE to complete.

7. Planning

DB detailed the report, but due to the Christmas period there had been very little happening. He said that 4 Jones Way had been refused, and Tara Barn had also been refused. Report was noted.

8. Property

Tree Safety Report - quotations

Price received was approved for the amount of £1,600 by B.M.Harris. Council agreed on the lower of the 2 quotes provided by Pyramid Consulting.

- Stile on Hedgerley Hill
 - Had been completed, and the whole fence had also been replaced.
- Bench in memorial to the late Ted Evans
 - NC is going to have a look at the existing plaques on the benches on the Green to see what the layout should be before decided on the final wording.
- Kiln Wood management plan, access

PM and Ben Harris to meet and look at the proposal. Residents will also be informed of the final outcome.

9. Slade Farm - Update

NC said that not a lot more had happened but said that BCC Highways want to see a plan that makes turning right physically not possible. He also said that an archaeology plan will be in place as there are Roman brick kilns there.

Also said that the Environment Agency were concerned about leaching from the M40 and possible flooding.

Possible that more information will be back by February. NC suggested that the Community Plan be updated with a view to going forward with the Neighbourhood Plan. Next meeting of the Development Control Committee that decides on the planning application is on 9th February, but it is doubtful Slade Farm will be on the agenda because it seems unlikely the applicant will be able to have provided the additional information requested in time.

10. Community Plan

EJE said there was to be another meeting on Monday next, 18th January

11. Meetings

To attend – Budget meeting, Monday 1st February, 8.00pm, Youth Club Hut SBALC – 21st January, Capswood. Clerk to attend

12. Date of next Meeting

Monday 8th FEBRUARY 2016, 8.00pm Youth Club Hut Meeting closed at 8.55 Democratic period · TW thanked NC for organising the wasaill in the orchard, but was disappointed that more people had not attended. He thought there should be more publicity on this.

TW was very concerned at the flooding in Village Lane near Slade Farm. Clerk will request SBDC to pump the drain as it appeared to be blocked.