

# Hedgerley Partsh Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8.00pm, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014, in the Youth Club Hut,

Present - Cllr. Derek Baker (Chairman), Cllr. Neil Coxhead (NC)(Vice Chairman), Cllr. Maurice Ridgeley (MER), Cllr. Ted Evans (TE), Cllr. Judith Evans, Cllr. Andrew Allen (AA) and the Clerk

**Emergency Exits** -

In Attendance - two residents Apologies - Cllr. Peter Hardy (BCC)

- 1. Co-option of Councillor
  - Andrew Allen was co-opted onto the Parish Council and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.
- 2. To approve Minutes of Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014 Minutes were approved as a true record, and signed
- 3. County Councillor apologies sent
- 4. District Councillor did not attend
- 5. County Council matters

MER wondered who put the heap of road grit at the side of Hedgerley Hill. Clerk to query where it came from and why it was left there. Councillors agreed that a new grit bin be purchased to be sited at the bottom of the hill. Clerk to arrange.

- 6. Clerk's information items
  - MVAS as the batteries had run down almost as soon as the device was put up, it
    was agreed to keep it in the same place, but recharge the batteries. Clerk to
    arrange.
  - Glebe/Church Holt hedge cutting work had been done, no problems on undergrowth this year.
  - BKV plaque -
    - it had been agreed to site the plaque on the environmental sign at the Glebe. TE will be getting a piece of timber to fit so suites the plaque size and it will go underneath the sign. Also TE spoke to the Committee of the Memorial Hall to request permission to put up the BKV certificate; a place has been chosen and TE is waiting for approval.
    - Councillors wanted to know when we have to return the award. Clerk to find out
  - Gym equipment councillors didn't think that gym equipment was particularly appropriate for the older children. Other play equipment to be investigated for next meeting.

# 7. Finance

DB detailed the report, noted that there were several larger invoices this time, but commented that our finances were still in a healthy state. Report was noted and cheques signed.

# 8. Planning

Report was noted.

## 9. Khailsa School

Stoke Poges PC had been in touch with the local Parish Councils asking for help with regard to their challenging the decision by Secretary of State to overturn the decision not to allow further expansion of the school. Chairman agreed with Councillors that Clerk draft a letter which would be circulated to all residents to see if they would be willing independently to help on this matter.

#### 10. Devolved Powers

The meeting on the 16th October was cancelled the day before.

Councillors are still unsure on where they go on this and Chairman agreed that he and NC or EJE will look at a cost analysis before any further decision is taken. Clerk to provide spreadsheet showing the figures from County Hall.

## 11. Property

The new bench is now in place.

Kemsley Wood problem - had received further complaints from residents about the continued use of mopeds in the car park and woodland. MER, Ben Harris and the Clerk had inspected the area and had suggested a chicane gateway next to the main gate to prevent mopeds from gaining entry. David Vincent strongly disagreed with this suggestion. MER then suggested that the chicane next to the woodland gate be made less wide which will then prevent mopeds from getting through and also Clerk to provide a padlock for the woodland gateway.

## 12. Community Plan

- EJE said there had been a meeting last week when four people attended. Also
  want another in the new year to decide what to be done. Wanted to encourage
  people to attend.
- Regarding the mobile library/lending library, nothing more had happened, but will be looking into the either requesting the mobile library returns or the original thought of voluntary collections.

## 13. Meetings

To report on – SBALC 16<sup>th</sup> October, Clerk attended. An interesting meeting, the main item with councilors was the devolved powers. There did seem to be a lot of confusion still and they had asked if someone from BCC would come and talk with them on this. BCC – devolved powers meeting – cancelled the day before on 15<sup>th</sup>.

14. Date of next meeting - Monday 8th December, Youth Club hut.

Meeting closed at 9.10.

# **Democratic period**

John Lovelock informed the meeting that he had emailed SBDC to get update on the WWI fund he had applied for. Apparently the person responsible had been away from the office for two months and no one else appeared to know what had happened to it. Clerk suggested that she take John's copy and hand deliver it to SBDC to ensure it goes to the person who is responsible in the absence of the original officer.