



Hedgerley Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on April 13th, 2023
8.00pm Memorial Hall, Hedgerley

In attendance – Cllr Neil Coxhead (NC), Cllr. Maurice Ridgeley (MER), Cllr. Anthony Bremner and the Clerk (PH). Present seven members of the public.

Chairman indicated emergency exits.

1. **To approve Minutes**

Minutes were approved as a true record, and signed.

Community Submissions

Maddie and Sarah, Committee members of the Memorial Hall have asked for help/suggestions for a way forward for the future of the Memorial Hall. They say in two years, if things don't improve financially, it is more than likely that it will not be a viable option to continue. They have thought of capital investment – solar panels, oil, anything to get the costs down. It was 2k p.a. and has now increased to £6k p.a. They are looking for advice on grants. Since Covid, the use of the hall has decreased and have lost considerable revenue. Birthday parties are now very rare, three or four gym sessions have gone. They have been approached by a Montessori school, which would be 9.00 – 3.30 daily. This would mean that the people who do organise a daily event would lose out, and that would not be a welcome result.

2. **Buck's Council**

TB did not attend; no report received.

3. **Clerk's Information Items**

- Defibrillator – is now in place. Signage to be arranged and S. Central training to be organised for June.
- Audrey Bainbridge legacy – Clare Stanton has asked if the meeting could be re-arranged for Saturday 22nd April, 10.00 am.

4. **Finance**

Finance report – report noted, cheques signed

5. **Planning**

PL/23/0632/FA Edgewood, Andrew Hill Lane. S/storey front/side extension (part retrospective). The scope of this development seems considerably larger than the original proposal. HPC is concerned that it would result in a significant increase in the built environment density in this part of Andrew Hill Lane (in the Green Belt). Given the above and due to the part retrospective nature of the application, HPC would like to call this application into the Planning Committee for consideration.

PL/23/-1-4/HB Old Quakers House, Village Lane. Listed building consent for extension of existing wooden fence along 6 metres of existing driveway and erection of new set of wooden gates.

HPC does not have any objection to this application.

6. **HCV 'to do' list for village**

Things have progressed. Further progress will be circulated for next HPC meeting.

7. **Coronation** flagpole imminently arriving.

8. **Magazine** – at the present time, funds are adequate

9. **Property**

MVAS – request to FCPC re pole\ground screw - Still waiting to hear from FCPC

Request from No.16 Coppice Way – after further discussion, it was agreed that HPC are not Responsible for this

Clerk has been onto Rugby club regarding treating the Green.

Stile on Portman's land. Rights of Way Officer has said the owners have to upgrade the stiles.

10. **Slade Farm**

TB is waiting for confirmation of the date for the Liaison Meeting.

Meetings

To report on – nothing to report

To attend – Annual Parish meeting, 27th April

11. **Date of next meeting**

May 18th 2023, Memorial Hall, 8.00 pm.

Extra comment out of agenda – Cllr. Maurice Ridgley has resigned as a Member of HPC saying he has 'had enough'.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm