



Hedgerley Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on MONDAY 11th March 2013
In the Youth Club Hut, Hedgerley

Present – Cllr. Tom Webb (Chairman) (TW), Cllr. Derek Baker (Vice Chairman) (DB), Cllr Michael Rice (MJR), Cllr. Ted Evans (TE), Cllr. Maurice Ridgeley (MER), Cllr Neil Coxhead (NC) and the Clerk

In attendance – one member of the public

Chairman to indicate d emergency exits

Apologies for absence – Cllr. Peter Hardy, Cllr Anita Cranmer

1. To approve Minutes of 11th February 2013

Minutes were approved as a true record, and signed

2. County Councillor – not present

4. District Councillor – not present

5. County Council Matters

Kiln Lane flooding – Investigations under way, to be discussed at next meeting

Junction of Village Lane/ Hedgerley Lane – TW and Clerk had a site meeting with TfB and Peter Hardy. Highways engineer will be deciding on the best means of traffic calming. A row of bollards by the road sign was suggested. We wait to hear.

6. Clerk's information items

Damage to vehicle by tree branch Request for tree trimming by resident – Peter Hardy had had a meeting with Mr. Binns on this. Report at next meeting.

MVAS – update – confirmed that HPC will share the device with Fulmer PC. HPC to pay half the set up fees. Positions have been confirmed and we await confirmation of further action; date of installation etc.

Methane – had reported incidence of odour. Informed that there had been bore digging work carried out during the previous month which was probably the cause of the smell.

Parking by shops – after reporting the initial parking problem to the Police which resulted in the two vans being removed, a further two vehicles began to park in the slip road. Contact was made with the company and it is hoped this will also stop.

NALC letter request – regarding Government's policy to localise the funding for Council Tax benefit, have been asked if HPC could write to MP asking for his support. TW was asked to do this.

7. Resignation of Councillor

Maddie Bushnell had resigned from HPC. SBDC informed and relevant notice for vacancy to be put on noticeboards.

8. Finance

- To note report – report was noted, cheques signed

- Electrical contractor –

Further from the previous HPC meeting in February, when it was agreed by Councillors that a new electrical contractor would be engaged, we had been contacted by BLE on this. They said they had been

in touch with their solicitor who said that they should have six months notice. They offered free inspections, and free maintenance, apart from cost of spares. TW said that HPC should accept this. MJR did point out that the previous decision had been made by Council and this was not an appropriate course of action, but accepted TW's point. NC was asked to produce a draft for a one year contract laying down performance criteria.

- Memorial Hall, grass cutting – Clerk had been asked by Mary Lane if HPC could consider including the cutting of the grass around the Memorial Hall in their mowing schedule. Councillors approved.
- Budget, approval – after consideration by Councillors, the budget for 2013/14 was approved.

9. **Planning**

DB detailed aspects of some applications and decisions. Councillors approved

DB also drew attention to the flyer produced by SPPC regarding the Kailsa school and the fact that they wish to extend.

10. **Property**

Kemsley Wood – holly clearance has been carried out and signed off. There will be two years of spraying to stop re-growth

Kiln Wood – work is continuing.

Willow Tree by pond – pollarding had been carried out. Clerk mentioned that the contractor had received some positive comments from nearby residents saying they were very pleased that the view to the Church had been opened up. Councillors were pleased with the result.

Glebe – MER said HPC was blamed by the White Horse for making the garden wet through cutting the grass. MER had done some more clearing and had had a few bonfires. He said it was still very wet for vehicles to get in. He said it seems that people are climbing over the gate to get to the Church. Thought it might be a good idea to have a kissing gate.

11. **Community Orchard** – planting had taken place.

12. **Parish Plan** – NC said that there had been another meeting the previous week. The target to produce the first draft is probably not going to be met. There is another meeting scheduled for April. Tim Hall has stood down as Chairman of the steering group. It is intended to have another village walk on 28th April. This time it is intended to have a break half way round.

13. **Meetings**

To report on – SBP 13th February (NC)

NC said that there had been advice on heating systems specifically on older buildings. Crime – domestic violence was on the increase. Discussion on the consolidation on the future of the partnership. Decision was to merge SBP with Chiltern; to try out for twelve months.

Feedback from the 2011 census. Increase of 7.9% to 66867. Households 26515. Religion was – Christian 75.6 down to 62.3. No religion 19.8. South Bucks had the second highest percentage for Sikh. Also had the second highest for Travellers.

To attend – SBALC, date to be confirmed

14. **Date of next meeting** –

Monday 8th April, 2013

MEMORIAL HALL

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Democratic period – questions on items discussed during this meeting
No questions