



Hedgerley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on
12th October, 2015
In the Memorial Hall, Hedgerley

Present - Cllr. Neil Coxhead (Chairman), (NC), Cllr. Derek Baker (Vice Chairman), (DB), Cllr Maurice Ridgley, Cllr. Judith Evans, (EJE), Cllr. Marcus Orchard, (MO) and the Clerk

Chairman indicated Emergency Exits

In Attendance – Cllr. Peter Hardy (BCC), Cllr. David Vincent (SBDC) and eight residents

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Apologies for absence – Cllr. Paul Miller

1. Chairman to speak on Cllr. Ted Evans

From Chairman

It is with sadness that we learned that Councillor Ted Evans had lost his battle with Cancer on 23rd September at Wexham Park Hospital.

Ted had been a member of this Council since May 1983 and he had stood for election in May this year despite undergoing treatment for cancer. He never complained about anything even though he had not been in the best of health for some time.

His affable style often brought much needed levity to Council meetings. I will miss his humorous yarns.....and I am sure they were all true!

Ted was a founder member of the Hedgerley Conservation Volunteers and continued as Chairman on the HCV committee when he had to stop attending working parties. He was also active with the Historical Society.

He will be greatly missed by all those who knew him. Always willing to help wherever he could, he was a good friend to the village.

The funeral will be this Thursday 15th October at 3.15 pm, Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham. Family flowers only please. Donations to a charity to be notified by the family in due course.

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

With one amendment – omission of Cllr Marcus Orchard, minutes were approved and signed.

3. County Councillor

PH underlined the comments on Ted Evans and said he was a good friend.

Devolution of transport, BCC partnering with Oxfordshire, Luton, Hertfordshire; Government policy review is hoped to repatriate Business Rates to local government (but not before 2020); there is new additional pressure on the Green Belt for housing, HPC should be watchful; A355 Beaconsfield Relief road will be complete by 2019 if approved next year.

4. District Councillor

DV said that SBDC and Chiltern District Council are working together on a Core Plan for Housing 2014-36; ongoing cost reductions will inevitably have an impact on services.

5. County Council Matters – nothing at this time

6. Clerk's information items

Duneen verge problem

There was still nothing happening regarding the verge. Clerk had contacted SBDC and was told that there had been no application for dropped kerb at all. To contact LAT to see if he had any news. Clerk to write to them to politely ask them not to drive over the verge, as it is a decorative feature of the village, and remind them of the process they need to follow if they want to drop the kerb.

Church Meadow cottage ground works, have been completed.

Kemsley Wood concerns

A resident had been in touch regarding the dog mess being left at the far end of Kemsley Wood path. apparently people were putting the dog poo in bags, but then dropping it at the side of the pathway. The lady who got in touch asked if it were possible to have a dog bin at the end of the path. It has to be established the exact area being referred to, plus unless the dog bin is approved by SBDC as being a viable area for the collection of same, there could not be one.

The lady also said that the path from Robert Road to the wood was very badly overgrown with nettles. Clerk said that if the path was paved/metalled then it was the responsibility of Highways. Clerk to get in touch with LAT.

7. Finance –

Finance report – to note report

Unity Trust Bank – clerk to make further enquiries. Also to find out about online banking from NatWest.

8. Planning -

To note report - DB detailed the report, which was noted

9. Property

Pond posts – update

Posts were now in place and the final painting in due.

Kiln Wood – residents' consultation

A consultation document has been put together to be sent round to all residents of Coppice Way. This would then be returned with the appropriate responses for HPC to consider at the December meeting.

10. Slade Farm – HPC response to planning application

The official applications have now been received by both BCC and SBDC. NC had the draft response to use for SBDC and BCC responses was produced by the Aecom planning consultants. Peter Brogden gave an update on the Hedgerley Village Fighting Fund (HVFF) activities. The Council should be seen to be supporting residents in this, and the Council agreed to contribute up to £3000 towards the cost of engaging Aecom (the remainder of the approx. £10,000 to be paid by HVFF via HPC so VAT can be reclaimed).

11. Community Plan – no further information at this time

12. Meetings

To report on – SBALC 8th October, SBDC

Clerk told the meeting that she had circulated copies of the HPC Slade Farm response and asked for support on this.

Clerk also informed the meeting of Ted Evans death.

To attend – LAF – Clerks of Denham, Fulmer and Hedgerley – Tuesday 13th October

13. Date of next meeting – Monday 9th November, Youth Club Hut