



Hedgerley Parish Council

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday
8.00pm,
13th October 2014, in the Memorial Hall, Hedgerley**

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

In Attendance - Cllr. Peter Hardy (BCC) and one resident

Apologies – Cllr Anita Cranmer (SBDC), Cllr. Judith Evans

1. To approve Minutes of Meeting held on 8th September 2014

Subject to one minor alteration, Minutes were approved as a true record, and signed.

2. County Councillor

Safeguarding children -

PH said that a further 5.8m is coming out of reserves; working on an improvement plan. Major savings in the home school transport. This has not been considered very successful and quite a few parents have voiced their concerns.

BCC are still trying to save money.

DB asked if any action had been taken on Mrs Sarah Heath letter regarding her two children having to attend separate schools. PH said that he had spoken to Trevor Boyd at BCC and even though the children would still continue to attend separate schools, it had been arranged that the older child would be taken and brought home by taxi.

3. District Councillor – apologies sent

4. County Council Matters – dealt with #2, nothing further to add.

5. Clerk's information items

- **Mobile library – nothing to add at present; EJE dealing**
- **BKV presentation – went off very successfully. Councillors agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the judging panel and thanks be sent to John Lovelock for providing the photographs and sending the information to the press.**

TE and MER told the meeting that they had asked Kevin Booker of the White Horse if the BKV plaque could be put on the pub wall. He said as it was a listed building, this would have to be considered. TE had spoken with a John Brush, the Listed Building officer and he thought the pub had a bit too much going on and suggested it go on the wall next door.

Councillors didn't agree with this idea, so it was decided that it would go on the Environmental Sign board as there would be a good place for the plaque on either of the legs. TE and MER to investigate.

- **MVAS – even though the device had been returned to BLE some while ago, it was still not in place. Clerk to query**

6. Finance

- **To note report**

- **Annual Return – AR has been signed off by Mazars**
- **Community Leader's Fund – to request funding from Peter Hardy towards the pond posts project. Clerk to officially request this from PH.**

7. Planning

DB detailed the report, which was noted.

8. Kemsley Wood Incident

Clerk had been contacted by a resident of Longfield. Her dog had run off whilst walking in Kemsley Wood and when it returned it had suffered penetrating chest wound and as a result, she incurred very costly vet bill. She said that her pet insurance only covered partial treatment and felt she should be compensated by HPC. Clerk had contacted the HPC Insurance company who said that the Parish Council were in no way legally liable; they have not been negligent. There is no evidence and the lady did not know how the accident happened as she did not witness it.

9. Devolved Powers

The Clerk will be attending a meeting on this at County Hall on Wednesday 15th. Due consideration following this will be taken up.

10. Property

- **Seat on the Green – delivered to Clerk's home on Friday 10th October, will be installed end of this week, if weather is suitable.**
- **Kemsley Wood complaints – Clerk is writing to Mrs. Lahert on this.**
- **Kemsley Wood spraying – the work has been completed**
- **Goal – goal is in new position and new nets are up.**
- **PCC have requested they keep a key for Church Meadow. Councillors did not consider that there was any reason for this and have said that a key holder could be made available if it was really necessary.**

11. Community Plan – NC said they had held another meeting last month and would be reviewing what to do next. He said that there were now only four members.

12. Meetings

To report on – none attended

To attend –

- **Devolved Services event, Wednesday 15th Oct. County Hall (Clerk attending)**
- **SBALC Thursday 16th October (Clerk to attend)**

13. Date of next meeting –

Monday 10th November, YOUTH CLUB

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Democratic period

Julie Tompkins – re. Youth Club requests –

- **asked for permission for a bonfire on 5th November in Kemsley Wood.**

- **She also asked if a sign be put up in the car park – vehicles parked at their own risk – as the ball playing etc. does affect the cars.**
- **Also mentioned that she found the shops noticeboard rather high to read as she was quite short**
- **Also asked if there was the possibility to get some form of play equipment to suit the older children.**