



# Hedgerley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
In the Memorial Hall, Hedgerley

**Present** - Cllr. Neil Coxhead (Chairman), (NC), Cllr. Derek Baker (Vice Chairman) (DB), Cllr. Maurice Ridgeley (MER), Cllr Marcus Orchard (MO), Cllr Paul Miller (PM), and the Clerk

**In Attendance** – Cllr. Peter Hardy (BCC) and two members of the public

**Apologies for absence** – Cllr Judith Evans (EJE)

Chairman to indicate emergency exits

1. **To approve the draft Minutes of Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 which had been publicised on the noticeboards previously**  
Minutes were approved as a true record, and signed
2. **County Councillor**  
PH said that following the call from the outgoing chief executive of BCC for the scrapping of the county council and the creation of a unitary council, the debate about unitaries has been opened up. I think we should all be in favour of a system which saves money and is simpler and easier to operate.
3. **District Councillor** – no one appointed as yet
4. **County Council Matters** – nothing more to report
5. **Clerk's information items**
  - **Duneen verge problem – follow up**  
NC will be calling on the home owner. Councillors thought it would be a good idea to have the verge turfed rather than seeded. The resident would be informed when the HCV would be doing the work.
  - **Kemsley Wood – 'den' – follow up**  
Nothing heard back from SBDC. Clerk to contact again
  - **Kemsley Wood Forest School – follow up**  
NC, MER and Ben Harris to meet with Samantha Clement on Tuesday at 6.30pm to decide on a suitable site for the children.
  - **Parking in Jones Way – follow up**  
'No parking' signs have been put up.
  - **HM The Queen's Birthday beacon**  
The Pageant Master had been in touch and said that the time for the Beacon lighting would now be 8.30. Clerk had been in touch with HPC's insurers and had been sent several risk assessments which would cover all eventualities. Clerk has provided signs for the Church Meadow fence and one for the shops.
  - **Best Kept Village competition**  
Judging will be from 6<sup>th</sup> June to 8<sup>th</sup> July this year. A leaflet drop will be done shortly.
  - **APM**

Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> April. Light refreshments will be provided from 7.30pm with meeting commencing at 8.00pm.

**6. Finance –**

Finance report – to note report

Report was noted, cheques signed.

**To approve new internal audit company (Audit Solutions)**

PM had looked through the details of Audit Solutions. Clerk to contact the company with a couple of queries, but apart from that, Councillors agreed to have them act as our Internal Auditors.

**To approve new pay & HMRC company (HAC)**

Rob Robinson had suggested Hazel Cooch to act for the payroll in future. Councillors agreed.

**Devolved Budget - to remain as we are or opt out**

The Council agreed that Hedgerley will remain as we are.

**7. Planning -**

To note report

Due to problems with the Broadband, Clerk was unable to pass on the planning details for DB. Will be forwarded during this week.

**8. Property**

**Posts for Stevenson Road and Glebe**

For putting in the 70 wooden posts in the Glebe and Church Meadow (70 posts) at a cost of £340. Clerk to query the cost for the Stevenson Road posts. To contact Timberstore to compare costings.

**Pond posts concern**

The Clerk had been verbally advised that vinyl paint should have been used. Councillors asked if it could be put in writing.

**Youth Club, new leaseholder**

NC had met with the Scouts and after a brief discussion and Bob Thorpe of 1st Hedgerley Scouts was in attendance and presented their case for taking on the Youth Club Hut lease, Councillors agreed that the preferred leaseholder for the YC would be the Hedgerley Scouts. Clerk to write to Vicky Grazebrook to tell her HPC would be happiest on this choice.

**9. Slade Farm – Update**

After receiving a further planning application, PH said he was happy to report back to Andrew Siekowski asking for a time extension.

The Council had received a letter from the Planning Officer stating that the applicant had provided additional information, and requesting comments by 27th April. Given the size of the reports (171 pages total) it was agreed to request a time extension of one month.

**10. Neighbourhood Plan – NC said that the Community Plan Steering group was working on a project plan for creation of the Neighbourhood Plan, to be presented at the APM.**

**11. Meetings**

To report on – none at this time

To attend – SBALC 7<sup>th</sup> April

**12. Date of next meeting – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016, Memorial Hall**

Please note, Councillors, only items on the agenda may be discussed.