



# Hedgerley Parish Council

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at the Memorial Hall, Hedgerley

Chairman indicated emergency exits

In attendance – Cllr Thomas Broom (Chairman)(TB), Cllr Derek Baker (Vice Chairman)(DB), Cllr Maurice Ridgeley(MER), Cllr Neil Coxhead (NC)

Present – Cllr Barbara Gibbs, (BCC) and two members of the public

Apologies for absence – Cllr Marlene Lewis (SBDC)

### Community Submissions

A member of the Tracy Trust committee asked if she could have a key for the noticeboard. The Clerk is responsible for the noticeboards and explained that anything going on the noticeboard had to be approved by the Clerk. She explained that one side of the 'shops' noticeboard was for Parish Council information, and the other for community news. If the Tracy Trust wanted posters or information published, to contact the Clerk and she would print and

#### 1. To approve Minutes

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

#### 2. County Councillor

BG informed the Meeting that there would be more money available for road repairs. She pointed out that Andrew Hill Lane and Hedgerley Lane are due for attention.

BG mentioned the closure of certain recycling centres which she thought would be a magnet for fly tipping.

BG wanted to draw attention to the increased incidence of telephone and doorstep scams, especially for those elderly and vulnerable residents.

BG said that there is a lot of work to do regarding the Unitary and there would be three Shadow members.

Also said that after five years, the Boundary Commission will consider the situation.

After the elections in 2020, there will be 147 Councillors.

BG said she had been to a meeting of Wapseys Wood site and said that she had spoken against their Appeal to put in a biomass plant which had originally been turned down.

#### 3. District Councillor

SBDC CHAIRMAN'S SPECIAL VOLUNTEER AWARD Residents were celebrated at the South Bucks Council Office, Capswood in Denham on 11th April 2019.

This ANNUAL event was chaired by Cllr Dr Wendy Matthews, Chairman of SBDC. Earlier in the year residents were invited to nominate local recognised Volunteers in their villages, who made outstanding contributions to the well being of their Communities.

I recommended Mary Lane, a Hedgerley resident, for her outstanding work which includes, work with local Guides, Mother's Union, Church and Hospital transport provision. She is currently President of Burnham Guides, and started the local Play group in the village. She has been supported by many villagers including Pat Field and others who did sterling work with Mothers and Toddlers. She currently runs a small Social Group from her house in Hedgerley.

Mary was presented with the Chairman's Special Award. I was delighted and so was Mary and her family. We were all treated to a superb buffet following the proceedings. Mary was presented with a Shield, a Trophy and a year's free Gym Memberships, by the Sponsors of the event.

#### RECYCLING

All 9 Recycling Centres across South Bucks, were closed on 25th March. These include, Burnham, Farnham Common, Farnham Royal, Ivers. They had become a 'Magnet' for Fly Tipping and dumping of Commercial Waste at taxpayer's expense.

4. **County Council matters** - nothing to report at this time

5. **Clerk's information items**

#### **Resident's interest in PC**

Clerk had met with Mr. Dirk Easchus who had shown interest in joining the Parish Council. He has been involved with the Memorial Hall for quite some while and been concerned about the gullies and drains in the village.

Councillors approved his joining and he will officially become a Member of the Parish Council at the May meeting.

**The Best Kept Village Competition** is approaching and this year the categories have changed slightly, as below –

#### **Principal features**

- 1A. Cemetery, graveyard (separate or attached to a place of worship)
- 1B. Green, playing field, children's play area, nature conservation area
- 1C Floral Displays (hanging baskets, tubs, planters)
- 1D. Village hall, community centre, church hall
- 1E General environmental features (hedges, verges, ditches, pond, stream, pump)

#### **Other features**

- 2A. Areas around shops and pubs
- 2B. Bus stops, bus shelters and notice boards
- 2C War memorial
- 2D Overall appearance, lack of litter and evidence of community effort

6. **Finance**  
Report noted, cheques signed.  
To sign sections 1 & 2 of AGAR – Section 1 (item 6 i) & 2 (item 6 ii) of AGAR were signed  
To sign Bank reconciliation – Bank reconciliation was approved and signed Qtr 4 – full year R & P
7. **Planning**  
To note report  
DB and TB had yet to view the site for - Holdgate, Hedgerley Hill, Proposal Single storey rear and side extension and dormer window to front elevation
8. **Street Lights/BLE**  
Update on BLE  
Both cheques had been received by BLE but on checking the bank statements, it would seem that the original cheque for £384 (which had been returned unpaid) had also been paid. Clerk had been in touch with BLE to query this and also requested an official letter from them to confirm that their contract has now been terminated. Clerk will be going to the bank tomorrow (Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>) to query the reason why the original (returned) cheque had since been paid.
9. **Hedgerley Magazine – update**  
Councillors agreed that things were going ahead smoothly and thanks to everyone involved in its production. Councillors also agreed that it wouldn't be necessary to continue having the Magazine mentioned every agenda.
10. **Property**  
**Defibrillator** – L & Q have agreed that we can site the device at the shop. Clerk to arrange acquiring and installing. TB hoped it could all be up and running by September.  
**Play area** – After some discussion, it was agreed that Clerk finds out the cost for ordering and installation of all the things mentioned on the safety report.
11. **Slade Farm – update**  
21<sup>st</sup> April, Slade Farm Liaison meeting. 5 pm at Slade Farm Quarry for tour lasting approx. 45 minutes, then Liaison meeting at Memorial Hall 6.00pm
12. **Meetings**  
To report on  
To attend – 21<sup>st</sup> April, Slade Farm Liaison meeting.  
Annual Parish Meeting, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 7.45 for 8.00pm. Memorial Hall.
13. **Date of next meeting**  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019, Memorial Hall, 8.15 pm.