



HEDGERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 14th March 2016
In the Youth Club Hut, Hedgerley

Present - Cllr. Neil Coxhead (Chairman), (NC), Cllr. Derek Baker (Vice Chairman) (DB), Cllr. Maurice Ridgeley (MER), Cllr Judith Evans (EJE), Cllr Paul Miller (PM), and the Clerk

Chairman indicated Emergency Exits

In Attendance – Cllr David Vincent (SBDC), and two members of the public

Apologies for absence – Cllr Marcus Orchard (MO)

Did not attend - Cllr. Peter Hardy (BCC)

1. **To approve the draft Minutes of Meeting held on 8th February 2016 which had been published on the noticeboards previously.**

Minutes were approved as a true record, and signed

2. **County Councillor** – did not attend

3. **District Councillor**

DV told the meeting that he had given his resignation as District Councillor. Tom Webb said he was aware of several people who were interested in taking this on. Councillors agreed it would be preferable that a Hedgerley resident took the post.

DV said that regarding the Local Plan, there were possible options and all have to be assessed. Slough has an obligation to build. CDC and SBDC are trying to fight against this.

Councillors were unanimous in extending their thanks for his help and support whilst he has been in office.

4. **County Council Matters** – nothing to report

5. **Clerk's Information Items**

- Duneen verge problem –

Councillors agreed that the verge be seeded in plenty of time for the BKV competition. MER said that it would be a good idea if a group of HCV volunteers all get together outside Duneen and to the ground preparation and seeding. NC will visit the residents and have a word with them to see if the problem can be resolved amicably.

- Kemsley Wood 'den'

Clerk had been in touch with SBDC regarding clearing up the site and possible cost, but have yet to hear back. Clerk to call at Capswood and make enquiries.

- Forest School –

Mrs. Clement was happy with the conditions and the suggestions. She did want to be included in the choice of area to be used. MER, Mrs. Clement and Ben Harris would visit the woods together to choose an appropriate spot.

- Parking in Jones Way – signs were done, need to be put up.

- HM The Queen's Birthday beacon

Clerk had printed leaflets to publicise the event. MER suggested that a tape barrier be put up to prevent people from getting too close to the fire.

- Village Lane, residents' concern over speeding.
After discussion from Councillors, and this having already been mentioned on two occasions in Council previously, this has been looked into and all possible authorities have discounted it.

6. **Finance**

Finance report was noted, cheques signed

Coppice Way gate/fence for Kiln Wood access – field gate, plus furniture; gate posts; posts and rails and concrete for a total cost, including labour for £650.

7. **Planning**

DB detailed the report, which was noted

Regarding the Vale View application, he thought it would be a good idea to write to Planning Dept at SBDC to point out several things on this which could set an unwelcome precedent. DB to draft a letter for the Clerk to forward.

8. **Property**

Bench in memorial to late Ted Evans – bench has been ordered

Horses riding in Kemsley Wood – sign has been done, will be putting up

Fence posts in Church Meadow, Glebe Field and Stevenson Road.

HPC have been offered fence posts by Burnham Beeches warden in the Glebe, Church Meadow and Stevenson Road. He also suggested that the gateway at the bottom of the Glebe be made narrower to ensure that any cattle are not able to get through.

Pond Posts concern

Alan Clark had written another letter and still insisted that the posts were due to vandalism. MER had thoroughly inspected the posts and showed Councillors that the paint had definitely begun to break down. Members agreed to seek independent advice on the situation.

Youth Club

The Youth Club was no longer a viable option wished to close the Charity. They were requesting approval of HPC to terminate the lease and transfer another group in its place. The choices to take over seemed most suited by the Scouts or FC Guides.

9. **Slade Farm update**

Nothing to report apart from the information from Cllr Hardy (BCC) that the Committee would not be discussing this in March and possibly not April either.

10. **Neighbourhood Plan**

EJE said they had already had the first meeting and had talked through several suggestions. It was suggested that it be included as an item at the Annual Parish Meeting.

11. **Meetings**

To report on – nothing to report

To attend – SBALC 7th April. Clerk to attend

Democratic period

Tom Webb said that the Neighbourhood Plan was going to be really very important for the village and hoped that there would be plenty of people keen enough to help.

Meeting closed at 9.35