

HAWKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21ST 2019
AT 7.30PM IN HAWKLEY PARISH HALL

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PRESENT: David Caukill (Chairman); Jo Humphrey; Susan Sinclair; Simon Dixon; Charlie Butcher; Geoff Brighton; Liz Buckle.

County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer and District Councillor Charles Louisson were also present.

Sue Harwood (Clerk) was in attendance.

19/21 Welcome

The Chairman has been liaising with EHDC Planning Enforcement over Half Acre. For the time being nothing can be done as construction activity is consistent with recent planning permissions and a written undertaking has been received to reinstate the hedge on completion. EE has declared its intention to seek planning permission for a mobile phone mast. Initially this is to provide an emergency signal however its use is highly likely to provide a commercial service as well.

Most residents in Hawkley are now able to connect to fibre broadband. The service is likely to extend to Empshott courtesy of their participation in the Government-funded Rural Gigabit Connectivity programme, highlighted by Cllr Oppenheimer and energetically promoted by Nick Walker.

19/22 Apologies for Absence

David Large was unavoidably absent.

19/23 Minutes of meeting

The minutes of the meeting on May 8th 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

19/24 Declarations of Interest

None declared

19/25 Public Forum

No residents present.

19/26 Report of District Councillor

As reported in local press, EHDC has declared a climate emergency and is actively considering ways for district-wide efforts to reduce the carbon footprint.

Cllr Louisson is monitoring activity at Half Acre and will work hard to ensure the hedge is reinstated on completion.

He is considering holding local surgeries for residents, an initiative welcomed by all present.

19/27 Report of County Councillor

Cllr Oppenheimer acknowledged the shortcomings in recent verge cutting by HCC's new contractors. One difficulty has proved to be reconciling the contrasting priorities of those wanting to preserve verges for pollinators to thrive and those wanting them cut right back to restore and preserve sightlines.

He is a member of both HCC and EHDC's groups set up to tackle the 'climate emergency' and looks forward to parish councils being involved.

The adoption of the local plan and the launch of the distinctive new entry point signs across the SDNP are two major recent achievements.

19/28 Finance

The clerk presented a financial summary for the period to August 2019. Cheque numbers 300295-300300 were authorised and signed.

19/29 Parish Council communications

The chairman continues to work hard to ensure that the parish council's data management procedures meet with GDPR regulations and to improve communications both within the parish council and between the parish council and the local community. As a result, all

councillors now have a dedicated email address for parish council business, with all emails being backed up automatically and accessible if necessary to comply with any future data subject access request. A laptop has been purchased for use by clerk for all parish council business. All councillors supported the chairman's plan for a community email address list.

19/30 Planning Committee

The chairman reported that Simon Dixon wished to resign from the planning committee due to other commitments. Charlie Butcher proposed that Susan Sinclair be appointed in his place, seconded by Jo Humphrey. This met with unanimous approval and Susan Sinclair was duly elected.

19/31 Lengthsman

The clerk sought and received ideas for use of the lengthsman during the winter months.

19/32 Play area

Simon Dixon reported on the recent safety inspection. He explained that all issues highlighted were either now dealt with or plans were in hand to do so. In particular, replacement parts for the swing have been purchased along with a large quantity of bark chippings to replenish existing. On the chairman's initiative, an application was made to use the parish council's CIL money to meet the costs of this work, which was successful.

19/33 Upper Green Noticeboard

Following comments on the dilapidated state of the noticeboard a quote was sought for a replacement. The quote was approved by all present. Clerk to implement. Clerk to apply for outstanding balance of S106 funds to meet the cost.

19/34 Proposed Dog Control Order

The clerk that all dog owning parish councillors consider filling in the consultation document. Several questions arose as to where exactly it might apply and it was agreed that these must be raised in the responses so as to ensure they are considered prior to implementation of any order.

19/35 Watersplash

Geoff Brighton and Susan Sinclair reported that a small pond has been restored to the side, funded locally. HCC are still considering whether or not to restore the watersplash. Meanwhile HCC RoW team has promptly installed two handrails on the bridge following the parish council's request.

19/36 Reports of Representatives

Footpaths

The Pockocks Lane to Uplands Lane footpath is overgrown but it is on HCC's list for cutting and so hopefully will be cut back soon. Nothing further to report

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Nothing further to report at this time.

19/37 Date of next meeting

November 27th 2019 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Chairman

Date