

HAWKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY JULY 4TH 2018
AT 7.30PM IN HAWKLEY PARISH HALL

PRESENT: David Caukill (Chairman); Jo Humphrey; Susan Sinclair; Jilly Caesar; Simon Dixon; Charlie Butcher; Robin Crittenden. Sue Harwood (Clerk) was in attendance.

Also present was District Councillor Keith Budden
3 members of the public were present.

18/20 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reported that Half Acre now has permanent permission for 2 pitches, rising to 3 when the SDNP Local Plan is approved. Unfortunately the parish council has finally lost this particular battle.

He continues to explore plans for one common village communication list.

He commented very favourably on the new noticeboard on Lower Green.

BT engineers appear to be carrying out local surveys prior to limited installation of fibre broadband cables in the Hawkley exchange area only within 6-9 months.

18/21 Apologies for Absence

County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer was absent due to another commitment.

18/22 Minutes of meeting

The minutes of the meeting on May 17th 2018 were approved and signed as a true record.

18/23 Declarations of Interest

None declared

18/24 Public Forum

The Chairman proposed altering the order of the agenda in order to facilitate discussion on the planning issue that 2 residents wished to talk about. This was agreed.

18/25 Report of District Councillor

Councillor Budden reported that he has now been elected Deputy Chairman of EHDC. He is also Chairman of the Petersfield Community Forum. A new format is to be introduced whereby EHDC will come out into the community at suitable local events, rather than holding poorly-attended central meetings. Local forums will then be held in addition, as and when it is felt necessary.

As a result of significant forthcoming changes to grant processes, it is highly likely that larger pots of money for significant local projects may be available on application from the next financial year.

He regretted the granting of permission for permanent occupation to Half Acre.

He encouraged the parish council to respond to the HCC consultation on proposals to save money on public transport provision, in particular the proposal to stop use of the Older Peron's Bus Pass on the Taxishare service. Clerk to submit a response supporting retention of the status quo.

18/26 Report of County Councillor

Councillor Oppenheimer's report is included as an appendix to these minutes. The Chairman highlighted the success in tackling fly-tipping, a pilot scheme to tackle BOAT abuse, and also a report on 20mph zones which has concluded that these do not reduce speeds or accidents; as a result no new such zones will be created without clear evidence of serious accidents.

18/27 Finance

The clerk presented a financial summary for the period to July 2018 and cheque numbers 300260-300262 were authorised and signed.

18/28 Open Forum

One resident expressed his strong objection to the recent planning applications from Quarry Farm. His reasons included very limited agricultural justification for the proposals, alternative sites made far more sense, intrusion in the rural scene, inadequate information provision.

A second resident agreed with the sentiments already expressed. He queried why the County Valuer has not visited the applicant and examined the proposal in detail, and questioned what the underlying agenda is if the agricultural need is not present.

18/29 Planning

- a) The minutes of the meeting of 19th June were authorised and signed.
- b) It was agreed that the original stance of no objection should be modified slightly to reflect the extent of local concerns and that a letter be sent to the planning officer reflecting this. Wording to be agreed.

18/30 Lengthsman

It is much to be regretted that HCC's annual verge cut took place very early this year and just 24 hours after the main areas had been strimmed by the Lengthsman. Steps to be taken next year to avoid this waste of time and money if at all possible.

18/31 GDPR compliance

This is ongoing.

18/32 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

All councillors had considered these prior to the meeting and it was agreed that both documents remain for purpose and no changes are called for at the current time.

18/33 Play Area inspection report

Councillor Simon Dixon reported that a lot of work has been done in the last few weeks which has addressed most of the issues highlighted in the report. The outstanding point is the depth of chippings. The area has been weeded and dug over; the need for more depth of chippings will be reassessed once we have had some rain. He was thanked for the great effort he has put into ensuring that the play area remains a safe and pleasant place.

18/34 Traffic calming proposals

Cllr Jo Humphrey has asked HCC for their views on a proposed pavement on Pococks Lane along with further (cast iron) road signage. They have promised to carry out a site visit. Other suggestions are on hold pending their verdict. If this is to go ahead, an application to the Rural Communities Fund will be made. Less expensive suggestions were also considered, such as a grass verge instead of a pavement though it was generally felt that this was impractical.

Meanwhile HCC repainting of existing white lines remains overdue and it was agreed that this should be chased up and a request made to paint SLOW signs at 6 sites at the same time.

18/35 Reports of Representatives

Footpaths

It is noted with pleasure that HCC appears to have cut the path linking Pococks Lane with Uplands Lane.

Hawkey Parish Hall

The hall is newly decorated throughout.

18/36 Date of next meeting

October 10th 2018 at 7.30pm in Hawkey Parish Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

Chairman

Date