

# HAWKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> 2019  
AT 7.30PM IN HAWKLEY PARISH HALL

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PRESENT: David Caukill (Chairman); Jo Humphrey; Susan Sinclair; Jilly Caesar; Simon Dixon; Robin Crittenden; Charlie Butcher; Geoff Brighton.  
Sue Harwood (Clerk) was in attendance.  
2 members of the public were present.

**18/53 Apologies for Absence**

None

**18/54 Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

**18/55 Declarations of interest**

None

**18/56 Public Forum**

It was reported that the new tree has now been planted on Upper Green. The chairman expressed gratitude to Robin Crittenden, resident Alasdair Marr and others for their help in ensuring the success of this project.

Roadworks to deliver high speed broadband are ongoing.

There is no update on the mobile phone mast.

The cast iron fingerpost has been repaired and reinstalled by Jolly Robins pond.

Council tax notices from EHDC have now been received by all households; the Chairman pointed out that the 29% increase in the parish council precept is the first increase in 5 years and should be considered in that context.

Both residents present thanked Jo Humphrey in particular for all her hard work on the traffic calming project.

**18/57 Traffic calming**

Jo Humphrey had earlier circulated a lengthy report to all councillors summarising all the work undertaken over the last 17 months and she explained the detailed process that led to the proposals for Pococks Lane. A summary of the proposals had been made public before the meeting and public comment invited.

There has been extensive research and consultation and expert advice has been sought and received from several bodies including Hampshire County Council, the SDNP and independent experts/advisors. A great many options have been considered and eventually dismissed as unworkable. There are three components to the proposed measures: a white line extending much of the length of Pococks Lane on the North side; a SLOW marking painted on the road at both ends; a triangular pedestrian warning sign installed at both ends.

It was agreed that while all residents on Pococks Lane who have expressed a view are strongly in favour the proposed measures, other residents are less enthusiastic at the implicit threat to the rural landscape. A long discussion ensued. Councillors were divided between a desire to act on the serious concerns felt by residents of Pococks Lane in particular and by a contrasting view that the measures will detract from the natural uncluttered beauty of this rural area while making little difference to traffic speeds.

There was general support for the white line at the northern road margin - which is expected to route traffic further from the road edge so allowing room for pedestrians – and also for the SLOW road markings. A compromise was suggested whereby the road markings should be painted but the pedestrian warning signs deferred. Some councillors felt that the road markings alone, when considered with the additional cast iron village signs to be installed, should be sufficient to ‘create a sense of place’ and so encourage cars to slow down. There was no majority for this proposal.

A second proposal for one single pedestrian warning triangle sign to be installed at the Upper Green end of Pococks Lane, in addition to the road markings, was then put forward. This was approved in principle by 5 votes to 3. The approval of HCC will be required and the proposals will be discussed with their Highways team as soon as possible.

**18/58 Next meeting**

10<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7pm, the APM.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

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Chairman

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Date