

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Monday 18th November 2019, 7.30pm, Tap Room, New Inn

Present: Parish Councillors Janice Hughes (Chairman), Keith Alderman,
Adam Knight, Douglas Wheeler; Clerk Susan Turner;
Guest Guy Chessell candidate for Parish Councillor

19.124 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Apologies Jenny Roberts, PCSO Nick Greenwood, Ward Councillor Anne Crampton,
County Councillor David Simpson.

19.125 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** of 21st October, agreed and signed.

19.126 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** in items on the Agenda. None

19.127 REVIEW OF COUNCILLOR LEAD ROLES

AGREED Janice Hughes – Chairman, Finance, Neighbourhood Watch Liaison
Keith Alderman – Insurance, Hound Green, Glebe Wood
Adam Knight – Planning, Hound Green, Phone Box restoration, Glebe Wood (2)
Jenny Roberts – Hazeley Heath, Natural Environment, liaison RSPB & WVPS
Doug Wheeler – Communication/publicity (MM), Phone Box, Glebe Wood (3)
Additional roles (for rotation) Police Liaison, HDAPTC liaison
Highways & Rights of Way – all Councillors, plus public input welcomed.

Non-councillor roles:

Frazer Hamilton: SID management, maintenance and data analysis.

19.128 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Official Notice of Vacancy will be dated 1st December to co-inside with advertisement
in *Whitewater Magazine*. Two expressions of interest received to date.

19.129 GLEBE WOOD

i **Footpaths** – Second cut of the paths by Lengthsman (FP 13 and circular path), done
last week in October.

ii **Maintenance**

AGREED Doug Wheeler will request Sparsholt consider contributing to Glebe Wood
management as a training venue.

iii **Footpath 13**

The route of FP 13 along the edge of Glencoe land has been fenced, leaving the path
wide enough for access for a sit-on mower. The Glencoe owner (developer) has
suggested the FP land be transferred to Parish Council ownership.

AGREED Parish Council would be interested in discussing this further. Clerk to follow up.

19.130 HOUND GREEN

i **SSE tree cutting** – SSE have cut the four Oak trees clear of the power lines as
previously scheduled for September.

ii **Further tree work** – Inspection of Hound Green trees is due, some work required.

ACTION Adam Knight and Doug Wheeler to seek tree surgeon estimates.

i Phone box

Mark Thompson from Glencoe has said he is happy to contribute by laying the concrete slab which will incorporate ducting for provision for a power cable.

AGREED The phone box to be sited on the Green by the Owl Noticeboard – providing the ground surface is made good for access.

ACTION Adam Knight to confirm with Volunteers and mark out the position of the concrete base (phone box 3ft by 3ft and requiring additional c 8 inches around). Also to indicate where door – and so back wall – of the phone box to be.

ii Goal posts installation – Estimates received from Kestrel Contractors, from Vitaplay (Kingsworthy) (recommended by Hants Playing Fields Association), and from Premier Grounds and Garden Maintenance.

Application submitted to Cllr Simpson's devolved budget for £545 supported by quotation from PGGM.

iii Old bus shelter Clerk made further contact with Merronbrook, await their response.**19.131 TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS****i Fatal accident B3349 Vicarage Lane junction** To record with great sadness the death of Mr Tenny Turner from Hound Green on 17th September, the result of a traffic accident in which his motorcycle was hit by a car. His funeral was held on 7th October at All Saints Odiham.**ii Hound Green Close** Clerk submitted request for double yellow lines on corner, Vicarage Lane to Hudsons Meadow. Hants advised 'Hart DC deal with parking issues and the introduction of parking restrictions. Contact infrastructure@hart.gov.uk.' County Cllr David Simson forwarded to Hart. Also copied to PCSO Nick Greenwood.**iii Hound Green Culverts** Letter to Anthony Milburn re land ownership, copied to HCC re culvert beside Hound Green Garage.**iv Lengthsman Schedule** Frazer Hamilton compiled LM works schedule including sight lines, plus SID approach obscured by vegetation. Signs in general require clearing and cleaning along B3349.

ACTION: Clerk to discuss with LM, sight lines to be logged on Hantsweb.

iv Traffic and SIDs

Email received from Mattingley resident saying 'We often travel along the B3349 several times a day. We are delighted to have noticed the focus on traffic speeds through our village over recent months.'

Thanks due from the Parish Council to Frazer Hamilton for his work deploying the SIDs and downloading / analysing data.

Dash-cam photos also forwarded of goods vehicles crossing double white lines on bends, and effectively taking most of the road width. The locations particularly cited as 'black spots' are in Rotherwick, to be forwarded to Rotherwick PC.

v Letter to PCC etc

Responses received from HCC, Chief Constable and MP. See **APPENDIX I**

vi Bottle Lane

Bottle Lane closed by Highways for road surface repairs. Parish Councillors noted some but not all potholes were being filled – and that the repairs appeared temporary and were already degrading.

ACTION Doug Wheeler to document (photographs).

19.132 PLANNING

- i Parish planning applications for consideration** See **APPENDIX II**
- ii Hart Local Plan Update** – Due to general election, Inspector’s full report delayed till January, so to be considered by Hart for adoption in February.

19.133 FINANCE

- i Payments** October regular payments made

29/10/2019	PGGM Maintenance Contract	£274.00
29/10/2019	New Inn – meeting room	£20.00
29/10/2019	Clerk Salary	£319.50

Payments for approval

Chris Dyke for Unicorn Restorations.	Phone Box Paint	£216.90
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ii S106 funding

Hart has reconfirmed the remaining S106 funding allocated to Mattingley. Also confirmed that the funding request for the SID will require Executive decision. Clerk to submit brief business case.

iii Accounts to date See **APPENDIX III.****iv Neighbourhood Watch funding**

AGREED Up to £250 funding as requested for signs.

v Budget & latest estimate 2019/20 Latest estimate indicates overspend of c£1K against budget, however considerable allocation remains for budgeted expenditure.**v Draft budget for 2020/21** See **APPENDIX IV.**

1. Precept Request to be submitted for 31st January. To be agreed January meeting.
2. Noted: last year’s precept request = rise of £870 on 2018/19 = 9.8% = £9,340.00 Divided by tax base (324.75) = £29.99 (rise of £2.68) per band D household. Despite recent annual increases, c£30 per band D household is comparatively low.
3. Draft budget and year-on-year comparison figures show ‘base expenditure’ on average to be c £1,500 above the level of the Precept, so making use of reserves. This does not include SID maintenance – battery charging, moving and data collection presently being done by Volunteer. Additional ‘project’ expenditure is in addition and requires grant funding to be sustainable.
4. Based on a 10% (£934) increase in Precept for 20/21, the Draft Budget shows a deficit of c£1,300 which includes £800 for servicing the SIDs if this can’t be done by Volunteer.

AGREED Further annual increases required to bring Precept up to level of routine expenditure.

19.134 FURTHER REPORTS

- i Hazeley Heath** Consultative group meeting 12th November, attended by Clerk. Scheduled winter works will include felling a 30m swathe of birch woodland – in order to extend the Heath, but also to enable regrowth to achieve a 10m ‘edge-of-woodland’ habitat so increasing habitat and species diversity. Acknowledged that tree clearing can remove a buffer to traffic noise but the more dense edge-of-woodland habitat will improve on this. Noted that deer are a problem when trying to achieve regrowth, brush from the felling will be used as barricades to deter them. Deer grazing can be beneficial where regrowth not wanted, to maintain the Heathland. But Muntjac in particular are a problem in woodland habitat where continuous vegetation cover is wanted from tree to ground level.
Liz Vango is the new Hart Ranger. Tank tracks have been unearthed; an ex-military tank enthusiast is assisting and will provide an interpretation board.
For maps and minutes of meeting see **APPENDIX V.**

For signature

ii Police

Police Liaison Meeting 30th October, report from Jenny Roberts.

- '1 Vehicle crime in the area is up by 50%
- '2 Business (farm) burglaries have gone from five to 11 in last three months
- '3 Crimes have gone down in the last year from 821 to 762 but anti social behavior especially in Hook has increased
- '4 Re farm burglaries – There are three joint operations with Thames Valley, the first one targeting the Mattingley area next month. This is after the death of the policeman which is linked to these type of incidents .
- '5 There have been dwelling burglaries with entry through patio windows. Specialist team is working on these.
- '6 Vehicle crime break-ins – There are two crime gangs working, targeting hotel car parks. A task force is working on these.
- '7 Traffic – The staffing for traffic has had to be cut because of financial reasons. Now three teams in Hants instead of five. They may put mobile camera van at Hound Green but as the cause of the fatal accident was drunken driving not speeding, this may not be approved.
- '8 Poaching – County Watch team may use drones to track poachers
- '9 General staffing is being cut in the area though we will keep the rural PCSO. New police will be in place, but in three years' time. Things will get worse before they get better !!!'

Poaching Poaching is reported on a weekly basis, but no police response. Poachers damage the rural economy, and their vehicles and firearms a public danger.

Theft of Fuel Oil Fuel oil recently stolen from tank in Hazeley Bottom. It was noted that theft is often carried out in broad daylight as no-one is at that time suspicious. Also thought the oil delivery tankers are followed so full tanks identified.

iii Neighbourhood Watch Meeting 23rd October, Chairman and Clerk attended. Presentation by Margaret Filley, Hants NW president.

With thanks due to Leonard Crane, the Neighbourhood Watch structure and network is being proactively extended, and crime or security-related information circulated. Question raised re co-operation with neighbouring parishes.

iv Whitewater Magazine

Page included in December issue – see **APPENDIX VI** – including

1. Vacancy notice
2. Phone box update and request re use
3. Brief note on Commons planning requirement re rails and fencing.

v Remembrance Service – 10th November 12.15pm

Keith Alderman attended and laid the wreath for the Parish Council. Thanks due to Stephen Alexander for ordering the wreath. A very good turnout of 60 or 70 people (the weather was fine). The police attended though didn't employ traffic management. Noted that the local Police are very supportive of the SIDs and will assist towards deploying the Speed Camera Van.

vi Leaf blowers Reports received of residents blowing leaves from their property onto the Highway, in some instances into the Green ditches and neighbouring boundaries.

ACTION Clerk to send letter requesting residents compost their own leaves.

19.135 NEXT MEETINGS No December meeting

Dates for 2020 – 20 Jan, 17 Feb, 16 Mar, 20 April, 18 May, 15 June, 20 July 17 Aug, 21 Sept, 19 Oct, 16 Nov

Meeting closed at 9pm with thanks to all present.

For signature Date

APPENDIX I Responses received from HCC, Chief Constable and MP – to follow

APPENDIX II – PLANNING UPDATE 18TH NOVEMBER 2019

19/02566/CA (Validated 14 Nov 2019) Grendon House, Bottle Lane, Mattingley RG27 8LD.
T1 Cypress - fell and grind stump T2 - Cypress - fell and grind stump T3 - Honey Locust - fell and grind stump S1 - Laurel Bay - fell and grind stump T5 - Plane - fell and grind stump SG4 - Mixed Species group - Remove shrubs directly against house wall and grind stumps.

The tree works are proposed to stop the influence of the tree(s) on the soil below building foundation level and provide long term stability.

Parish Council response? No documentation online, no drawings. Proposed felling looks to be significant – but to protect foundations difficult to argue... Thoughts appreciated. Will it make a big impact? Request appropriate replanting?

19/02452/HOU (Validated 30 Oct 2019) Fieldgate, Hazeley Lea RG27 8ND. Erection of a single storey rear extension and first floor side extension.

19/02432/LBC (Validated 25 Oct 2019) Priors Farm, Reading Road, Mattingley. Refurbish and repair of listed granary. Listed building consent only.

19/02422/HOU (**Withdrawn** 21st Nov, Validated 04 Nov 2019) Crabtree Lodge, Hazeley Heath RG27 8LT. Demolition of existing game room, sauna and shed and erection of a single storey rear extension.

19/02411/CA (**Granted** 22nd Nov, Validated: Thu 24 Oct 2019) Moneys Farm, Bottle Lane, Mattingley RG27 8LJ. Ash trees in decline along roadside - Dismantle down to ground level.

19/02418/PREAPP (Validated: Thu 24 Oct 2019) Old School House, Hound Green, Mattingley RG27 8LQ. To install Sky dish outside of the property. To be sited at the rear of the property (so it will not be seen at the front, from the road). Sky dish is required for Internet etc.

19/02456/TPO (Validated 17 Oct 2019) Orchard House, Mattingley Green RG27 8LA
T2 - Beech - Fell – due to poor condition.

19/02438/CA (Validated 16 Oct 2019) Orchard House, Mattingley Green RG27 8LA
T1 - Cedar - Fell – due to poor condition.

APPENDIX III.I ACCOUNTS TO DATE**MATTINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL - INCOME 2019/20 - 18 NOV**

Date	Item	Precept	VAT	Interest	Total Receipts
Balance brought forward 1st April 2018					£24,681.80
15/04/19	Parish Precept	£9,740.00			£9,740.00
09/05/19	VAT reclaim 2017/19		£3,177.53		£3,177.53
	2018/19 Bank interest 2018/19			£208.82	£208.82
TOTALS		£9,740.00	£3,177.53	£208.82	£13,126.35

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY

Bal brought forward 1st April 2018	£24,681.80
Plus income	£13,126.35
Minus expenditure	£7,346.08
Balance	£30,462.07

BANK RECONCILIATION

Club, charity, trust	£216.05
Bus instant access	£30,246.02
TOTAL ACCOUNTS	£30,462.07
minus items not cleared	
Plus income outstanding	
Balance	£30,462.07

april	£20.12	Dec
May	£24.82	Jan
June	£29.00	Feb
July	£27.67	Mar
Aug	£28.27	
Sept	£27.61	
Oct	£25.61	
Nov	£25.72	
TOTAL	£208.82	

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**Club, Charity And Trust Account**

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APPENDIX III.II ACCOUNTS TO DATE

MATTINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL - EXPENDURE 2019/20 - 18 NOV

Date	Supplier	Description	Salary	Finance Admin	Expenses	Community / Donations	Info / publication	Maintn ContrHG	Maintn General	Project	VAT	TOTALS
29/04/19	1 SO PGGM	Maint Contract April 2019						£228.33			£45.67	£274.00
29/04/19	2 SO New Inn	Meeting room April 2019		£20.00								£20.00
30/04/19	3 BACs Susan Turner	Salary April 2019	£319.50									£319.50
20/05/19	4 363 New Inn	Parish Assembly expenses			£123.83						£24.77	£148.60
29/05/19	5 SO PGGM	Maint Contract May 2019						£228.33			£45.67	£274.00
29/05/19	6 SO New Inn	Meeting room May 2019		£20.00								£20.00
29/05/19	7 BACs Susan Turner	Salary May 2019	£319.50									£319.50
30/05/19	8 BACs HALC	HALC /NALC 2019/20		£278.00								£278.00
30/05/19	9 BACs ST for Came & Co	PC Insurance 2019/20		£749.80								£749.80
30/05/19	10 BACs PGGM	Hound Green goal seeding							£60.00		£12.00	£72.00
28/06/19	11 SO PGGM	Maint Contract June 2019						£228.33			£45.67	£274.00
28/06/19	12 SO New Inn	Meeting room June 2019		£20.00								£20.00
28/06/19	13 BACs Susan Turner	Salary June 2019	£319.50									£319.50
28/06/19	14 BACs FH for FinePrint	FP maps/brochures - print					£391.00					£391.00
08/07/19	15 BACs WhiteWaterMag	July-HazeleyH & Vacancy					£45.00					£45.00
28/07/19	16 SO PGGM	Maint Contract July 2019						£228.33			£45.67	£274.00
28/07/19	17 SO New Inn	Meeting room July 2019		£20.00								£20.00
28/07/19	18 BACs Susan Turner	Salary July 2019	£319.50									£319.50
19/08/19	19 364c WVPS	Subs donation				£25.00						
19/08/19	20 365c WVPS	Subs donation				£150.00						£175.00
29/08/19	21 SO PGGM	Maint Contract Aug 2019						£228.33			£45.67	£274.00
29/08/19	22 SO New Inn	Meeting room Aug 2019		£20.00								£20.00
29/08/19	23 BACs Susan Turner	Salary Aug 2019	£319.50									£319.50
29/08/19	24 BACs ST for Live4Soccer	Goalposts and nets x 2								£458.33	£91.67	
		BACs ST for Live4Soccer delivery								£59.95		£609.95
16/09/19	25 BACs WhiteWaterMag	Aug-SID-Fpmaps-HartLP					£45.00					£45.00
16/09/19	26 BACs WhiteWaterMag	FP leaflet insert					£50.00					£50.00
16/09/19	27 BACs FH for Office Outlet	Printing A3 FP maps					£10.00				£2.00	£12.00
16/09/19	28 BACs FH for ColourInk Ltd	Printing A3 FP maps					£10.00				£2.00	£12.00
27/09/19	29 DD ICO	Data protection register		£35.00								£35.00
22/01/00	30 BACs John K Murray	Internal audit		£95.00								£95.00
29/09/19	31 BACs Susan Turner	Salary Sept 2019	£319.50									£319.50
30/09/19	32 SO PGGM	Maint Contract Sept 2019						£228.33			£45.67	£274.00
30/09/19	33 SO New Inn	Meeting room Sept 2019		£20.00								£20.00
21/10/19	34 366 BR Poppy Appeal	Wreath				£25.00						£25.00
22/10/19	35 BACs Hart District Council	Uncontested election costs		£50.94							£5.39	£56.33
22/10/19	36 BACs ST for Mountan	Flowers for Mr Turner				£35.00						£35.00
28/10/19	37 BACs CD-Unicom Restorations	Paint for phone box								£181.75	£35.15	£216.90
28/10/19	38 BACs Susan Turner	Salary Oct 2019	£319.50									£319.50
28/10/19	39 SO PGGM	Maint Contract Nov 2019						£228.33			£45.67	£274.00
28/10/19	40 SO New Inn	Meeting room Nov 2019		£20.00								£20.00

TOTALS £2,236.50 £1,348.74 £123.83 £235.00 £551.00 £1,598.31 £60.00 £700.03 £492.67 £7,346.08

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Date	Supplier	Description	Salary	Finance Admin	Expenses	Community / Donations	WWMAG	Maintn ContrHG	Maintn General	Projects	VAT	TOTALS
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APPENDIX IV.I FORCAST AND DRAFT BUDGET

Mattingley Parish Council forecast and Budget nov				2019/20 to date	2019/20 latest est	2019/20 JAN 19 Budget	2020/21 nov19 Budget
	2016/17 year end	2017/18 year end	2018/19 year end				
EXPENDITURE							
CLERK'S SALARY	£3,491.70	£3,463.44	£3,834.00	£2,236.50	£4,092.00	£4,092.00	£4,225.68
CLERK'S ALLOWANCE	£324.00	£324.00	£324.00		£324.00	£324.00	£324.00
EXPENSES	£194.70			£123.83	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00
TRAINING			£60.00		£400.00	£400.00	£400.00
Finance / Admin							
Admin / stationery / print	£403.24		£32.49				
Insurance	£579.56	£652.03	£665.07	£749.80	£749.80	£732.00	£750.00
Audit	£123.32	£262.17	£29.17	£95.00	£95.00	£100.00	£100.00
Affiliation	£309.00	£281.00	£291.00	£313.00	£313.00	£310.00	£330.00
Meeting venue	£342.00	£231.00	£340.00	£140.00	£240.00	£240.00	£240.00
Election costs (Hart)				£50.94	£50.49		
TOTAL FINANCE ADMIN	£1,757.12	£1,426.20	£1,357.73	£1,348.74	£1,448.29	£1,382.00	£1,420.00
PRINT / PUBLISH /INFO							
	£90.00	£45.00	£180.00	£551.00	£631.00	£270.00	£500.00
COMMUNITY / DONATIONS							
	£163.00	£235.99	£268.33	£235.00	£521.00	£500.00	£500.00
Hound Green (+WarMem)							
Maintenance Contract			£2,739.96	£1,598.31	£2,950.00	£2,950.00	£2,950.00
Moles / other			£50.00	£60.00	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00
Trees					£500.00	£500.00	
Ditching / Brook			£230.00		£300.00		£500.00
TOTAL HOUND GREEN	£3,426.58	£3,287.96	£3,019.96	£1,658.31	£3,850.00	£3,550.00	£3,550.00
Maintenance (other)							
SID / SLR					£250.00	£780.00	£800.00
Noticeboards		£6.95	£380.00				£300.00
Bus shelters					£300.00	£300.00	
Footpaths	£210.00						
TOTAL MAINT (OTHER)	£210.00	£6.95	£380.00	£0.00	£550.00	£1,080.00	£1,100.00
Projects							
Bins	£135.00						
Mapboards	£2,168.00						
Footbridge (access)			£369.00				
Track		£1,575.00					
Dragons' teeth			£1,395.56				
Access / ROW	£1,200.00		£110.00				£1,422.88
Phone Box				£181.75	£2,300.00	£2,300.00	
Glebe Wood					£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
SID / SLR			£6,305.87				
DEFIBRILLATOR					£1,200.00	£1,200.00	
Goal posts				£518.28	£518.26		
Goal post installation					£545.00		
TOTAL PROJECTS	£3,503.00	£1,575.00	£8,180.43	£700.03	£5,563.26	£4,500.00	£2,422.88
VAT	£1,058.88	£998.47	£2,179.06	£492.67	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£14,218.98	£11,363.01	£19,783.51	£7,346.08	£19,079.55	£17,798.00	£16,142.56
Expenditure less projects	£10,715.98	£9,788.01	£11,603.08	£6,646.05	£13,516.29	£13,298.00	£13,719.68
Expend less projects, less VAT	£9,657.10	£8,789.54	£9,424.02	£6,153.38	£12,016.29	£11,798.00	£12,219.68

APPENDIX IV.II FORECAST AND DRAFT BUDGET

Mattingley Parish Council forecast and Budget - nov							
	2016/17 YE	2017/18 YE	2018/19 YE	2019/20 to date	2019/20 latest est	2019/20 DRAFT Budget	2020/21 DRAFT Budget
INCOME							
PRECEPT	£8,100.00	£8,100.00	£8,870.00	£9,740.00	£9,740.00	£9,740.00	£10,714.00
Land Sale to Lanterns	£15,000.00						
Bond matured	£15,194.47						
Hart S106 HoundG £6134							
Hart S106 Access		£6,288.00					£1,901.88
Hart S106 - SID / SLR					£5,037.20	£5,037.20	
Cllr Simpson dev budget		£700.00			£545.00	£500.00	£500.00
Refund		£288.00	£63.71				
Vat refund	£580.66	£1,058.88		£3,177.53	£4,677.33	£4,677.53	£1,500.00
Bank interest	£0.12	£6.87	£119.20	£208.82	£300.00	£100.00	£200.00
TOTAL INCOME	£38,875.25	£16,441.75	£9,052.91	£13,126.35	£20,299.53	£20,054.73	£14,815.88
Surplus/(Deficit)	£24,656.27	£5,078.74	£10,730.60	£5,780.27	£1,219.98	£2,256.73	£1,326.68
	£5,677.39						
Balance to take over	£30,333.66	£35,412.40	£24,681.80	£30,462.07	£25,901.78	£26,938.53	£24,575.10

Precept rise of £974 on 2019/20 = 10% = £10,714.00 for 2020/21
 Divided by last year's tax base (324.75) = £32.99 (rise of £3) per band D household over £29.99 for 2019/20

Reserves Policy 2020/21

General Fund (working) balance	£5,357.00	
Contingencies	£5,357.00	
Earmarked Reserves	£13,861.10	
Glebe Wood	£5,000.00	
Hound Green Trees	£5,000.00	
Phone box (additional funds)	£300.00	
War Memorial	£1,000.00	
Replacement bus shelter	£2,561.10	<u>£13,861.10</u>

APPENDIX V HHCG MINUTES – to follow

APPENDIX VI

Mattingley Matters – Hound Green Phone Box

As mentioned in the July issue, the K6 phone box, originally from a B3349 layby in Hound Green, is to have several new coats of paint, a new location, and a new lease of life.

With many hours' work by staunch volunteers, the least glamorous stages of refurbishment – dismantling, removing glass, stripping paint and sand blasting are nearing completion.



In itself the phone box is a heritage asset, but it would be good to see it fulfil a practical purpose. Some online examples might or might not work in Hound Green but local suggestions have included – a showcase for primary school art – a library – a swap shop for locally grown fruit and veg – a local info point (copies of footpath maps, a village newsletter, local advertising, Neighbourhood Watch booklets...) – and a Community Access Defibrillator. Power can be connected to the phone box as need be.

Please post your suggestions on Mattingley Matters, post to Parish Clerk, 2 Ash Cottages, Newnham Road, Newnham, Hook, RG27 9AF or email to clerk.mattingley@parish.hants.gov.uk. All suggestions will be entered into a prize draw for two x £25 vouchers very kindly donated by the The Leather Bottle.



Hazeley Bottom



The white railings have long been a Village feature but almost all structures on Common Land require permission. There is specific provision within the Commons Act for the posts – ie 'regularly-positioned objects up to length of 200m to prevent vehicle access'.

The Commons Team has confirmed that there is no provision for the railings becoming legal by default after any length of time. Retrospective planning permission can only be sought for structures in place after 1st October 2007. However permission for replacement rails could be applied for. Seeking your views. Please contact clerk.mattingley@parish.hants.gov.uk

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Mattingley Parish Council has a vacancy for a parish councillor. The role of parish councillor is voluntary and open to those 18-and-over who are registered electors of the Parish, or have lived within or three miles from the Parish boundary for at least the last 12 months, or whose main place of occupation for the last 12 months has been within the Parish.

All eligible applications are most welcome, but the Parish Council is particularly seeking a new member to represent Hazeley Bottom.

If you are interested or wish to apply, please discuss with any parish councillor, or email clerk.mattingley@parish.hants.gov.uk