

MATTINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting for Mattingley PC

Monday 13th July 2015

Heckfield Hall, Heckfield 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Adam Knight (AK)

Cllr Janice Hughes (JH)

Cllr David Sexton (DS)

Cllr Bob Aylmer (BA)

Cllr Keith Alderman (KA)

Mrs Joanna Waland-Hadley (JWH) Clerk

9 members of the public

Meeting opened by JWH.

REF	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
15/97A	Election of Chair for 2015 – 2016 – Clerk opened the meeting confirming the resignation of Cllr Doug Wheeler & requested nominations from the Council for a Chair. JH – proposed KA, Seconded BA & AK. All in agreement. JH completed declaration of acceptance of office of Chair. Council thanked Cllr Doug Wheeler for all his work & expressed their best wishes for his future. Meeting chaired by Cllr JH.	
15/98	Public Open Session – Members of the public raised an objections over planning application 15/01409/FUL Merronbrook Ltd raising concerns regarding intensification of the business, increase of vehicular movements on the highway & between sites. Concern was also raised about the noise report being inaccurate & misleading. Members of the public also raised concern over the size of the lorries accessing the business being unsuitable for the village and causing damage to private property. Concern was also raised about the possibility of fatality due to no safe footpaths. JH queried if anything else is to be raised as a time limit. Councillors raised attendance to Liaison meetings at Hart DC, common grounds were found to move forwards & meetings held bi-annually unless there are grounds to need them more often. Member of the public confirmed requested it but not actioned as no progress made. Council asked for evidence of damage to	

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	<p>private property to be forwarded to the Parish Council. Members of the public confirmed damaged had been reported to Merronbrook but not Parish Council at the time. JH requested residents to copy clerk in with every complaint so that a file can be kept in order to raise them further. BA requested for current D. Cllrs to be made aware of next meeting & request attendance on behalf of the Parish Council and residents. Members of the public requested for a public meeting to object to the planning application on the grounds raised.</p> <p>Members of the public also raised concerns of the renovation of the bus shelter being possibly refurbished by Merronbrook as may be considered being held to ransom to them. Members of the public raised if the RSPB would be a better candidate, and felt sad if the Parish Council cannot afford to maintain the shelters itself. Councillors explained process to the current stage of consideration of shelters being reviewed at throughout the whole Parish and that the costs for replacement were too high for the Council to meet. Councillors confirmed that Merronbrook was approached before the current planning application so not “currying favours”.</p> <p>Councillors raised that the Council currently has a vacancy for a new Councillor and are looking for a volunteer to co-opt. JH thanked public for attending and Council would consider the concerns raised but time limit up.</p>	JWH
15/99	Receive Police Report – JWH confirmed PC Caroline Webster was unable to attend but read out report – nothing in Parish to report over the last month but anti-social behaviour has increased so please report all incidents on 101.	
15/100	Apologies - none	
15/101	Declaration of interest in items on the Agenda - Declaration by members of any personal prejudicial, pecuniary interests or non-personal interest in any Agenda item - none	
15/102	Confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 th June 2015. The minutes were confirmed as accurate. Proposed KA, Seconded AK. Signed JH	
15/103	<p>Council to consider and approve general tidy up of areas around the bus shelters along the B3011 throughout the Mattingley Parish</p> <p>DS raised need for general tidy up around the bus shelters. All approved. JWH to provide copy of risk assessment to be completed.</p>	JWH
15/104	<p>Council to consider and approve draft plans for repair to the bus shelters along the B3011 by local business</p> <p>DS presented copy of the draft drawings for repair of the bus shelters by Merronbrook Ltd for approval. 3 designs were proposed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Glass at front & sides with access from rear. Concerns raised that current shelter is set into woods so access from back into the shelter is difficult. 2. Glass at front with ½ width side glazed walls to allow access from sides & at rear. 3. Same as current with access from front, glazed all round to prevent 	

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	fly tipping & misuse. Foundations will require further strengthening. Member of public raised potholes in front of current shelter. JH requested for it to be reported. JH requested that this agenda item be deferred until after the next liaison meeting due to current feelings within the community.	JWH
15./105	Council to consider the merits of a sponsorship program by local businesses for projects throughout the Mattingley Parish DS raise consideration of a sponsorship program in the Parish by local businesses for various projects. BA – as a principle not a problem as there is no conflict of interest as no favours are given. KA – ideas to be submitted to clerk & then approach local businesses. JH – requested for decision to be deferred until after liaison meeting. All in agreement.	
15/106	Council to consider and approve submission of small grant application to cover 50% of the cost of footpath map boards and replacement of stiles with gates on footpaths throughout the Mattingley Parish BA raised request for approval of applying for small grant to cover cost of 3 map boards and replacing stiles with gates on popular footpaths. C.Cllr David Simpson confirmed Local Councillor Grant on Hants website application via online with quick review and approval. All approved to proceed with application.	BA
15/107	Council to consider Hound Green – SINC versus Village Green and Sale of section of land to owners of The Lanterns JH updated the Council on meeting with Adam Green & ran through implications of maintaining the SINC now and for the future. JH raised that Hart DC needs agreement of the present Council in place that the area will be maintained as a SINC. Councillors discussed previous, current and future maintenance of area which has shown improvement. Councillors discussed how to progress the green further both as a SINC and a village green and protect it for future generations with Hart DC assistance now and in the future. All in agreement to maintain both the SINC and the village green status. Councillors discussed continuing fly tipping on village green, tree work being carried out. JWH updated Council on progress of the sale of the land to owners of The Lanterns, confirming that the legal team at Hants CC have been instructed and currently awaiting information from buyer's solicitors.	
15/108	Council to consider and decide upon request from The Children's Centre to hold a "Story on the Green" event on the village green, Hound Green in August 2015 JWH raised request from Yateley Children's Centre to hold an event. Councillors discussed and agreed to provide permission and to delegate to clerk for permission to be provided for future years until further notice. All in agreement. JWH to confirm permission provided.	JWH
15/109	Council to consider and approve cheque payments Current account balance as at 1 July 2015 2015 £16,391.18 (this includes the matured sum of £10,080, inclusive of interest).	

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	<p>- Cheques to approve retrospectively: none</p> <p>- Cheques to approved and signed AK & JH.</p> <p>Chq No. 238 £42.00 HALC (finance training Cllr David Sexton)</p> <p>Chq No. 239 £40.50 Mr D Sexton (travel expenses to Councillor training courses)</p> <p>Chq No. 240 £118.00 SLCC (renewal of subscription fee)</p> <p>Chq No. 241 £24.00 Heckfield Memorial Hall (hall hire June)</p> <p>Chq No. 242 £160.00 Premier Grounds & Garden Maintenance (grass cut June)</p> <p>Chq No. 243 £20.97 Mrs J Waland-Hadley (Clerks expenses)</p> <p>Council to consider quote from SSE for shutting off power to allow tree work on the village green, Hound Green – JWH raised quote for £5,624.03 to shut power off to allow tree contractor to trim tree under power lines on village green. Councillors discussed that tree has grown into the cable with SSE being made aware over previous years and not taking action, therefore a safety issue and Parish Council is not prepared to pay. C.Cllr David Simpson recommended to refer to Hart DC to approach SSE. JWH to action.</p>	JWH
15/110	<p>Council to consider and decide upon the following planning applications:</p> <p>15/01409/FUL Merronbrook Ltd, Hazeley Bottom – Councillors discussed the application which would allow the business to operate more effectively, reduce number of forklift truck movements within the site and size of business now exceeding the site capacity. Councillors proposed that as an elected body it must represent the views of the Parishioners, in particular the immediate residents affected and an objection to be raised concerning development within the SPA, SSSI Thames basin area and concerns raised by local residents. Majority in favour. 1 abstained.</p> <p>Objection:</p> <p>“Having given consideration to the above and listened to the concerns of the residents of Hazeley Bottom, Mattingley Parish Council request that HDC refuse the planning application on the following grounds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The current site, if planning is granted, will become over-intensified resulting in only increased access by vehicles clearly not suitable for the existing infrastructure, thus posing an increased threat of accidents occurring and perhaps fatalities. If necessary, this point MUST be referred to The Highways Agency in order for them to conduct an accurate survey and to report back with their findings. 2. The weight and size of the Lorries visiting the site is causing damage to the current infrastructure and residents have reported damage to utilities, primarily water pipes, to their properties. This has foreseeable financial implications for the residents effected and the increased likelihood of litigation should the infrastructure deteriorate further through the increased 	JWH

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	<p>flow of over-sized traffic.</p> <p>3. The noise assessment findings, on face value, appear flawed and a further independent survey should be carried out. Each resident of Hazeley Bottom is entitled to a certain level of comfort that is free from interference whilst on his/her private property - the tort of nuisance. Clearly this is not the case at the moment and granting permission will only deteriorate the current situation.</p> <p>4. Hazeley Heath (SSSI) is protected by a plethora of legislation, an EU Directive adopted in to national law being administered and policed by Natural England with very strict protocols and requirements adopted and applied by HDC in previous cases, cited as follows:</p> <p>The proposed development is located within 5km of the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) which forms part of the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area (SPA). In the absence of any evidence that the test of no alternatives under Regulation 62 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 can be satisfied, or evidence that there are grounds overriding public interest, the proposed development, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, would likely to have a significant adverse effect on the SPA. As such the proposed is contrary to saved policies CON1 and CON2 in the Hart District Local Plan, and policy NRMB in the South East Plan. In view of the above Mattingley Parish Council seek that this application be refused, in any event, due to the nature of the application it must be referred to the full committee. Failure to do so and act upon delegated authority will be deemed ultra vires.”</p> <p>Councillors requested for copy of response to be sent to members of public attending meeting so that they are aware of Parish Council’s objection.</p> <p>C.Cllr David Simpson stated that local residents & Parish Council can approach D.Cllrs and ask for the application to reviewed by Committee</p>	JWH
15/111	<p>Councillors to provide reports on areas of responsibility.</p> <p>Cllr Adam Knight – none.</p> <p>Cllr Bob Aylmer – requested notices about dog fouling on footpaths. JH confirmed contact Hart DC.</p> <p>Cllr Keith Alderman - Spoken to Woodland Trust & documents coming through soon.</p> <p>Cllr Janice Hughes – none.</p> <p>Cllr David Sexton- none.</p> <p>Clerk – none.</p>	BA
15/112	<p>INFO ONLY – Matters Arising from Council Meeting 15th June 2015</p> <p>15/88 JWH – round robin request sent to HALC for advice on local resident contributions to repair track.</p> <p>15/88 JH – confirmed verbal quote for alternative styles of dragon teeth still expensive. Councillors discussed and all in agreement not to install due to cost.</p> <p>15/89 JWH – in process of devising spreadsheet for tracking projects.</p> <p>15/89 JH – to update Councillors on meeting with Adam Green at Hart DC. See agenda item 15/107.</p> <p>15/89 JWH – diarised consideration of selling BT kiosk for next issue of Mattingley Matters with buyer to be responsible for removal &</p>	<p>JWH</p> <p>JWH</p>

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	<p>disconnection from elec. Councillors confirmed next issue to be in September.</p> <p>15/89 AK – advised current values of BT Kiosks in region of £400 - £600 on eBay.</p> <p>15/90 JWH – confirmed advice from insurer regarding cover for working parties using own power tools for cutting down trees as needing evidence of training.</p> <p>15/90 KA – confirmed estimated annual budget for maintenance work on Glebe Wood & work involved in region of £500. JH – proposed take £500 out of contingencies & put into Glebe Wood. All in agreement. KA – need contingencies to be split up as too vague & will be queried by parishioners. JH have asked for projects.</p> <p>15/91 JWH – diarised Autumn Clean Up on 28th November to be advertised in Mattingley Matters in September.</p> <p>15/93 JWH – submitted Council’s response to affiliation of NALC & HALC</p> <p>15/94 JWH – payments sent.</p> <p>15/94 BA - updated Council on meeting with local resident concerning repair of fence & posting in Hazeley Bottom opposite, Hazeley Cottage with DS – Thank you letter to be drafted by BA thanking resident for work on behalf of Parish.</p> <p>15/95 JWH – planning responses submitted</p> <p>15/97 & 15/74 JWH – confirmed tree contractor commenced work. Power shut down date to be advised as per agenda item 15/109.</p> <p>15/97 & 15/75 JWH – confirmed legal team instructed in regards to sale of land sale update provided in agenda item 15/107.</p> <p>15/97 & 15/76 JWH – update on logo designs – person chased & await response.</p> <p>15/97 & 15/81 JWH – confirmed approved letter to Hart DC in response to “We heart Hart” campaign sent.</p> <p>15/97 & 15/81 DS – provided update on alterations to bus shelter on village green, Hound Green with estimated quote for timber alone being £500. DS proposed releasing from the ground & using man power to spin the shelter round. Councillors not happy to consider.</p> <p>15/97 & 15/81 JH – confirmed delay in providing quote on clearing of ditches along village green, Hound Green. BA – raised Lengthsman scheme to use instead.</p> <p>15/97 & 15/81 AK - confirmed local residents asked for letter concerning fly tipping on village green but not forthcoming & have chased. Until have that meeting with Chris Williams at Hants CC regarding fly tipping on village green, Hound Green not possible..</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>JWH & BA</p> <p>JWH</p> <p>JWH</p>

Meeting closed 9.12 pm

Next MPC Meeting:

17th August 2015 – Parish Meeting. Booked for 7.30pm at Heckfield Hall