

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 17th October 2022, Heckfield Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors Keith Alderman (Chairman), Guy Chessell, Andy Piercy, Jennifer Roberts; Clerk Susan Turner; Guest County Cllr Tim Davies

2022.

### 101 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Apologies Adam Knight, Ward Cllr Anne Crampton

### 102 COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

Jan Hughes has submitted her resignation due to family commitments. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Parish Council for her time, contribution and commitment. Jan served for some 16 years on the Parish Council, many as Chairman; her knowledge experience and guidance will be greatly missed.

### 103 PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public present.

### 104 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

of 26th September, agreed and signed.

### 105 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the Agenda – none.

### 106 HAZELEY

#### .1 RSPB Deer Cull

Parish Council (Chairman, Jenny Roberts and Clerk) walked the RSPB Heath covering most of the area; evidence of some deer but not large numbers, actual sightings of six deer, a group of three, a group of two and single deer.

Pointed out that clearing large areas of trees, largely birch, not helping issues of deer damage. Neighbouring landowners commissioned the survey which RSPB have paid for. NOTED The Chairman discussed with RSPB, there are many issues to be considered before any cull can be started. Also noted that Hart will not cull on their side of the Heath.

#### .2 Deer warning signs

Drivers speed over the Heath, at least a dozen deer are killed on the B3011 Hartley Wintney to Hazeley every year. Deer warning signs are damaged or obscured, more are needed.

ACTION Guy Chessell to provide photos, Clerk to log on HCC website.

(Noted gate near layby toward Hartley Wintney – tied open with wire – which may be to let the deer through when the cows not on the Heath. But have been instances of the fence being cut, the wire pulled back.)

#### .3 Misuse of the heath

- Foragers taking fungi in much larger quantities than be for personal use as permitted.
- Also fly posting (anti-vax notices) across the Heath.

#### .4 Planning application to upgrade overhead cables

[22/02388/OHL](#) – 'OverHead Lines' (Validated 28 Sep 2022) Street Record, Hazeley Lea. Upgrade existing High Voltage equipment within the Thames Basin Heath, Hazeley Heath. Discussed and no objection.

#### .5 Road signs and Village Gateways – Plough Lane and top of Red Hill

Awaiting drawings and costings from HCC. Thanks to Cllr Davies who will make contribution from his devolved budget.

#### .6 Red Hill bus shelter as information hub

Guy Chessell to liaise with residents, agreed a good project to involve the community.

NOTED WITH THANKS The landowner has cleared the area around and behind the shelter of bushes and vegetation. **APPENDIX I**

### 107 WAR MEMORIAL / REMEMBRANCE

#### .1

Barracloughs to repair the bus shelter roof – agreed price of £387 plus VAT.

#### .2

Remembrance wreath has been delivered. Jenny Roberts will lay the wreath for the Parish Council at the service. Fifty lamp post poppies are on order.

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- .3 PGGM scheduled to clean bus shelter and surrounds Thursday 10th November.
- .4 Clerk to liaise with PCSO Nick Greenwood re police presence.
- .5 Tim Davies mentioned Chinook scheduled to fly over Odiham & Hartley Wintney just before 11am – too early to coincide with the Mattingley service which is at 12.15pm.

## 108 HOUND GREEN

- .1 **Tree works** as per arboricultural report. Scheduled for December.  
Works estimate to include
  - tree surgeons x 2 (climbers) – also a cherry picker
  - four x PGGM men on the ground, moving wood and banksman
  - larger wood for log piles and to be offered to neighbours
  - there will be a lot of brash – some to pile for wildlife habitat but chipper needed.
- .2 **Dragons teeth** These from four-inch rounds, painted – Chairman to source suitable posts. Agreed estimate from previous supplier too high.
- .3 **Benches** - installation and plaques – in hand.
- .4 **Phone box** Phone box will be stripped and primed Friday 28th Oct, with thanks to Andy Piercy for organising, agreed cost £980 plus VAT. If PGGM to install the concrete base, this won't be before December. Clerk to request updated quote for power connection.

## 109 PLANNING

- .1 **Parish planning applications** **APPENDIX II**
- .2 **Hart planning meetings / discussion group** – Hart have indicated there is intention to schedule further meetings, dates TBA.
- .3 **M3 warehousing proposals**  
**M3 J5 – Land at Lodge Farm** Adjacent A287 Odiham Bypass close to J5 – North Warnborough (Odiham Parish) formerly part of Odiham Deer Park adjacent to Whitewater. Development proposals for c 32 hectares for Class B2/B8 warehousing, electric vehicle charging facility, new access from A287, associated works and landscaping.  
 EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) scoping application answered by Hart.  
 A Pre-application enquiry submitted, awaiting response.  
 Obsidian Developments held an online 'consultation' Wed 28 Sept at which they discussed associated employment, local road and cycle path 'improvements', business rates to Hart. The earliest a planning application may come forward is Spring 2023.  
 Cllr Davies noted his interest re fishing rights. Re heritage, there is a 16C farmhouse and the only Roman Villa in Hart. Plus impact on Basingstoke Canal and Whitewater. Chalk streams are more rare globally than rainforest.  
 Noted J7 – Oakdown Farm, Dummer warehousing proposal – public inquiry BDBC Civic Offices beginning Tues 18th October for Land At Oakdown Farm, Dummer. Appellant, Newlands Property Developments LLP (SPV Equites Newlands (Basingstoke) Limited). Appeal ref APP/H1705/W/22/3301468.

## 110 FINANCE

- .1 **Payments** since last meeting
 

29	PGGM Maintenance contract – Sept	£304.01
30	ICO – Data protection register	£35.00
31	Clerk Salary – Sept	£432.60
32	Heckfield Memorial Hall - Sept meeting venue	£28.00
33	RBL Poppy Appeal –Wreath	£25.00
- .2 **Accounts to date** Reconciliation 17 October 2022 – £32,394.59 **APPENDIX III.**

## 111 FURTHER UPDATES / REPORTS

- .1 **FP 21** From Hound Green Garage to the Whitewater – dead branches still over the footpath. This has been reported to Countryside Services.

- .2 Local Policing** Recent break-in local farm. Noted again the importance of reporting and logging every detail on website. Tim Davies comment that onus on Police to also give feedback, the public need to hear what is happening.

i Next (Police And Community Together) PACT meeting – 3rd November 7pm, Yateley Police Station and MS Teams.

ii Police Barn Meets:

- Whitchurch, Thurs 10th November.
- Hart Rural North, Thursday 8 Dec, 5.54 for 6pm – Rotherwick Village Hall.

- .3 Fostering** – Tim Davies highlighted County's campaign – to 'Open your door to become Foster Parents', recognising that children fare far better in families rather than in residential care. There has been a 25% increase in the numbers of children taken into care. Hants has a target of 150 new foster families, so far recruited 33.

**112 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Revised date Monday 28 Nov, 7.30pm, Heckfield Village Hall.

December meeting tbc.

*Meeting closed at 9pm with thanks to all*

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