

HECKFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL AGM

Thursday 9th May 2019, 7.30pm, Heckfield Memorial Hall

PRESENT: Parish Councillors P J Burton, B R Baker, S C Harnett, S A Richards; Clerk Susan Turner; Guests County Cllr David Simpson, David Hunt (Co-opted Parish Councillor)

19.14 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

The outgoing Chairman opened the meeting. Apologies from David Bell, Ward Cllr Anne Crampton, PCSO Nick Greenwood, Ian Bowman.

19.15 DECLARATIONS OF OFFICE

The Declaration of Office includes agreement to be bound by the Code of Conduct as adopted by the Parish Council.

Signed by newly elected Councillors (see **APPENDIX I**), witnessed by Clerk.

19.16 ELECTION NEW CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN

i Chairman

Paul Burton, proposed Brian Baker, seconded Simon Richards.

AGREED Unanimously. Declaration of Office signed and witnessed.

ii Vice Chairman

Simon Richards, proposed Paul Burton, seconded Brian Baker.

AGREED Unanimously. Declaration of Office signed and witnessed.

19.17 CO-OPTION ADDITIONAL COUNCILLORS

i David Hunt agreed to be co-opted as Heckfield Parish Councillor. Proposed Simon Richards, seconded Brian Baker.

AGREED Unanimously. Declaration of Office signed and witnessed.

ii Ian Bowman has agreed to be co-opted as Heckfield Parish Councillor (unable due to work commitments to be present at the meeting).

Proposed Simon Richards, seconded Paul Burton.

AGREED Unanimously. Declaration of Office to be signed.

19.18 FORMS

i **Election Expenses** (nil return forms) Clerk to post signed copies to Hart.

ii **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest** forms. Clerk to hold signed copies, to be emailed to Hart, signatures redacted.

19.19 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** of 10th January 2019 agreed and signed.

19.20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on the Agenda

Brian Baker noted his interest in the Village Hall (as management committee chairman) Councillors considered and agreed this interest is for community benefit, not relating to any individual pecuniary interest.

19.21 HIGHWAYS

i Joint Parish Meetings

Discussion – Increasing volume of traffic through Heckfield exceeds the road network's capacity and is detrimental to the Parish. New housing developments in Hook and adjacent to Risely will add further traffic. (Potential for Wokingham to approve a further 10,000 houses at Risely?) Parish councillors considered and agreed that solutions must be sought to help mitigate this. Cllr Simpson noted that the Parish Council needs to identify what it wishes to be done and where – a scheme it wishes to see implemented. If further development is approved / funding allocated, need to have worked out in advance what is required.

For signature

AGREED To attend asap joint Parish Meetings (Heckfield, Mattingley and Bramshill), proposed by Cllr Simpson, with Hart and Hants Highways officers. It was noted that the meetings will be scheduled during normal working hours.

ACTION County Cllr David Simpson will arrange with Hart and HCC. Clerk to liaise.

ii Causeway junction

Notice of the HCC consultation (up to 9th June) was included in *Whitewater Magazine* May issue. Concerns regarding the new layout were expressed in the *Chairman's Report* to the most recent HDATPC meeting (see **APPENDIX II**). Malthouse Lane is 'decimated' by the level and type of vehicles rat running via the lane and resulting damage to verges and boundaries, residents are raising increasing levels of concern. Cllr Simpson noted that the Causeway junction scheme was in response to a Highway Safety issue. A roundabout, he said, costs County in region of £2M, traffic lights £30K - £100K. Associated wider effects and unintended consequences need to be considered with all 'improvements'.

Councillors noted that some drivers turns left at the junction and then U-turn, some ignores the no-right-turn instruction.

iii Traffic issues

Councillors concurred that speeding traffic is a separate issue. 'Traffic either moving too fast or not at all.' Need to find ways to regulate the traffic to reduce congestion at bottlenecks. David Simpson noted that it is possible to request chicanes on a B road. He also identified a problem with HCC's method of calculating cumulative increases in traffic which masks real increases over time. To seek historical traffic data from Hants to compare with present. Note Mattingley has recently deployed Speed Indicator Devices with data recorders.

ACTION Clerk to email Cllr Simpson summarising concerns. Regarding the Causeway junction Cllr Simpson will ask of HCC what their monitoring shows to date, and potentially request the Review Date for the scheme be brought forward.

iv Footpaths *Report from Simon Richards*

1. Priority cutting schedule – footpaths due for cutting early May – not yet done.
2. (NOTE – David Simpson is on the Hants Footpaths Regulatory Committee.)
3. Proposed footpath Heckfield Village to New Inn

Notes – Costs are potentially prohibitive – not eligible for S106 funding.

– When new road was put in in 70s, part of old road (route of suggested FP) remains – still tarmaced. (Cllr Simpson noted that in most cases HCC has Highways Rights over land beneath roads but doesn't own the land. If roads 'decommissioned' they revert to the landowner.) – Landowner here Wellington Estate, they may be supportive. There are examples of landowners volunteering FPs.

Cllr Simpson recommended a request to Hants to register the FP. Consultation will be required – may take up to two years.

19.22 PLANNING

Parish Councillors agreed extension to meeting beyond advertised time.

i Enforcement notice

19/00103/LIST2 Decision 2nd May - not expedient to take enforcement action (ref staff complaint 30th April) 27 Church Lane, Heckfield. Alleged unauthorised works to listed building. *Parish Council noted listed building consent for works had been approved – no published information regarding detail of the complaint.*

For signature

ii Parish Planning applications for consideration

19/00930/FUL (Validated: 23 Apr) Whitewater House Bramshill Road Heckfield. Change of Use of land to residential garden (retrospective). *Information on Policy position requested from Case Officer.*

19/00670/FUL (Validated 23 Apr) Park Farm, Bramshill Road, Heckfield. Retrospective application for the erection of composting bays, creation of gravel parking area, erection of a tool store, erection of training and prep block and erection of a welfare / admin block. *Parish Council response in support of this application for rural business.*

19/00874/HOU (Validated 17 Apr) Sunfold, Bramshill Road, Heckfield. Erection of a single storey side extension to form annex, raise part of roof to create first floor and alterations to fenestration. *Parish Council response – No objection.*

19/00831/HOU and 19/00832/LBC (Validated: Wed 10 Apr 2019) Cold Piece Farm Hound Green, Mattingley. Installation of a window into the existing niche on the east elevation of the property. *Parish Council response – No objection.*

See **APPENDIX III** for current / recent planning applications relating to the Parish.

9.23 MEMORIAL HALL AND COTTAGES

i Report for 2018/19 – See APPENDIX IV

ii Village Hall floor

Previously agreed Parish Council will pay for sanding and retreating.

ACTION Village Hall to forward invoice.

iii Cottages

Doors and windows to be restored and repainted for half the cost of replacement; also preferred option for Conservation.

AGREED Parish Council will contribute available funds.

Guttering also needs to be done, then electricity needs to be reconnected and heating installed for winter.

iv Funding

Heckfield Place recently expressed a wish to contribute to the Parish. A contribution towards renovating the Cottages has been suggested.

ACTION Await response from Heckfield Place team. Chairman to follow up in *circa* six weeks.

9.24 FINANCE

i Cheques for signature

279	HALC / NALC subscription	£182.00
280	Zurich Municipal – Insurance renewal	£218.96
281	<i>Whitewater Magazine</i> page – May edition	£45.00
282	ST for GeoXphere – parish online mapping (annual)	£36.00

ii Year end accounts 2018/19 See APPENDIX V

Provisional year end accounts prepared for approval.

AGREED Bank mandate to be amended adding Clerk as signatory, removing the councillors who have resigned.

iii External audit See APPENDIX VI

Exemption form signed by Chairman and Clerk confirming annual turnover 2018/19 under £25K and therefore exempt from external audit. To be emailed to external auditors PKF Littlejohn.

iv Internal audit See APPENDIX VII

AGAR Governance form signed by Chairman and Clerk.

AGREED To request Peter Shilling continue as Internal Auditor.

For signature

v Clerk's salary

Councillors considered and agreed the Clerk should invoice Parish Council within level of salary suggested in January minutes. Clerk to register Parish Council as employer and set up payroll for monthly payments – 20 hours per month @ £15 per hour = £300 per month.

19.25 FURTHER REPORTS

i Devils Highway – Volunteers will be repairing on 14th and 15th July, materials donated from the development adjacent to Risely.

ACTION Simon Richards to forward info to Clerk for website.

ii Whitewater Valley Preservation Society – Parish Councillors agreed Membership @ £100 subscription. Gives access to WVPS website and events. Agreed to request they speak at next Parish Assembly.

iii 'Property Guardians scheme' – Cllr Simpson suggested the Cottages may benefit from temporary tenants under this scheme.

iv HDAPTC meetings – Suggested Councillors each take a turn to attend. Chairman attended last meeting and highlighted the report from Church Crookham on Drug use. Use of Heckfield car park for same was noted.

v Paperless meeting environments – Requested insofar as possible.

vi Would the Village Hall benefit from wi-fi? – Considered not at present, on basis of current usage. However suggestion to host 5G transmitter.

ACTION Chairman and David Hunt to investigate.

vii Notes from Parish Assembly

See **APPENDIX VIII**

19.26 NEXT MEETING

tba July 2019

Meeting closed 9.15pm with thanks to all present

For signature Date

APPENDIX I. STATEMENT OF PERSONS NOMINATED FOR HECKFIELD**NOTICE OF UNCONTESTED ELECTION**

**Election of Parish Councillors for
Heckfield Parish Council
on
Thursday 2 May 2019**

I, being the Returning Officer at the above election, report that the persons whose names appear below were duly elected Parish Councillors for Heckfield.

Name of Candidate	Home Address	Description (if any)
BAKER Brian Raymond	Near Inn Cottage, Heckfield, Hook, RG27 0LF	
BURTON Paul Jeffrey	Stags Barn, Hazeley Lea, Hartley Wintrey, RG27 8ND	
HARNETT Stephen Charles	Home Farm, Heckfield, Hook, Hants, RG27 0LP	
RICHARDS Simon Andrew	Blulberry House, Church Lane, Heckfield, Hampshire, RG27 0LG	

APPENDIX II. CAUSEWAY JUNCTION – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT TO HDAPTC

‘The Hampshire Highways introduction of a no right turn from the Causeway onto the A33 at the Wellington Monument has impacted on the traffic flow in Heckfield. This has been compounded by the introductions of traffic lights on the Odiham Road from the Wellington Country Park roundabout. The result is that the traffic is backing down to B3349 to the Heckfield roundabout and is causing an added delay of 10-15mins to reach the A33.’

The overall result is that roads in an around Heckfield are now being used as rat runs, to a greater degree, and the damage to verges and road surfaces continues to increase. Malthouse Lane has been particularly impacted as this does allow for a right turn out on to the A33.

While it is appreciated that Hampshire Highways was reacting to the danger that turning right out of the Causeway on the A33 could pose, the overall impacted on Heckfield roads needs to be reviewed before the review period of 9th June 2020 and before a serious accident occurs

APPENDIX III PLANNING – HECKFIELD 2019

19/00103/LIST2 Enforcement (Received: 30/04/2019 Complainant: staff) 27 Church Lane, Heckfield. Complaint – Alleged unauthorised works to listed building. (Case Officer Julian Thomas) **Decision** 2nd May - not expedient to take enforcement action.

19/00930/FUL (Validated: Tue 23 Apr 2019) Whitewater House Bramshill Road Heckfield. Change of Use of land to residential garden (retrospective)

19/00670/FUL (Validated: Tue 23 Apr 2019) Park Farm Bramshill Road Heckfield. Retrospective application for the erection of composting bays, creation of gravel parking area, erection of a tool store, erection of training and prep block and erection of a welfare / admin block

19/00874/HOU (Validated 17 Apr) Sunfold, Bramshill Road, Heckfield. Erection of a single storey side extension to form annex, raise part of roof to create first floor and alterations to fenestration.

19/00653/LBC (Pending Validated 22 Mar) 27 Church Lane Heckfield Hook. Insert conservation rooflight into south side roof slope.

19/00831/HOU and 19/00832/LBC (Validated: Wed 10 Apr 2019) Cold Piece Farm Hound Green Mattingley. Installation of a window into the existing niche on the east elevation of the property.

19/00833/LBC (Validated: Wed 10 Apr 2019) Cold Piece Farm Hound Green Mattingley. Digging of 10 temporary trial pits for investigation into the foundations of the listed barn.

19/00823/LBC (Validated: Tue 09 Apr 2019) Cold Piece Farm Hound Green Mattingley Hook. Removal of timber staircase, installation of a waterproof membrane to basement and permanent closing of hatch.

Cold Piece Farm – Multiple discharge of condition applications to replace those recently refused.

19/00560/CA (**Granted** 15 Mar, Validated: 13 Mar) Old Post House, Reading Road, Heckfield. Ash (T1) Fell as defined on the accompanying plan. The tree trunk is completely rotten at the base and has large voids at ground level where it has decayed through disease.

19/00277/HOU and 19/00278/LBC (**Granted** 9th April, Validated 11 Feb 2019) 12 Hill Cottage Reading Road, Heckfield. New entrance wall and gates to the front of property.

19/00117/LBC (**Granted** 10th April, Validated 04 Feb) The Old School, Odiham Road, Heckfield. Replacement of the existing gas boiler and flue, on the front wall of the property, with a combination boiler and flue to the rear. Renovation of the existing cloakroom and bathroom. The works would include removal of the hot water cylinder and cold water tank and improvement of drainage.

18/01080/CON (**Refuse** 7th March, Validated 25 Jan) Cold Piece Farm, Hound Green, Mattingley. Approval of conditions 3- samples- 4- internal staircase- 5- windows and doors- 6- dormers- 7- method statements- 8- basement method statements- and 9- timber floors- pursuant to 18/01080/LBC.

18/01079/CON (**Refuse** 7th March, Validated: 25 Jan) Cold Piece Farm, Hound Green, Mattingley. Approval of condition 3- materials details- pursuant to 18/01079/FUL.

18/02826/FUL (**Granted** 5th March, Validated Jan) Harefield Stud, Chandlers Green, Mattingley. Erection of an agricultural building and additional stables.

APPENDIX IV HECKFIELD MEMORIAL HALL ANNUAL REPORT

May 8th 2019

VILLAGE HALL

The Committee met and took the decision early in the year to terminate the contract with Manor House Auctions and the last auction was held in July. Meanwhile Sue Richards has been very successful in increasing the bookings and has more than made up for the loss of auction income.

Further work has been done in the hall. The floor was sanded and retreated and new wall lights were fitted. The Parish Council has agreed to foot the bill for the floor.

Also the wall between the Hall and Liz Warden's property was in a poor state of repair and has been repointed.

We have just recently given the go ahead for a contract gardener to tidy up the areas both to the front and rear of the hall. This may be a one off event but we are considering whether it will be useful to have it done twice yearly.

In summary, the hall is now proving to be an attractive and good value venue. We hope to build on this for the future to enable us to raise sufficient funds to both enhance the appearance of the hall and to renovate both Cottages.

COTTAGES

AT the side of the Cottages, the fence was rotting away and the work to replace this is underway. At the same time, the contractor has also cleared a lot of the debris and undergrowth at the back of the Cottages.

After a misunderstanding with the Conservation people was cleared up, we finally were able to renovate the roof of 20 Church Lane and the three bats that were found were safely rehoused. Sadly, the cost for these three bats has been over £6,000 (survey fees, License to work and monitoring fees). The cost of the roof work was just over £16,000.

It was agreed that the doors and windows of the Cottages should be done next and Simon Richards received two quotes for the work. We have agreed to go ahead with repairs rather than replacement as this causes less of an issue with Conservation. This work should be commencing next month. It was also agreed that once the doors and windows are done, we will need to use some method of heating in the Cottages to prevent deterioration.

The inside of 20 Church Lane is the next objective and we are currently drawing up plans that we hope will be acceptable for Listed Building Consent. The first thing to do is clear out the inside and we have decided that a skip and volunteers is the way to go and this will be organised during the summer. Funding is the limiting issue and at the moment we have a fund of £44,650 to work with. Ordinarily, this would be enough but restrictions imposed to get Listed Building Consent tends to double or treble the cost of any work done.

Brian Baker

APPENDIX V.I YEAR END ACCOUNTS 2018/19

HECKFIELD PARISH COUNCILL RECEIPTS 2018/19 YEAR END								
Balance brought forward 1st April 2018							£4,249.12	
Date	Item	Paid by	Precept	VAT	Interest	Total		
08/04/18	Parish Precept	BACS	£8,000.00			£8,000.00		
2018/19	Net Interest total	BACS			£13.70	£13.70		
Total			£8,000.00	£0.00	£13.70	£8,013.70		
							£8,013.70	
Bank interest			April 2018	£0.38	Oct 2018	£1.87		
			May 2018	£0.48	Nov 2018	£1.92		
			June 2018	£0.44	Dec 2018	£1.88		
			July 2018	£0.49	Jan 2019	£1.88		
			Aug 2018	£0.47	Feb 2019	£1.70		
			Sept 2018	£0.43	Mar 2019	£1.76		
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY							£13.70	
Bal brought forward 1st April 2018			£4,249.12					
Plus income			£8,013.70					
Minus expenditure			£1,150.96					
Balance			£11,111.86					
BANK RECONCILIATION								
current a/c 44968469 at 31 March 2019			£16.19					
reserve a/c 36453196 at 31 March 2019			£11,095.67					
Balance to take over at 31st March 2019			£11,111.86					
HECKFIELD PARISH COUNCIL - EXPENDITURE 2018 - 2019 YEAR END								
Date	Supplier	Description	Cheque	Expenses	Finance / Admin	Salary	VAT	Total
30/04/18	HALC +NALC	Membership subs	274c		£172.00			£172.00
13/04/18	HALC +NALC	Consultancy fees service	275c		£150.00		£30.00	£180.00
13/04/18	SLCC	Membership subs	276c		£30.00			£30.00
13/04/18	Clerk	Expenses	277c	£550.00				£550.00
12/07/18	Zurich	Insurance	278c		£218.96			£218.96
Totals:				£550.00	£570.96	£0.00	£30.00	£1,150.96
								£1,150.96

APPENDIX V.II YEAR END ACCOUNTS 2018/19 - BANK STATEMENT

01584072 01046 0001/0001				Business Reserve Account	
Date	Details	Withdrawn	Paid in	Balance	
5 Jul 2018	BROUGHT FORWARD			11,095.67	
15 Apr 2019	Automated Credit HART D C PYT AC		9,600.00	20,695.67	

Account Number 36453196
 Branch sort code 60-10-13
 National Westminster Bank Plc

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01112354 01981 0001/0001				Current Account	
Date	Details	Withdrawn	Paid in	Balance	
5 Mar 2019	BROUGHT FORWARD			14.43	
29 Mar	Interest 29MAR-GRS 36453196		1.76	16.19	
30 Apr	Interest 30APR-GRS 36453196		2.73	18.92	
31 May	Interest 31MAY-GRS 36453196		3.52	22.44	

APPENDIX VI ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW 2018/19

Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2018/19 Part 2

To be completed by smaller authorities where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure did not exceed £25,000 in the year of account ended 31 March 2019, and that wish to certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015

There is no requirement to have a limited assurance review or to submit an Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor, provided that the authority has certified itself as exempt at a meeting of the authority after 31 March 2019 and a completed Certificate of Exemption is submitted notifying the external auditor.

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certifies that during the financial year 2018/19, the higher of the authority's gross income for the year or gross annual expenditure, for the year did not exceed £25,000

Annual gross income for the authority 2018/19:

£8,014

Annual gross expenditure for the authority 2018/19:

£1,301

There are certain circumstances in which an authority will be unable to certify itself as exempt, so that a limited assurance review will still be required. If an authority is unable to confirm the statements below then it cannot certify itself as exempt and it must submit the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return Part 3 to the external auditor to undertake a limited assurance review for which a fee of £200 +VAT will be payable.

By signing this Certificate of Exemption you are confirming that:

- The authority has been in existence since before 1st April 2015
- In relation to the preceding financial year (2017/18), the external auditor has not:
 - issued a public interest report in respect of the authority or any entity connected with it
 - made a statutory recommendation to the authority, relating to the authority or any entity connected with it
 - issued an advisory notice under paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 8 to the Audit and Accountability Act 2014 ("the Act"), and has not withdrawn the notice
 - commenced judicial review proceedings under section 31(1) of the Act
 - made an application under section 28(1) of the Act for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful, and the application has not been withdrawn nor has the court refused to make the declaration
- The court has not declared an item of account unlawful after a person made an appeal under section 28(3) of the Act.

If you are able to confirm that the above statements apply and that the authority neither received gross income, nor incurred gross expenditure, exceeding £25,000, then the Certificate of Exemption can be signed and a copy submitted to the external auditor either by email or by post (not both).

The Annual Internal Audit Report, Annual Governance Statement, Annual Accounting Statements, an analysis of variances and the bank reconciliation plus the information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 including the period for the exercise of public rights still need to be fully completed and, along with a copy of this certificate, published on a public website* before 1 July 2019. By signing this certificate you are also confirming that you are aware of this requirement.

Signed by the Responsible Financial Officer

Date

09/05/2019

Signed by Chairman

Date

09/05/2019

Email

clerk.heckfield@gmail.com

Telephone number

07515 777060

*Published web address

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ONLY this Certificate of Exemption should be returned EITHER by email OR by post (not both) as soon as possible after certification to your external auditor.

APPENDIX VII ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW 2018/19

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2018/19

We acknowledge as the members of:

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our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019, that:

	Agreed		"Yes" means that this authority:
	Yes	No	
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	✓		prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓		made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of the authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.	✓		has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	✓		during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓		considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	✓		arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓		responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.	✓		disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable, in our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the funds/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	N/A
			✓
			has met all of its responsibilities where as a body corporate it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.

*For any statement to which the response is 'no', an explanation should be published

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:

09/05/2019

and recorded as minute reference:

19.23.iii

Signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

Chairman

Clerk

APPENDIX VIII.I**DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH ASSEMBLY 2019**

Thursday 9th May 2019, 9.15pm, Heckfield Memorial Hall

9.15PM MEETING OPEN

The Chairman opened the meeting. Later time than advertised as no members of the Public present.

County and Ward Councillor Reports for 2019/19 attached below.

ELECTION OF THE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2019/20

Brian Baker was re-elected Chairman with the proviso that the Committee should seek to find a replacement within 12 to 18 months.

Brian has been Chairman for over five years and thanks are due for many hours of time and energy and commitment given. (Previously agreed that good practice to elect a new Chairman after *circa* five years.)

Further committee positions

Simon Richards - Secretary
Elizabeth Warden - Treasurer
Sue Richards - Bookings

Other committee members

Phil Bell
Mandie Bowman
Paul Burton
Sarah Destlegier
Charlie Marsh

Agreed that more committee members would be welcomed.

9.20pm OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION AND Q&A**i Attendance & Parish Communication**

Notices for the Assembly were posted on the noticeboard and website but likely that people in general won't be aware of this.

ACTION Clerk to request via Website for Heckfield residents to submit an email address for Parish correspondence (subject to Data Protection Regulations).
Councillors to circulate request to friends and neighbours.

ii Next Parish Assembly

FUTURE ACTION To advertise in *Whitewater Magazine* two months prior to event.

FUTURE ACTION To request use of Cinema Room at Heckfield Place.

9.30pm Meeting closed

APPENDIX VIII.II REPORT TO PARISH ASSEMBLY

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ANNE CRAMPTON

'I have a meeting on 9th which I am Chairing, all three of us will be attending. Please accept my apologies for the Assembly.'

After the elections on May 2nd 2019 we have seen quite a change in the make up of the council. The Conservatives lost three seats, so now have 11, the Liberal Democrat's have 10 seats and Community Campaign Hart have 11 seats. We also have a new independent member in Hook. The indications are that another year of a Lib Dem / CCH coalition will be forming the administration at Hart. The Conservative group leader unfortunately lost his seat in Fleet East and I am now the new group leader.

Tim and I are still representing your interests in Heckfield and we have a new Councillor joining the team representing the Hartley Wintney Ward, Spencer Farmer, who I will introduce to you to later this year.

FINANCES

Every year we have to plan for worst case scenarios. We never know exactly how much money we will get from the Government until December of each year. This year we have welcomed the government's decision not to decrease the new homes bonus which will give us £2.28m in 2019/20 and have had revenue from the Leisure centres of about £1m. However we never know what is around the corner and though the reserves look healthy, we have voted to raise council tax by 3%. Even so this will only bring in an extra £121,000 to cushion us against what ever may happen next year.

THE LOCAL PLAN

The Inspectors report arrived in February and the conclusion was that largely the Plan is sound except for the Winchfield / Murrell green new town proposal. I attended as an interested councillor, a special cabinet meeting on 14th March.

The Inspector's recommendation to remove the Winchfield/ Murrell green development proposal was accepted and we now expect the Local Plan to be approved and allowed to go for a final consultation and be adopted early in the autumn. A Review will have to be considered in up to five years' time.

BRAMSHILL

The Appeal report was summarised by Daryl Phillips. The Inspector allowed two Appeals for conversion of the main house into either a single dwelling or offices but refused permission for all other residential elements.

Roughly half the occupants currently living on the site allow occupation and the advice I have been given is that they should contact their landlord for further information. The planning applications relating to potential development on the site will be assessed on their own merits taking into account the inspectors' decision.

LEISURE CENTRE

The Hart Leisure Centre is proving to be quite an investment and is bringing in revenue for the council. It's membership is increasing and attendances are up month on month.

I am on the Hampshire Health & Wellbeing board and chair the District's forum. We are going to focus on the wider determinants of Health such as housing, employment and education across the 11 districts. Our air quality measures were praised by Professor Knight an expert in climate change but he felt we should be doing more on the environment. He told us that sea levels are set to rise so that by 2050 Portsmouth and Southampton could be under water.

We are therefore looking at what we can do locally such as encouraging electric cars and buses by putting in more charging points.

I have also started a gym class for people with dementia and their carers. Everyone Active only charge us £1 each per session and these are held 1 to 2.30 pm on Fridays.

WASTE COLLECTION

Since we changed waste collection from Veolia to Serco, from Hart's point of view, things are going well. Basingstoke, with whom we have a shared services contract, are not so happy but we will have to see if they can resolve the issues they have.

Best wishes Anne

APPENDIX VIII.III REPORT TO PARISH ASSEMBLY
COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVID SIMPSON

'An interesting year..

In Heckfield very little needing my intervention has occurred. Minor problems with Highways the Parish Council has asked me to sort out and so on. Of course we have the new experimental no right turn from the Causeway onto the A33 that has caused many problems. This came in as a result of Highways safety being asked to look at the accidents that occur.

Elsewhere more has happened.

Last summer I helped in a minor way to get a Grant for the 200th centenary of Charles Kingsley. Attending a meeting with the organisers in Winchester and reversing a decision to give zero to over £3,000.

There was a long running saga on flooding, Webbs Corner for those that know it, in Eversley but with the £100,000 I managed to secure for works it should be sorted this year.

Bramshill House Appeal Decision was finally released and everything was turned down. We now wait to see what the developers will put forward.

In Totters lane Winchfield you may have been aware of the horrendous problems with a scrap yard leaving HGVs in various states of disassembly around the area. The Chairman of Winchfield contacted me the day after the election to tell me all about it. I started kicking and now two years later the court has closed it down.

I have to emphasise here that apart from blowing up any blockages I did not get that involved. As with so many things my involvement was to facilitate and help cut red tape.

Wider afield Hampshire Fire and Rescue, I am a member of the 10-member Authority that runs it, is to merge with the Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue once Home Office Approval is given.

We now have a shadow board to look at how they will both be run as one from April 2020.

In the Ocado fire at Andover, four ladders melted. Evacuation ordered because ammonia for refrigeration was in canisters on the roof. If they had exploded a half-mile-to-mile radius would have had shrapnel, if the gas escaped firefighters were at risk of burning.

Those of you who have street lights may have noticed they have been getting dimmer and thus saving hundreds of thousands of pounds across the county. Most people appear not to have noticed though.

Ever since the A30/A327 roundabout was designed I have agitated for a 4th arm. Money is now available and I expect it to be completed early next year – providing CEMEX play ball as they have the right to the gravel where the road is due to go and have not extracted it yet!

Hampshire will take over road parking charges next April 2020 and will be going out to tender for a private contractor to enforce. Potentially this could mean parking meters appearing wherever double yellow lines exist. In reality this is not expected in the majority of places.

An interesting statistic in the Budget.

County now has some £648 million in reserves. Whenever challenged on such a large amount the answer is it is all earmarked. But in 2010 it was only just over £200m now it is three times as much so one has to ask when will the projects earmarked actually happen?

Blackbushe deregistration of Common Land. This affects every Common in the country. They are arguing that the airport terminal has within its curtilage the whole of the airport. If so it becomes a brownfield site and clearly the uplift in valuation is such that it will cease as an airport and become an industrial area.

As an aside Hampshire is the most export intensive county in England.

The LRF – Local Resilience Forum – has been looking at the impact of Brexit and amongst many other things have identified a 5km stretch of the A31, between Winchester and Alresford, to hold 2-300 HGVs on either side

There will be a new Leader of HCC in May as the current Leader, Cllr Roy Perry, is stepping down. Cllr Keith Manns has been selected as Leader of the Conservative Group so will become HCC Leader at the Council meeting on Friday 17th May.

Regards

David Simpson, Hampshire County Councillor for Bramshill, Dogmersfield, Eversley, Hartley Wintney, Heckfield, Mattingley, Winchfield, Yateley West