



# Hedgerley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
8.00 pm in the Anstey Lodge, Hedgerley

Chairman indicated emergency exits

Apologies for absence – Cllr Barbara Gibbs BCC, Cllr Marlene Lewis (SBDC)

In attendance – Cllr Thomas Broom (Chairman) (TB), Cllr Derek Baker (Vice Chairman) (DB),

Cllr. Maurice Ridgeley (MER), Cllr Marcus Orchard (MO), Cllr Neil Coxhead (NC)

Present – five members of the public

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## *Community Submissions for discussion, for a limit of fifteen minutes only.*

- Two members of the public voiced the concern about the revised application for Slade Farm and asked for more information and whether they need write to object again.  
MO responded and said that we hoped to seek advice from Aecom, the planning consultants and we would be publishing the information on the HPC Website and Facebook..
- Concern was also mentioned about the Reservoir site and what might be happening regarding any more planning applications. Clerk to get in touch with Seamus Henry, the owner, to find out more information.

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## **1. To approve the Minutes of Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 which had been previously published on Notice boards and Website**

Subject to two minor amendments, Minutes were approved as a true record, and signed.

## **2. County Councillor -**

Did not attend, but sent a report, which TB read out

I have little to report apart from the fact that I have the annual meeting with the road contractor to discuss 2018 plans for road mending in my division on 17th January. Inevitably even though the budget has been slightly increased there is too little money to adequately bring all roads up to standard but I will report back. (I think you are aware that we need more than £3 million to bring just this division up to standard.) I had thought that if the County borrowed the money at a very low interest rate it might be possible to update the roads and pay the interest with the roads budget. Unfortunately the sums don't work. However I still think it needs further discussion at County level. Again as you are aware one of the reasons for the shortage of funds continues to be the 65% of the budget needed for adult social care. The model for this element of the budget needs attention as with an increasingly ageing population the current model is clearly unsustainable. In my opinion we need to look at ways (via public health education) of helping people to be more resilient and confident so that they can live more fulfilling and independent lives for longer.

As always if you have any potholes which are 40mm deep, 300mm wide and have a straight edge that could take the side out of a tyre and are in a part of the road where this is likely to happen then photographs of the hole and where it is can be found can be sent to the pothole website and these should be mended ASAP after the County has been notified on the web and the cost will not come out of the division's road budget.

## **3. District Councillor**

Did not attend. Main comment was regarding the recent visit by travellers to Burnham Beeches.

## **4. County Council Matters – none to report at this time**

**5. Clerk's information items**

The light at the entrance to Kemsley Wood is not working. BLE said that it was not on their list of lights. Clerk to query who is responsible for this, HPC or the Scouts.  
The posts round the pond – after putting the offer of quoting for this work on the website and FB, there had been no response whatsoever.

**6. Finance –**

Finance report – to note report – report noted, cheques signed  
Transparency funding – Clerk will be purchasing the laptop within the next week.  
Bank reconciliation to 31.12.17 (for signature) – signed  
Variance report, actual spend vs budget to 31.12.17 – report detailed by TB  
Proposed budget 2018/19 – Budget given to PCs for consideration and for approval at the next meeting.

**7. Planning -**

To note report – DB gave details of current plans

**8. Hedgerley Magazine - update**

TB explained to Councillors that he had received very little information from the outgoing editor, so he and two other people, who were experienced in publishing, would be endeavouring to go to print for the Spring.

**9. Property**

Information board for the Community Orchard  
Clerk had received the first draft and had passed it on to Maddy Bushnell for her comments/amendments. It is hoped to be able to go forward fairly soon to completion.

**10. MVAS – to give to Fulmer for their three months deployment**

BLE points to consider  
Clerk had given the MVAS to BLE for them to deploy the device in Fulmer (as agreed by Fulmer PC).  
HPC do not wish to take up the offer from BLE to do the same for us. NC said we should continue to deploy the device independently, thus be able to take control of positions, time and charging. Clerk to ask Fulmer for its return in April.

**12. Slade Farm – Update**

MO said that subject to Councillors' approval, Aecom have submitted a fee for further advice on the new application. Councillor's approved. MO said that he will be getting information from Aecom which we can publish for residents to use should they wish to write in. Councillors urged residents to write even if they had done so for the first application.

**13. Neighbourhood Plan – Update**

Owing to NC stepping down due to pressure of work, and DB pointing out that he considered there was no immediate threat to the village as regards any form of development, Councillors agreed it would not be necessary to continue until further notice.

**14. Meetings**

To report on – nothing to report  
To attend – nothing to report

**15. Date of next meeting – Monday 12th February 2018, Anstey Lodge, 8.00 pm**

Please note, Councillors, only items on the agenda may be discussed.