



Hedgerley Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 9th December 2013
held in Youth Club Hut, Hedgerley

Present – Cllr. Derek Baker (Chairman) (DB), Cllr. Ted Evans (TE), Cllr. Maurice Ridgeley (MER), Cllr. Tom Webb (TW), Cllr. Neil Coxhead (NC), Cllr. Simon Hawkins (SH) Cllr. Judith Evans (JE) and the Clerk

In attendance – Cllr. Peter Hardy (BCC) and one member of the public

Chairman indicated emergency exit

Apologies for absence - AC

1. To approve Minutes of Meeting held on 11th November 2013
Minutes were approved as a true record, and signed
2. County Councillor
 - PH told the meeting that today, BCC to agree the draft budget with proposed Council Tax rise of 2%. This had remain unchanged for two years. He said that within this budget there will be some more money for pothole repairs and there will also be an increase for children in care.
 - PH also said that the 'dip' in the road on Hedgerley Lane and the bad footway in Jones Way would be discussed on Tuesday (10th).
 - PH also mentioned Broadband. Clerk said that the superfast broadband which was being discussed would seem a better bet than the small village arrangement we had looked at. PH thought it was possible the time frame would be less than anticipated.
3. District Councillor – not present, apologies sent
4. County Council matters
MVAS update – clerk told the meeting that Swarco were having to amend an item of software in the MVAS. Awaiting operative to call.
5. Clerks information items
 - HCV had planted saplings in Church Meadow and Kiln Wood. This being part of the Woodland Trust and the Big Tree Plant.
 - Councillors thought that an event to commemorate the centenary of WWI would be a good idea. Clerk to request the amount offered from AC for this.
6. Finance
To note report; reported and cheques signed
TW said that the next budget figures would be discussed January/February.

7. Planning

DB detailed the current applications and responses. Report noted.

8. Property

- Kemsley Wood old tennis court

Subject to councillors' amendments, revised licence was approved, subject to signatures. This to be for a trial period of one year.

- Seats on the Green

MR brought up the seats on the village Green which had, over time, had to be removed due to being beyond repair. A third was missing completely. Clerk had previously been in touch with AC two years ago to request funding for these. This had been put on hold due to funding being used for another purpose. Clerk to get back to AC for possible funding and PH also offered. Councillors thought that using one of the seats in commemoration of Edith Tracy (suggested by Mr. M.White) would be a very good idea. Councillors also agreed that another of the seats be used in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the beginning of WWI.

- Cherry tree thinning – for reduction of the three cherry trees, one on the edge of the Green at the bottom of Cottage Park Road, and the other two in front of the shops. SH to take a look and recommended that whatever happens, nothing should be done until June/July.

- Hedgerley Lane 'dip' – done on item 2

- Jones Way footway – done on item 2

- Football

TW had revised the pitch licence. The football club will be able to commence training – only – from January. Arrangements regarding grounds maintenance awaiting agreement with FCRC.

9. Community Plan

DB will defer to January meeting in order to go through some of the items with the Clerk.

10. Meetings – none to report or attend at the present time

11. Date of next meeting –

Monday 13th January 2014, Youth Club hut

Democratic period – no comments received