



Hedgerley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 12th March 2018
8.00 pm in the Anstey Lodge, Hedgerley

Chairman indicated emergency exits

Apologies for absence – Cllr. Barbara Gibbs (BCC), Cllr. Derek Baker

In attendance – Cllr. Thomas Broom (Chairman), Cllr. Maurice Ridgeley, Cllr. Marcus Orchard, Cllr. Neil Coxhead.

Present – Cllr. Marlene Lewis (SBDC) and two members of the public

Community submissions

TW was very concerned that even though six separate applications have been sent in, that they should be looked at as a whole rather than each individual application.

TW said he was willing to contact Dominic Grieve asking for his help on this.

AW was concerned about the trees on the pathway up through Hedgerley Hill. John Russell was the landowner who would be contacted.

1. To approve the Minutes of Meeting held on 8th January 2018 which had been previously published on the noticeboards and Website

Minutes were approved as a true record, and signed.

2. County Councillor

BG sent a written report.

1. The roads

The roads have deteriorated even further with the recent cold weather. There is to be some more money released from the reserves. This will be the maximum that can be prudently released but bearing in mind the problem although a welcome addition nowhere near enough.

I have however an app to suggest which is free and will enable the exact location of potholes to be sent to County. It is the app called FixMyStreet.

The more communications about potholes the more likely it is that they are mended.

2. Wapseys Wood

Nothing new to report but it is ongoing.

3. Slade's Farm

The request to develop the Slade's Farm site for gravel extraction was approved by the Development Control Committee. The contractor will have to reinstate the site on a section by section basis as the gravel is extracted. There will be a high bund around the site which could be of benefit to local residents during the working of the site as it is likely to lessen the noise from the motorway.

The contractor is also going to plant an orchard on site where there used to be one. I asked that Hedgerley Lane from the new exit road to the Roundabout be maintained because of expected HGV damage. The contractor's agent agreed that this was possible. This will be followed up.

4. The County Council budget.

The budget has been written in the context of severe funding cuts from central government. As you are aware 65p in every pound is spent on Adult social care and Children's services both of which are statutory requirements. The annual grant has decreased from £61 million five years ago to £8 million this year. (Next year this is likely to be zero.) Consequently the basic Council Tax has been increased by 2.99%. In addition there is to be an increase of 3% which is ring fenced to be spent on social care. This means that there will be a weekly increase of £1.40 for a band D home.

3. District Councillor

ML was concerned about the news that Said Jafrey was 'of a mind' to make one unitary body for the whole of Bucks. SBDC have written to oppose this idea and HPC intend to write.

4. County Council Matters

- Overgrown hedges in Hedgerley Hill/Village Lane.
Our LAT contacted the Clerk regarding the overgrown hedges in Village Lane which were overhanging the footways. He asked for the Clerk to contact the residents and request they cut them back. He also suggested to give them two weeks to do this, saying that failing this, he would get BCC to do it and send them the bill.
- Sales boards in Gregory Road
Our LAT also asked me to contact the various estate agents who had sign boards at the end of Gregory Road and request they remove them. It is causing obstruction to the vision splay plus it is on Highways land.

5. Clerk's information items

Grit bins – refilling

Clerk had been onto BCC to request permission to collect some road grit as the bins in the village were getting low. Clerk was told it would be all right to go along that afternoon and collect some. When arriving at London Road depot, was told there was none available. Clerk was eventually contacted by the person in charge of grit supplies and told that they were getting in some two year old stock which had been kept in a layby near Saunderton. This was to replenish the gritting lorries only. Clerk was told that it would be advisable to wait until the summer when new supplies would be available. Councillors agreed.

6. Finance –

Finance report – to note report

Report noted, cheques signed. MER asked if there had been VAT charged on the laptop purchase. There had not. Clerk would be going back to PC World to request a VAT receipt.

Audit update

Clerk would be meeting with Paul Miller after to go through the final few items to ensure that everything will be ready for the internal auditor.

Contract update for Clerk, now including amendments – to approve
Councillors approved.

7. Planning -

To note report

TB detailed the report

8. Hedgerley Magazine - update

TB said that Jean had now given him all the paperwork on the magazine. He said he was suggesting two options, one to continue as one editor responsible as previously; a more basic publication would be the case. Or two, to set up an editorial board with people having separate duties on the magazine. To be discussed

9. Property

- Information board for the Community Orchard – update
Still awaiting approval from the company regarding copyright
- Quote for painting pond posts
Require confirmation of timescale
- Woodland management progress
Woodland management is practically completed in Coppice Way; a written update has been circulated.
- Tree safety work.
The Tree Safety work is due to be carried out.
- Path in Kiln wood repair.
MER drew attention to a damage to the pathway in Kiln Wood behind Coppice Way. Will be inspecting this
- Goal.
New goal net has been installed and the goal moved around. Have been unable to fix both ends as the ground conditions have made it very difficult to identify the other fixing post. A metal detector might have to be used to remedy this.

10. Slade Farm – update and Aecom

MO has agreed that we need to formally release Aecom from further action, on the understanding that we reserve the right to request further assistance should the need arise.

MO said that we need to contact DKSymes to set up an offsite meeting – MO, DB and NC. To discuss the contractors meeting on a regular basis.

It is important that Section 106 be implemented on the understanding by contractors. BG to be asked if this is in place already.

11. Meetings

To report on – none

To attend – none

12. Date of next meeting – Monday 9th April 2018, Memorial Hall, 8.15 pm

