

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Monday 17th January 2022, 7.30pm, Remote meeting via Zoom

Present – Parish Councillors Keith Alderman (chairman), Guy Chessell, Adam Knight, Jennifer Roberts; Clerk Susan Turner; Guest Andy Piercy.

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1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Thanks to Guy Chessell for hosting. Welcome to all and thanks to Andy Piercy for attending. Apologies Jan Hughes, County Cllr Tim Davies, Ward Cllr Anne Crampton.

2 PUBLIC SESSION & REPORTS TO THE MEETING

Written report forwarded by County Cllr Tim Davies at **APPENDIX I**. No members of the public present.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS of 13th December agreed and to be signed.

NOTED Decisions made at this and December meetings to be ratified at next in-person meeting.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on the Agenda, none

5 COUNCILLOR VACANCY The Chairman welcomed Andy Piercy to the meeting and invited introductions. Andy confirmed his interest in joining the Parish Council and outlined his relevant experience and interest in contributing to the Parish. Andy withdrew from the meeting temporarily to allow Parish Councillors to discuss.

AGREED unanimously to co-opt Andy Piercy as Parish Councillor

NOTED The Parish Council is keen to raise its profile and receive more input and feedback from Parishioners.

6 PHONE BOX

- .1 Phone box restoration** Andy Piercy reported on behalf of the volunteers that much of the work on the phone box has been done. Frames and glass removed, the base has been blasted to remove the worst of the rust, the rest scraped. Some purchases needed: spray gun with compressor, paint incl primer, white paint also needed for roof. Need to assess wiring and light fitting – what BT left when they took out the phone mechanism.

ACTION The volunteer restorers will restart once weather and Covid permit. Clerk to purchase supplies as needed.

- .2 Relocation** – The base is in hand, means of removal to be considered.

ACTION Councillors to meet on site to confirm location and work required.

- .3 Hound Green Trees** – Quotes requested for follow-up arboricultural survey.

7 JUBILEE 2022 (Extended bank holiday Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June.)

- .1 Beacon event Hazeley Bottom Farm** – 'Jubilee Committee' to comprise Guy Chessell, Keith Alderman, Adam Knight. Confirmation received from Anne Crampton that requirement for licence for events over 500 people is unchanged for Jubilee events.

- .2 Jubilee tree planting** – **APPENDIX II**

Discussion

- Noted that seedlings are growing beneath the Oaks on the Green. Could these be transplanted?
- Requires a site, a willing landowner to accommodate them.
- Moneys Farm have a Jubilee Wood project.

8 GREENING CAMPAIGN – List of online information sessions at **APPENDIX III**.

Agreed the Greening Campaign presents an opportunity to link environmental projects and consider 'what can we do to protect our countryside?'. Jenny Roberts noted – as promoted by the Greening Campaign – that the best way to engage the community is via the schools – Jenny is happy to liaise with Whitewater Primary School.

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9 NEWSLETTER

AGREED To produce a printed *Spring Newsletter* for Mattingley Parish, noting that the *Whitewater Magazine* has no present plans to restart. Print on recycled paper if possible.
Options for delivery

- Potential to use Royal Mail's leaflet delivery service – they will deliver to specified post codes but require copies a month in advance I think.
- Delivering by hand is achievable if divide between councillors, whether other volunteers may be available?
- Option also to circulate PDF copies to known email addresses.

10 MATTINGLEY GREEN UPDATE

1. The Parish Council and landowner have not so far been able to agree terms for a lease which can be considered mutually beneficial by both parties.
2. The Parish Council has made a alternative request for permission to carry out an agreed management plan – to undertake a project under licence but not part of a formal lease arrangement.
3. A suggestion has been put to the Parish Council to consider purchasing the land.

11 HAZELEY HEATH

- .1 Update** Jenny Roberts reported there have been two calves on the Heath – the cows and calves have now gone for the winter. Working parties continue every Wednesday to burn patches of the leggy gorse – part of their RSPB's own Greening campaign.
- .2 Bridleways** Complaints received re horses on the Heath churning up the paths. They reportedly cut up the bridlepaths, then move onto the footpaths. Request received for the bridleways to be clearly signed: 'Horses and cyclists please stick to bridleway'. Also noted there is no sign – for footpath or bridleway – from Plough Lane.

NOTED – both County and Parish Councils have powers to provide Rights of Way signage and waymarking. County has a duty to provide Rights of Way signage from the road – **APPENDIX IV**. *Cyclist Magazine* promotes the Heath as a cycling location. While it has previously and mistakenly encouraged camping it does indicate correct cycling routes.

AGREED the Parish Council will supply signage for the Heath and will seek RSPB consent.

- .3 Request received** from editor of *Walks near Camberley* (in revision for 3rd ed) re Walk 24 which features the common land path by the Old Forge. A tree has fallen across the path and it not being an official Right of Way there is no obligation for it to be cleared. Editor requested that the landowner please keep the path accessible – **APPENDIX V**.

NOTED RSPB agree to clear the path to make it passible.

12 PLANNING**.1 Parish Planning applications**

New applications for discussion

21/03172/HOU (Validated 15 Dec 2021) West End Cottage, Bottle Lane. Erection of a single storey rear extension. *Parish Council response: no objection.*

See **APPENDIX VI** for all recent applications relating to the Parish.

.2 Kiln Fields Solar Update 21/02749/FUL (Pending 10 Nov 2021) Land To The North of Vicarage Lane, Hound Green, Heckfield.

For Consultee comments, particularly from Hampshire Flood & Water Management see **APPENDIX VII**. The Parish Council continues to have concerns re flooding. Adam Knight drafted response for submission to Hart to say:

'In respect of the above, I have genuine concerns regarding the location of this site, specifically in relation to the flood risk.

'The road off the B3349 towards Malthouse Lane has a history of flooding, especially in the immediate vicinity of the old brick works – identified by the brickwork either side of the road. The brickwork has been retained to serve a specific and useful service, if the water level, following prolonged periods of rain, totally obscures the brickwork, the road is impassable to

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all but farm vehicles. The Home Farm will be able to confirm as they are so often called upon to pull out vehicles whose drivers are apparently lacking in common sense.

'The fields either side of the road also take a substantial volume of water and have a natural flooding cycle and function as a means of holding flood water.

'Solar farms for 'green' electricity, given the climate crisis, are increasingly being promoted, but the constraints of individual sites should not be overlooked or discounted.

'The Parish Council notes that local residents and Hampshire Flood & Water Management have also voiced concerns.'

13 FINANCE

.1 Payments since last meeting.

37	PGGM Maintenance Contract December	£274.00	
38	Clerk Salary December	£206.60	
39	HMRC Acc Office Cumbernauld – tax Oct, Nov Dec	226.00	= £432.60

.2 Precept request – Submitted for £12K as agreed at December meeting. Receipt of request acknowledged by Hart.

.3 Accounts to date – Bank reconciliation of £32,359.53.

.4 County Councillor devolved budget – With thanks to Cllr Davies for his approval of grant application for £1K (£500 towards each of the two defibrillators).

14 FURTHER REPORTS / UPDATES

.1 Shoulder of Mutton Exchange not yet confirmed but work ongoing.

.2 Police Next liaison (PACT) meeting 27th Jan, 7pm Yateley Police Station / MS Teams.

.3 Police Community Meeting 'Barn Meet' Rearranged for Thursday 3rd February from 5.45 for 6pm to 7.30 at Rotherwick Village Hall.

.4 Village gateways Note re Glasdon signs and costs. **APPENDIX VIII**

NOTED i Cost using HCC and Glasdon, c £960 Glasdon for 1 x gate and sign plus c £1,060 for HCC to install 1 x gate plus sign = c £2K per sign (not including artwork for sign).

NOTED ii Emblem / motif for Hazeley – artwork will be needed for high resolution image. Suggested an image combining a Roe deer (as Mattingley logo) and a Hazel tree.

ACTION Jenny Roberts to commission artwork.

.5 Rights of way update – Ramblers have been out in force, looking to ensure all stiles fit for purpose for Spring. Mattingley stiles in reasonable condition, Adam Knight will update further at next meeting.

.6 Hazeley Bus Service No7 Service cancelled.

Update from Cllr Tim Davies, he raised a question at County Group meeting in Winchester on 11th January. This is a Reading bus service due to end on 17th January (today). Cllr Davies voiced concern in particular that the service has been so suddenly terminated. Apparently Jonathan Glen, County Councillor for Odiham and Hook, also registered his concern. Rob Humby – cabinet member for Economy, Transport & Environment – has agreed to raise the issue with his counterpart in Reading Borough Council (unitary authority). There is little else HCC Councillors can do directly but urge all Parishes to write in complaint to Reading Borough Council. See also County Cllr report at Appendix I.)

Jenny Roberts noted the service used to connect Aldershot (thought the Aldershot leg previously cancelled), via Fleet to Reading station. This is loss of a key service with no alternative in place; prior to lockdown it ran every hour, used in particular at work time and school time.

AGREED Clerk to write on behalf of the Parish Council

15 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS Mondays 7.30pm, 21 Feb, 21 Mar, (April Parish Assembly – date tba), 16 May (AGM), 20 June, 18 July, 15 Aug, 19 Sept, 17 Oct, 21 Nov.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm with thanks to all present.

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