



Hedgerley Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on MONDAY 11th February 2013
In the Youth Club Hut, Hedgerley

Chairman indicated emergency exits

Apologies for absence - TW

1. To approve Minutes of 14th January 2013

Minutes were approved as a true record, and signed

2. County Councillor

- PH said that regarding the resurfacing programme, the A355 did not look in very good condition. This is on the list of roads to be done in the near future.
- PH said that the proposed Sikh school in Stoke Poges will have an impact on school transport in Hedgerley. Children in Hedgerley will lose their right to free transport. He had seen the draft consultation; it is a Government policy so outside the County Council.

3. District Councillor

- AC said, regarding the proposed Sikh school in Stoke Poges if they are only using the existing building they did not need Planning consent for change of use. They cannot extend it or use surrounding land as a sports field without the need for planning consent.
- Regarding the Dropmore site – waste transfer station. AC said there was going to be a public meeting.
- AC said she had been involved with L & Q housing recently and had developed a reasonable relationship with the manager.
- Crime – there had been very little crime in Hedgerley. Every other area, crime detection could be a lot better. She said that domestic abuse was very much on the increase.

4. County Council Matters

Kiln Lane flooding

- Kiln Lane gulleys had been jetted and it would appear that there is a blockage to the Portman Burtley land. PH said he would be arranging a meeting with them. Andrew Hill Lane flooding is due to a broken pipe within the responsibility of the County Council and will be putting it forward to a scheme next year.

Junction of Village Lane/ Hedgerley Lane

- PH, TW and the Clerk had a meeting at the junction of Village Lane and Hedgerley Lane with Si Khan of TfB and the County Engineer with a view to improving the signage to
- hopefully alleviate the continued incidence of road traffic accidents caused by vehicles overshooting the junction. County Engineer also suggested a small chevron sign at the first corner on Village Lane.

5. Clerk's information items

Damage to vehicle by tree branch – it had been reported by a Mr. Binns, that a large branch from an oak tree directly outside his boundary fence on Hedgerley Hill, had broken off and damaged his car. Clerk to get the LAT to inspect and identify ownership.

Banners re. school at Stoke Poges – HPC had been contacted regarding displaying a banner concerning the Sikh school in Stoke Poges.

6. Finance

To note report – report was noted, cheques signed

Electrical contractor –

- Clerk had obtained two quotations for street lighting maintenance. With the low incidence of faults, it would seem that the monthly inspection charge was unnecessary. After consideration, Councillors chose the quotation presented by Outdoor Lighting Solutions, who acted for Chalfont St. Peter and were in the area every Friday.
- Clerk had heard from Mary Lane asking if the Parish Council would consider undertaking the mowing of the grass around the Memorial Hall, as the person who had been responsible for taking care of this could no longer do it. Clerk to speak to Grant Randall.
- Budget – to be discussed at March meeting

7. Planning

To approve report – DB detailed the various plans received during the month

8. Property

Kemsley Wood – MER said the holly clearance work would be commencing mid -end February.

Kiln Wood – tree work under the safety inspection was shortly to be carried out. only three trees as the rest have already been dealt with during the general tree work.

Willow Tree by pond – Ben Harris to carry out the work, as recommended by Peter Hardy, a pollarding to 3 metres.

Cherry trees – it was suggested leaving this work until the next financial year.

9. Community Orchard

MB said the planting was due to be carried out the following Saturday as 2.00pm.

10. Parish Plan

NC said that there had been a meeting the previous week and there would be another on 28th. He said the goal was to produce a draft plan by the end of March. They were looking at a day in April for another conservation walk.

11. Meetings

To report on –

To attend – SBP 13th February

12. Date of next meeting –

Monday 11th March , Youth Club Hut

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Democratic period – questions on items discussed during this meeting

A resident of Hedgerley who is very involved with the campaign against the Sikh school gave the meeting an outline of the history of this proposal and the affect it would have on the surrounding communities, especially the children attending other local schools. She said that Stoke Poges PC was very involved and had met with Dominic Grieve, our MP. She said the school had advertised an open day last October and a wide advertising campaign had been undertaken.

PH said that BCC could only respond to the consultation. He said he would draft a letter highlighting the difficulties which this will cause locally.