



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 7th December 2022, 7.30pm Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors Simon Richards (Chairman), Ian Bowman, Stephen Harnett.

2022 Guests Brenda Hunt - acting Clerk, County Councillor Tim Davies.

53 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies Councillors - Paul Burton, Dianne Kirk, James Ashmore, Ward Councillors Anne Crampton and Tim Southern, Clerk Susan Turner.

54 PUBLIC SESSION & REPORTS TO MEETING

No members of the public present.

55 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 7th September; agreed and signed.

56 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Ian Bowman declared an interest re item 60.1 Planning, in the event of any discussion relating to his submitted application for solar panels 22/01930/LBC. Stephen Harnett declared an interest - discussions on Wellington Estates 61.3

57 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE 2022/23

.1 PAYMENTS TO DATE

.2 ACCOUNT TO DATE

.3 BUDGET REVIEW

.4 DRAFT BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2023/24

Precept agreed, form completed and signed. Amount agreed to be kept the same for all parish although this constitutes a reduction in real terms.

58 VILLAGE HALL & COTTAGES

.1 COTTAGE RENOVATION

Currently on hold following Hart intervention. However it was agreed that the boiler installation could progress and the electric be connected.

.2 VILLAGE HALL REPORT

It was discussed that the village hall is currently running at a loss. Detail in Chairmans notes.

59 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

.1 C6 ODIHAM RD BY DUKES MEADOW

Riseley 30 mph speed limit signs have moved as promised, but no new signs added. Have added two new posts either side of the road. Speedwatch sign by playground is no longer there. No real indication that traffic is adhering to the new limits.

.2 'Drifting' at Wellington roundabout – Police report that this problem has "moved". It may return in the future, keep under review.

- .3 FOOTPATH TO NEW INN**
works completed - all happy.

- .4 PARISH LENGTHSMAN** Tim Davies to report at next meeting if this service is stopping.

- .5 HART Local Cycling and Walking infrastructure plan**
Ian Bowman to write something for the online meeting 13/14 December - drop-in on 14th 3— -5.30pm Harlington Centre.

60 PLANNING

.1 Parish Planning applications

Briefly discussed the difficulties of planning permission/conservation issues surrounding listed buildings. In particular solar panels and double glazing.

.2 Lodge Farm Warehousing Proposal

Still under consideration with Hart.

61 FUTHER REPORTS/UPDATES

.1 Remembrance Wreath

Laid quietly in cemetery this year but next year Parish Council will try to plan something more inclusive.

.2 Churchyard Fencing

Outstanding - SR to chase.

.3 Wellington Estate

A number of issues raised with regard to unneighbourly infringements and the unauthorised erection of fencing in the Devils Highway area. SR to send a letter to Lord Mornington to request a regular meeting with Estate Management and for consideration and discussion on future plans affecting the parish.

.4 Police

SR will report back on Police Barn meet 8/12/22.

NOV PACT meeting report, next meeting February 2023.

.5 AOB

Highfield PARK - cleared bushes away from signpost and painted.

Church Lane needs the same treatment (JA suggested after meeting).

A30 signage for roundabout closure in Hook is thought OTT and affecting local business (DK comment post meeting).

Very bright street light reported outside home of DK but no action yet.(item added post meeting).

62 Chairmans Notes

Overall the number of issues in Heckfield is low: Our usual issues of Flytipping / Litter and 22 Church Lane continue. Village Hall finances are tight and we discussed & agreed the potential for a subsidiary from Parish funds whilst fuel prices are high and bookings low.

We agreed the precept to remain the same for the coming financial year, which is a reduction in real terms.

Remembrance Service: Wreath was laid by Brenda - suggested that we have a village event next year and work with the Church - good idea and positive feedback to the

concept.

Wellington Estate: Having issues with Wellington Country Park - fencing along Devils Highway now with Hart Enforcement Officer. Recent noise issue's reported to Parish Council dealt with by resident and Country Park management

The Devils Highway - investigate if and how we can get this landscape protected

63 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

21st February 2023 7.30pm Small Hall Heckfield

The meeting closed at 8.40pm with thanks to all

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Date