



Hedgerley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th
March 2014 in the Youth Club Hut, Hedgerley

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

In attendance - Cllr. Peter Hardy (BCC) (PH), Cllr. Anita Cranmer (SBDC)(AC)

Chairman indicated emergency exits

Apologies for absence - none received

1. To approve Minutes of Meeting held on 10th February 2014

Minutes were approved as a true record, and signed

2. County Councillor

- PH said there were concerns about the roads. Repairs were behind after the crews were all put on the flooding problems. He said County will be confirming that they will be putting additional money towards repairs at the next BCC meeting. PH said he was not sure how much extra would be allocated. As there are 169 Highways authorities, it is not a lot more going into service this problem. Somehow, very substantial sums of money need to be available.
- PH informed Councillors that there will be a one and a half percent increase in Council Tax for 2014/15.
- MER asked PH if he knew what was going to happen to the no.583 bus. AC said she had seen some information on this and would let MER see a copy. PH said nothing would be done without his hearing about it, and would keep us informed.

3. District Councillor

- AC had met recently with the Police Commander. AC requested that HPC have a regular Police report in future.
- AC said regarding the new garbage collection they had received over three hundred calls for help as there seemed to be quite a bit of confusion on which days and when for collection etc.

4. County Council Matters

- MVAS update
Clerk told the meeting that she had been contacted by a member of Fulmer PC. The Councillor who had been involved with the MVAS arrangements had now resigned. Clerk briefed the new contact on the situation at present. Clerk had been in touch with Leigh Electrical and they would be coming to collect the equipment for installation. Clerk suggested that as things had gone on for so long without any action regarding Fulmer, that if nothing has been done in the next two weeks, we shall go ahead with the installation in Hedgerley.
NC mentioned that at the last SBALC meeting, mention had been made of a non-illuminated sign. Councillors agreed this would be a good idea. Clerk to get in touch with SWARCO.

5. Clerk's information items

CiLCA training course -SLCC were holding another CiLCA training course this summer. Owing to the Clerk's illness last May, she was unable to attend at that time. It is a four month course, commencing in June. If successful, this will give the Parish Council Quality status.

SBDC WWI funding -

SBDC are offering £300 funding towards WWI commemorative projects. Councillors agreed that Hedgerley Historical Society be offered this.

6. **Finance** - To note report
Report was noted. Cheques signed.
7. **Planning** - To note report
DB detailed the report which was noted.
8. **Property**
 - Seats on the Green - funding
AC had told Clerk that unfortunately she did not have further funding available to help with the memorial benches, but said that the Mobbs Trust would be worth contacting. Clerk had put in two requests and was waiting to hear back.
 - Football - report on meeting on 26th Feb
There had been a further meeting on 26th February between FCRC and Hedgerley football. An agreement to share maintenance costs between the two clubs had been reached and the amended license signed by David Vincent was presented to the meeting and signed by the Parish Clerk.
9. **Super -fast broadband - additional BCC funding**
NC had drawn attention to the super -fast broadband which had been mentioned by BCC. PH said that this was really meant for those people who were in the more remote communities, for example in the north of the County.
10. **Assets of Community Value - Shops at Hedgerley**
It was believed that L & Q intended to increase the shops rent considerably. AC said she had spoken to Ahmed Lukman (Portfolio holder) who said that the rent had not increased for ten years ; was quite low; and needed to be renegotiated.
AC also said she had been assured that there is no intention by L&Q to seek a change of use of the shops for residential or other use.
Councillors agreed to apply to SBDC to register the shops as Assets of Community Value. NC to liaise with Clerk re drafting a letter to Ahmed Lukman which should include a request for a meeting with L&Q.
11. **Community Plan**
JE advised that the steering committee had produced a summary of the Plan to go in the next issue of the Magazine, listing some of the key issues.
12. **Meetings**
To report on - nothing to report at this time
To attend - nothing arranged at this time
13. **Date of next meeting** -
Monday 14th April, 2014 Memorial Hall
Meeting ended at 9.05 pm

No attendance for Democratic period

