



Hedgerley Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on MONDAY May 13th 2013
In the Youth Club Hut, Hedgerley

Present – Cllr. Tom Webb (Chairman) (TW), Cllr. Derek Baker (Vice Chairman) (DB), Cllr. Michael Rice (MJR), Cllr. Ted Evans (TE), Cllr. Maurice Ridgeley (MER), Cllr Neil Coxhead (NC) and the Clerk

In attendance – Cllr. Peter Hardy (BCC) and four members of the public

Chairman indicated emergency exits.

- To approve Minutes of 8th April 2013**
Minutes were approved as a true record, and signed.
To acknowledge record of APM 29th April, for approval at APM 2014
Acknowledged as a true record and noted for approval APM 2014
- Election of Chairman**
Cllr Derek Baker was proposed by TW, seconded by MER. TW commented that DB had said he thought he would only hold the post for a year.
- Election of Vice-Chairman was proposed by TE,**
Cllr Neil Coxhead was proposed by TE, seconded by MJR
- Casual Vacancy – Co-option**
Simon Hawkins was proposed by MJR, seconded by MER. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed. TW welcomed him to the Parish Council.
- County Councillor**
Councillors congratulated PH on his re-election as County Councillor. He explained that at the moment he was waiting to see what his position will be on the Cabinet.
He confirmed that unfortunately, even after his arguing the case for Hedgerley, the Sunday bus service was being discontinued. Apparently there was only ever one passenger every week and the company felt that by removing this service, it would allow them to improve existing routes.
- District Councillor**
In her absence AC had sent a written report –

 - A consultation is being put in place regarding garbage collection. It will stay weekly but may change from bins to bags depending on public view. Also less separation will be required. Only glass and paper will now be separated. Also food waste will be collected.
 - The Scouts and youth group are doing a road/pothole survey for the community plan.
 - The Pinewood application is being heard at Capswood on Wednesday
 - The old Plymouth Brethren site in Fulmer on Windmill Lane, has been bought and is being used by a Shia Muslim sect.

7. County Council Matters

Kiln Lane flooding

PH said that there was going to be a drainage scheme across the County starting on 12th August. PH said it would hopefully solve both the flooding problems in Kiln Lane and Andrew Hill Lane. He said that the Kiln Lane flooding had been identified as being the responsibility of Highways Dept. He said it was a pipe under the road and drainage engineers have said they will look at the problem. The Local Area Technician (Wayne Fabian) had spoken with several residents and explained the situation.

Attention was also drawn to the very bad state of the road surface on the hill. It was caused by a 'river' running down the hill. MJR said that it came from the drainage pipes at the end of Stevenson Road. TW asked PH to arrange for someone to look into this.

Junction of Hedgerley Lane/Village Lane

PH said he had been assured by the engineer that the signs had been ordered. During discussion on this junction, it was pointed out that the dip in the road surface on the approach to the junction had caused a few complaints. TE commented that it could be considered as a natural traffic calming situation. TW asked PH if he could get someone to have a look at it. It could possibly be caused by subsidence of some sort.

8. Clerk's Information Items

- Regarding the MVAS, Clerk had received a message from Fulmer Clerk concerning the fees for purchase and installation of the ground screws. Members agreed they had not been aware of this arrangement, and neither had PH who had confirmed this with his colleagues at BCC. He suggested he look into the arrangements further and report back before we go ahead and order anything.
- Parking by shops - Clerk confirmed that apart from the one vehicle which only parked overnight and at weekends, there had been no further complaints about inconsiderate parking by trades vehicles.
- Kemsley Wood information boards - someone had broken off the bottom part of the wooden frame. Ben Harris made the repair.
- There had been vandalism also to the bus stop. Several (six) shingles had been ripped out. Ben Harris had replaced them.

It was agreed that the Clerk ask the Police to visit the village in the hope that a visible presence might deter whoever is responsible for this vandalism.

9. Finance

Report was approved, cheques signed.

Leigh Electrical. NC had sight of the contract and was going to check through it. Once this had been done, TW suggested that a meeting with BLE would be a good idea in order to finalise the contract.

10. Planning

TW went through the report; not a lot had happened during the month.

11. Property

Kiln Wood - The group of volunteers from Coppice Way had done another clear up in Kiln Wood the previous weekend.

Glebe Field - MER said there had been nothing much happening. He wondered if HCV would like to get involved and perhaps the Scouts, in order to work on the pond at the top. He thought it would be more appropriate for HCV to monitor the Scouts rather than leave them to work on their own. MER said there were cowslips growing at the moment, the first he'd seen for thirty years.

MER drew Members' attention to the fact that a work crew had been in the village and mown the verges, and in doing so had cut the daffodils and wild flowers which were growing there. It was a mystery of why this had been done as HPC took on the verge mowing from Highways and it was now done by Grant Randall. Clerk to investigate.

Pest control – moles – Clerk said that her contact had been to the village and recommended that he took no action at this time as the moles were not in evidence. He said he would come back during the summer to see if action were needed then.

12. Community Plan

NC said that Tim Hall who had stood down as Chair, had nominated Tony Shawcross to take his place.

The steering committee had held another meeting and identified four or five points that they wanted to achieve. Another meeting will be held in June.

13. Membership of Parish Council advisory groups

Planning	DB, TE, SH
Property	MER, NC, SH
Playground inspection	NC
Insurance/Finance	TW
Footpaths	MER

14. Representatives on outside organisations

SB Partnership	DB, NC
SBALC	DB (although any Councillor may attend)
Youth Club Committee	ask DB's opinion
London Green Belt	DB
Wapseys Wood Liaison	David Vincent
Magazine Editorial Board	John Lunn
Community Plan	TW and NC

On the subject of the magazine, John Lunn raised his concerns that there was no management committee any more. He reminded the meeting that the magazine was once a joint effort between the Church and Parish Council. He said this appeared not to be the case any more. TW suggested that he speak to the Church on this and then have a word with the magazine Editor. To report back at the next PC meeting. Councillors agreed on this action.

15. Meetings

To report on - none at this time

To attend - nothing known

16. Date of next meeting – Monday 10th June 2013, Memorial Hall

Democratic period – questions/comments on items discussed during the meeting

John Lovelock said that HCV had a walk round on Sunday morning. The Woodland Trust are offering free trees once again. There was a brief discussion on tree varieties and ideal places for planting fresh trees. John then pointed out that the offer was only for about a dozen trees. This caused some amusement amongst Councillors as they thought the offer meant a reasonable quantity, but they agreed that JL apply to take up the offer anyway.