



Hedgerley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 13th November 2017
in the Anstey Lodge, Hedgerley

Chairman indicated emergency exits

Apologies for absence – Cllr. Marcus Orchard, Cllr Barbara Gibbs (BCC) and Cllr Marlene Lewis (SBDC)

In attendance – two members of the public

Community Submissions – none at this time

1. **To approve the draft Minutes held on 9th October**
Cllr Maurice Ridgeley noted that he had not been shown as absent.

2. **County Councillor**

2018/2019 Budget Consultation

The County Council is in the process of setting the budget for 2018/2019. As usual there is to be a consultation period about how the Council Tax which is levied is to be spent. Next year will be the first year that the County Council will receive no revenue support grant from central government, the annual support grant having been reduced incrementally from £61M four years ago to zero. This is in line with the national framework for funding local government. The consultation will run until 19th November. The Budget Scrutiny Committee will meet in early January to examine and make recommendations about the proposed budget before it goes to cabinet for consideration. It is possible to respond to the consultation should you wish to as either a resident or an organisation on line at the following web site <https://www.research.net/r/BudgetConsultationSurvey2018-2019>

Education

The good news is that 90% of Buckinghamshire schools have been confirmed as good or outstanding by Ofsted with over a quarter (26%) in the outstanding category. Putting this into

context, this is higher than the either the national average and indeed the average for the South

East. These schools all deserve our congratulations.

The not so good news is that there are still seventeen schools judged to be inadequate or failing.

These schools will all be working to improve with the support of the Council. All children deserve

access to a good education.

Ofsted reports are available to read on www.reports.ofsted.gov.uk.

3. District Councillor

Leadership

Change Nick Naylor has replaced Ralph Bagge. Ralph resigned in October due to Business Commitments. Nick was Ralph's Deputy for over 2 years. He is competent and very experienced.

Pot Holes Update

Large pot Hole along Andrew Hill Lane and Hedgerley Lane (opposite Slade Farm) reported to Bucks County Council - Transport for Bucks.

Response from County Council as follows;

' We have now inspected the defect and no planned repair is necessary at this stage. Please be assured we will continue to inspect in line without normal safety inspection regime '

4. County Council Matters – none at this time

5. Clerk's Information items

Cllr Lewis asked us to consider the possibility of having a Christmas Tree this year. She was willing to donate a tree. Councillors approved and suggested it be sited on the green area along the side of the Phone box. There would be no provision for lighting, but baubles and tinsel would be acceptable.

6. Finance

Report was noted – cheques signed.

Transparency funding – Clerk told the Meeting that BALC had awarded HPC £640 for the provision of a laptop and relevant software. This means that all Clerks who work from home will now have to have a specific laptop purely for PC business. PH has looked at several possibilities and should be buying one before the next meeting.

7. Planning

Cllr Baker detailed the report and pointed out that an application had been put in for extending the MSA to include another 42 lorry parking spaces. Chairman commented that it seemed evident on his visits to the MSA, especially in the evening, that there were usually plenty of spaces down to the right of the actual building and suggested this be considered. Councillors agreed that HPC would be denying the application on their part.

8. Jones Way

As a result of the consultation with residents of Jones Way, and with no adverse responses, the remainder of the bollards had been installed.

9. Property

- Request from the Scouts for the possibility of planting a band of poppies in the village for next year, and the location.
Councillors thought it would be a nice idea and agreed on a possible site. They wanted to know how big an area/length was involved.
- Information board for the Community Orchard
Clerk had been in touch with a company who specialised in these signs. Had received a quotation of £1,025.25 including lectern, artwork and carriage, plus VAT. This would be a metal structure. Clerk explained that Maddy Bushnell had given her the details of the particular fruits and pictures, but Councillors did not agree that the sponsors names should be published on the board. Awaiting first artwork. Clerk will liaise with MB for approval of the artwork.
- Pond – posts and rail repaint and also weed removal from the pond.

MER said the pond posts needed to be repainted and also one of the rails. This to be considered in the new year and to be done before the BKV Competition. Likewise the pond needed a lot of the weed removing as it was becoming invasive. The idea was to have volunteers to do this. Again, in the New Year in readiness for the BKV competition.

10. MVAS

The device is now in Parish Lane. NC has the data. TB suggested putting the data on the website, but this was decided against as it wasn't really very clear or easy for the layman to understand.

11. Slade Farm

HPC had received a reply from Dominic Grieve in response to the Clerk writing to him. Andrew Sierakowski, the Consultant Planner had replied to him and said he had passed on his letter as a representation of the current planning application, and also passed it onto the Council's Minerals and Waste Policy Team, albeit that the consultation has already formally ended.

He said he is currently envisaging that the planning application for the same proposal is currently due to go to an informal hearing with a Planning Inspector on the 13th and 14th March 2018.

12. Neighbourhood Plan

NC told Councillors that owing to his pressure of business, he would be unable to participate further. TB said that perhaps we should consider whether we proceed further at all. As the village was surrounded by Green Belt, there wasn't a threat for the Village.

13. Meetings

Nothing to report and nothing to attend at the present time.

14. Date of next meeting

Monday 11th December 2017, Anstey Lodge, 8.00 pm.

Please note, Councillors, only items on the agenda may be discussed