



# Hedgerley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
In the Youth Club Hut, Hedgerley

**Present** - Cllr. Neil Coxhead (Chairman) (NC), Cllr. Derek Baker (Vice Chairman) (DB), Cllr. Maurice Ridgeley (MER), , Cllr Paul Miller (PM), Cllr Thomas Broom (TB) and the Clerk

**In Attendance** – Cllr Peter Hardy (BCC) and two members of the public

**Chairman indicated emergency exits**

**Apologies for absence** – Cllr Marcus Orchard, Cllr. Marlene Lewis (SBDC)

- 1. To approve the draft Minutes of Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 which had been publicised on the noticeboards previously**  
**Minutes were approved as a true record, and signed**
- 2. Thames Valley Police, general update**  
**PCSO Sara Puksis attended and gave Councillors a brief update on recent Hedgerley problems. She said that two people had been arrested concerning the armed robbery at Londis and three people had been arrested concerning the burglary in Hill View. Andrew Hill Lane burglary no arrests had been made yet.**  
**She also mentioned the Community Speed Watch. This is a piece of equipment which has to be manned, for indicating vehicles which had broken the speed limit. The registration number would be saved on the equipment and if it had been found to have caught the same vehicle three times, then a letter would be sent. This would only be a warning as it would not be a legal means of law enforcement regarding speeding. The cost was very high, £2000, and some councils were considering sharing the load of the equipment.**  
**Councillors thought it might be a good idea to arrange a specific meeting at the Youth Club hut, rather than a 'Have your Say' outside the shops.**
- 3. County Councillor**  
**PH mentioned that Council Tax was expected to increase to 4 or 5%. He thought because of the social care load which had to be of prime importance, it would most probably be increased to 5%.**  
**PH also mentioned regarding the unitary decision, BCC has put in for a two district choice. Decision should be made in February.**
- 4. District Councillor – apologies sent. Will be sending information regarding recent meetings to the Clerk for forwarding to Members**
- 5. County Council Matters – nothing to add**
- 6. Clerk's information items**
  - **Christmas lights, BLE**  
**Clerk said that as the lights were quite tightly wound round all the branches, it would be difficult to remove them for and BLE recommended they stay in place.**

- **Duneen verge**  
Still no news from either the home owner, who still continues to drive over the verge, or the LAT. Clerk will contact John Thackeray (the new LAT for Hedgerley) to discuss the way forward. It was suggested that if HPC decided to get the repair to the verge done, they would send the bill to the home owner." - this can be removed, as it was a suggestion not a decision, anyway my suggestion was that initial cost would be paid for by HPC, then any subsequent damage charged to the homeowner.  
**Football goals**  
The goals had now been removed and were being stored at the Clerk's property.

**7. Finance –**

**Finance report – to note report. Report noted, cheques signed.  
Third quarter finances to date - PM detailed the variances and reasons**

**8. Planning -**

**To note report. DB detailed the report, which was noted**

**9. Property**

**Wassail in community orchard on 14<sup>th</sup> January**

**This had taken place and NC suggested that the Wassail be approved as a matter of course on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each January. Councillors agreed.**

**Regarding the run-off down the hill from Church Holt, NC asked if Tom Webb would contact Norman Grundon and ask if he would be willing to organise or suggest a means of alleviating this problem.**

- 10. Slade Farm – Update – so far nothing more to add, PH said that the applicant could quite possibly be leaving it to the last minute to appeal.**

**11. Neighbourhood Plan**

**The application had been sent in. - the Council adopted the terms of reference for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. NC said that the Steering Group would consist of himself, DB, TB, Tom Webb, Judith Evans and Rosemary Mitchell.**

**12. Meetings**

**To report on – nothing at this time                      To attend – nothing pending**

- 13. Date of next meeting – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017, Youth Club Hut**

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

***Democratic period***

***Litter along Hedgerley Lane and especially near the MSA roundabout was considered to be in an appalling state. PH said he would speak with Planning Policy at Beaconsfield to see if something can be arranged.***

***TW also suggested the possibility of using offenders for litter picking.***

**Meeting closed at 9.14**