



# Hedgerley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
In the Youth Club Hut, Hedgerley

**Present** - Cllr. Neil Coxhead (Chairman), (NC), Cllr. Derek Baker (Vice Chairman) (DB), Cllr. Maurice Ridgeley (MER), Cllr Judith Evans (EJE), Cllr Marcus Orchard (MO), Cllr Paul Miller (PM), and the Clerk

**In Attendance** – Cllr. Peter Hardy (BCC), Cllr David Vincent (SBDC), and one member of the public  
**Chairman indicated Emergency Exits**

**1. To approve the draft Minutes of Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 which had been publicised on the noticeboards previously**

Minutes were approved as a true record, and signed

**2. County Councillor**

PH said that the main thing at the moment was setting the budget. It is apparent that road repairs will get even less funding this time. Peter said that BCC had been hit hard with reduced funding from Central Government, so they would be raising Council Tax by 3.9%. He hoped essential services would not be impacted, especially Adult Social Care. £15 million is targeting for road resurfacing in 2016-17.

**3. District Councillor**

DV said that the re-organisation of the District Councils would be more or less unworkable.

**Green belt – potential sites**

DV said that there would have to be provision made for possible inroads into the Green Belt in order to provide for the required housing. He said the plan was to cover all possibilities but was not set in stone. This would be to prove to other Councils that SBDC were seen to be doing all they could.

**Wapseys Wood – future**

DV said that they will be capping off this summer to about September 2017. It might be considered for use as a waste transfer station or an anaerobic digestion facility.

**4. County Council Matters – nothing to add to above already discussed**

**5. Clerk's information items**

○ **Duneen verge problem – follow up**

Clerk had checked with SB Planning Dept and confirmed that they had not received any form of application regarding the property. Clerk to ask the LAT if he had any suggestions regarding a better form of barrier than the existing ground pins and tape which is currently in use. DB asked Clerk to check with Planning Dept if the wall could be reinstated. To be discussed again at March meeting.

○ **Kemsley Wood – 'den' – follow up**

DV said he had spoken to someone regarding clearing it up, but this had not happened. Councillors agreed with NC that Clerk to get quotes for the clearing up; stipulating a risk assessment regarding the content of the debris and where it would be taken. MER said he was sure he would be able to acquire a refuse bin. Clerk to provide sign indicating den would remain only on condition that no rubbish would be left around.

○ **Kemsley Wood Forest School – follow up**

Following certain conditions suggested, Clerk to let Mrs. Samantha Clement know, and to see if she is happy with this. These conditions will be covered by a short term licence of only one year.

○ **Parking in Jones Way – follow up**

MER had suggested asking the football organisers if their goals (when not in use) could be put up next to the telegraph pole, thus creating a sort of fence which would

**prevent parking on the Green where the offending white vehicle is seen to park.  
Clerk to provide No Parking on the Green signs on a more substantial board.**

○ **Driving on Green – follow up**

**MER told the meeting that Grant Randall had rolled the Green and this had got rid of the tyre marks. It had also been noticed that no one seemed to have driven across the Green since the first sighting in December.**

**Queen's Birthday celebrations**

**HPC will be joining the celebration and have registered.**

**6. Finance –**

**Finance report – report noted, cheques signed**

**Bank mandate, signatories – all Councillors have signed the mandate.**

**To approve Budget 2016/17 – PM suggested a couple of minor alterations which he would show the Clerk**

**Annual Return – at Budget Meeting 1.2.16 was signed**

**Internal auditor – due to the retirement of the existing internal auditor, Clerk had been in contact with a new company (Audit Solutions) who had been recommended by several other Parish Councils. PM and NC to look through the information provided by the Clerk.  
To discuss at March meeting**

**7. Planning -**

**To note report - DB detailed the report**

**Item not on agenda, but requested to be discussed during meeting**

**Yew Tree – it was seen that advertising boards were in evidence along the wall of the property and that the lighting on the building was considered excessive. Clerk to query with Enforcement Office at SBDC.**

**8. Property**

**Bench in memorial to late Ted Evans – wording had been decided and Councillors agreed.  
Clerk to progress the order.**

**Method to stop horses gaining access to Kemsley wood from Andrew Hill Lane. – MER was concerned that horse riders were using the footpath. MO said he would ask his neighbour (who was a horse owner) if she knew who might have been doing this. MER asked for the Kemsley Wood by-laws sign be renewed. Clerk to organize.**

**KilnWood management plan access**

**PM told the meeting that he had met with Ben Harris and it had been suggested that a gateway be made in fence next to the stile, creating a set back 10' gate with the stile at the side of the set-back fence line. Councillors approved of this idea and also Clerk will draft a letter to be sent to Coppice Way residents informing them of what will be happening.**

- 9. Slade Farm – Update – Slade Farm: was not on the agenda for 9th February meeting. We are awaiting notification when it will be. The BCC Development Control officer has not recommended that the gravel pit goes ahead because there is no justification for it in the current local plan, and the latest aggregate assessment shows that sufficient gravel reserves exist at current preferred sites.**

**10. Neighbourhood Plan**

**EJE said a meeting is to be held next week and will be starting a draft plan.**

**11. Meetings**

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

**To attend – nothing at this time**

**12. Date of next meeting – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016, Youth Club Hut**

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

***Democratic period – no questions, although John Lovelock brought some archive material from Hedgerley PC which Donald Vincent had provided originally.***