



Hedgerley Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 10th February 2014
held in Youth Club Hut, Hedgerley

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

In attendance – none present

Chairman indicated emergency exit.

Apologies for absence – Cllr Simon Hawkins; Cllr Peter Hardy (BCC); Cllr Anita Cranmer (SBDC)

1. To approve Minutes of meeting held on 13th January 2014.
Minutes were approved as a true record, and signed.
2. County Councillor – not present
Councillors thanked PH for his generosity in donating £500 towards the WWI memorial seat.
Note received that TfB crews are very stretched dealing with flooding on many roads and we are greatly concerned about the effect on the underlying structure of roads with large numbers of potholes developing.
3. District Councillor – not present
Councillors discussed the proposed ward boundary changes issued by SBDC and it was agreed that they should be further publicised to residents. The Chairman will cover the need for more objections in his next magazine article
4. County Council matters
 - o MVAS update
After having the modifications done to the MVAS, Clerk then contacted BLE to let them know they could collect the appliance and take it to Fulmer. Peter Kelly, the Fulmer Clerk is at present unwell and BLE are awaiting his return in order to progress the installation.
 - o Hedgerley Hill verge problem
MER had brought attention to the poor condition of the verges on the side of Hedgerley Hill. There were a lot of soil and leaves which had been washed down by the very heavy rain, causing the debris to collect along the roadsides and preventing the gullies from remaining clear. Clerk had contacted TfB and had been told that the LAT (Local Area Technician) would investigate but thought it would be the best course of action to use the road gang for this problem.
 - o Sump Pond – Clerk to contact TfB to ask what could be done to alleviate the flooding problem.
5. Clerk's information items
Maddy Bushnell had asked the possibility of extending the community orchard to include two more commemorative trees. – Councillors agreed to this.
Also asked if an environmental information signboard could be put near the orchard. – Councillors agreed in principal, subject to the actual siting.

She had been contacted by John Blackiston, who knew that she had been involved in the community orchard. He had some money which had been collected by local residents after a Mr. Roger Woodley who lived in Robert Road passed away a year ago. They thought it would be nice to remember him in Glebe Field with perhaps a bench and possibly a table. – Councillors considered that it would be more appropriate to just have a bench and not a table.

6. Finance Report

- DB detailed the report and cheques were signed.
- TW suggested that in future, the relevant code number to the Budget code number be included on the finance report.

Budget

DB and TW had met that afternoon to finalise the figures. TW was pleased to see the healthy state of the reserves. After a short discussion, Councillors approved the budget for 2014/15.

7. Planning

DB detailed the report. Noted that the White Horse application had been granted a temporary approval until 2017.

8. Property

- Seats on the Green – Clerk would be trying to apply for a further increase for funding from SBDC.
- Football on the Green – After a further meeting between the football and Rugby members meeting on 5th February, TW said that it had now been agreed that the football pitch would be used on the rugby pitch with the lines painted to include the football. Councillors agreed that the missing wording of the HYFC licence would be finalised at the March or April meeting

9. Community Plan

JE said they had had a meeting two weeks ago to agree on the next stage. A precis of the Plan to be put in the magazine. Councillors discussed various points raised within the Plan but declined to take any action

10. Meetings

To report on –

- SBALC – NC had attended. He said that SW ARCO were in attendance and explained that there had been problems with the units but the modifications had been attended to.
- Police Meeting at Capswood – MER attended. Mr. Anthony Stansfeld held the meeting and listed the six current priorities

1. To cut crimes that are of most concern to the public and to protect the most vulnerable members of our communities.
2. To protect the visible presence of the police and partners to cut crime and the fear of crime and reassure communities.
3. To protect the public from harm arising from serious organised crime and terrorism.
4. To communicate and engage with the public in order to cut crime and the fear of crime and build trust and confidence within our communities.
5. To work with criminal justice partners to reduce crime and support victims and witnesses.
6. To ensure policing, community safety and criminal justice services are delivered efficiently and effectively.

MER also said that a lot had been mentioned regarding the new Wetherspoons pub in the MSA. It was confirmed that soft drinks were being sold at half price.

To attend – none known at this time.

11. Date of next meeting – Monday 10th March 2014, Youth Club Hut.

Democratic period – nothing to report