

Minutes of Haresfield Parish Council Meeting

Held in the Village Hall on Monday 24 February 2020

Present: Councillors Charlotte Tilsley, Sue Thorpe, Nikki Stoneman

Clerk: Madeleine King e-mail: haresfieldpc@gmail.com

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Apologies: County councillor Stephen Davis, District councillor David Mossman, Councillors Jenny Knight, Fiona Bevan

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Flooding: Councillor Fiona Bevan has been in contact with Highways and has reported the recent flooding through the village. Clerk has consulted British Centre for Ecology & Hydrology for advice about management of water draining down Beacon Lane. It is unclear who is responsible for the areas of Beacon Lane where water flow is restricted and causing flooding lower down. Attempts are being made to contact landowners to take this situation forward.

Highways, traffic and parking: Dan Tiffany (Highways) has been contacted about the contractors' signs and equipment left on Mount Lane, which has now been improved. A suggestion has been made to purchase school safety banners and there will be a meeting with the head teacher, Mrs Bacon, to discuss this and other issues relating to the Merryfield.

The new grit bin has been put in place at the corner of Beacon Lane. This should be used whenever people feel there is a risk from ice on the road. Thanks to Steve Coates for helping fill the bin and his continued support as winter warden.

Incinerator & Community liaison group: As has previously been reported, the PC was successful in securing two grants for the village. Firstly, to purchase the lagging for village hall, which has now been installed by a team of volunteers and we are extremely grateful to them for all the time and effort involved. Secondly, the three village gateways have now been ordered, and we are awaiting installation. These are recommended and approved by Highways to alert road users that they are entering a populated area. PC has suggested locations for these but Highways will have the final decision on their placement.

Langet Covert: Clerk is in contact with the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, a local voluntary organisation, regarding the possible use of the covert to help with slowing down the water flow into the village centre.

Village hall/activities: Tickets for the VE day event are selling out fast. Residents are warmly encouraged to suggest and get involved in organising village events, as these are obviously very

popular. Several suggestions have been put forward but disappointingly, little response to the request for volunteers to assist at events has been forthcoming.

A new engraved wooden sign has been contributed by a relative of a toddler group member, and will be erected as soon as the front of the hall has had a fresh coat of paint. We would like to acknowledge the lovely contribution of Philip Tudor, who made the previous sign.

The Village Hall will shortly be listed on the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) website.

Finance & Clerks Report: The clerk thanked councillors for the offer of remuneration for extra hours worked and is happy to accept.

Any other business:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.38 pm

Date of next meeting: March 23rd will be the Annual Parish Meeting. Village groups are represented at the meeting to report on what they have been doing during the last year. It's a good time to come along and find out what has been going on in the village.