

Minutes of Haresfield Parish Council Meeting

Held in the Village Hall on Monday November 26th 2018

Present: Councillors Charlotte Tilsley (chair), Fiona Bevan, Jenny Knight, Sue Thorpe

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Apologies: County Councillor Stephen Davies, Hayley Pillinger

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

Humphrey Cook: It is with great sadness that we report on the death of our Councillor Humphrey Cook. Humphrey's funeral will be at Haresfield Parish Church on 18th December commencing at 12 noon. He will be greatly missed by fellow councillors and all that knew him.

County Councillors Report: County Councillor Stephen Davies advised via email that there was nothing significant to report.

Maintenance Person: One person has put themselves forward for the post, councillors agreed to a zero hours arrangement, with a limit per annum to be determined in the 2019/20 budget.

Village Hall: Roofing insulation was agreed as a priority, followed by a new heating arrangement. Councillors agreed the purchase of lights to decorate the village hall and a Christmas tree.

1st Haresfield Brownies: A request to assist with the purchase of new handbooks; required by Girlguiding UK; was considered with councillors agreeing to donate half the cost.

Highways: Cllr Bevan is to approach Daniel Tiffney at GCC highways with requests for various outstanding works in the parish to be addressed. St. Modwen site traffic is to be discussed as it is of particular concern.

Incinerator: Clerk attended the recent GLG meeting at which it was reported that the air quality monitoring equipment has been checked and results obtained from the Hardwicke installation. Clerk raised concerns raised about the 24 hour lighting of the plant, which the meeting was assured was a temporary arrangement during the installation of the exterior cladding. The site manager Mr Stacey Wright can be contacted on 07713367868 or through his PA, Diane Green on 01452 379886.

Merryfield trustees: The three trustees have held their first meeting. Councillors discussed the possibility of putting slabs adjacent to the stile and in front of the bench in the NE corner of the field, both being places where the mud is proving a nuisance.

Insurances: It has been agreed by the current parish council insurer to include the Merryfield and the Merryfield benches in the current policy, making a considerable saving over holding two separate policies.

Network Rail: Recent work is being monitored, with Cllr Tilsley in talks with the new customer liaison officer.

Highways, traffic and speed: It was agreed to follow up with Dee Prout the work she was engaged in regarding road safety through the whole of Brookthorpe Lane, including the parishes of Brookthorpe and Harescombe.

Planning: As previously reported, Cllr Tilsley has been working with Hardwicke parish on joint planning matters, however responses to Hunts Grove Reserved Matters Applications is to be made by the two parishes separately.

Langet Covert: Following the recent events where the shelter has been left littered, several people have cleared up, for which we thank them, and further minor work is planned.

Village events: It was noted that the outdoor gym was being used more frequently, and agreed to arrange a demonstration event in the spring.

Finance & Clerks Report: With Cllr Pillinger stepping down from the role of vice chair, Cllr Bevan agreed to assume the role and was thanked by all. Preliminary work was done on budget setting for 2019/20 in preparation for the precept request. It was agreed that Peter Newman would be appointed as internal auditor.

Any other business:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Date of next meeting: Monday January 28th 2019