

## Minutes of Haresfield Parish Council Meeting

**Held in the Village Hall on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**Present:** Councillors: Charlotte Tilsley, Jenny Knight, Nikki Stoneman, Maxine Bailey, Fiona Bevan, Sue Thorpe.

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**Apologies:** County Councillor Stephen Davis, District Councillor Dave Mossman

**Public Participation:** Juliet Browne, Charles Dutton

Forestry works along the Cotswold Way: Charles Dutton and Juliet Brown attended the meeting to explain the work being done at The Hangings. (This is the woodland on the left opposite Ring Hill Farm, going up Beacon Lane, immediately after you pass the turning onto the Cotswold Way.) This work is to do with [Ash Die-back](#), which is a fast moving and dramatic fungus that is predicted to destroy the majority of the ash population in the UK. A survey is underway, and the work will eventually involve removing every ash tree from the woodland. When trees are being felled, this will affect access to the Cotswold Way and Beacon Lane may have to be closed from time to time. Notification of road closure will be made via the Herald distribution group and posters.

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

**County Councillors Report & District Councillors report:** Due to the poor health of Councillor Mossman, he has sent apologies with regrets that he is unable to attend evening Parish Council Meetings. Councillors wish him well.

With neither councillor able to attend the meeting, Councillor Davies sent the following report: "Apologies for not being with you this evening. As you know Dave Mossman is not able to attend either so I will cover a District and County Council Report.

In both cases there is little new to report as Council activity is now only just picking up after the summer.

**District Council:** The Local Plan work continues and the revised version will come back out for Consultation later this year or early next. This clearly has potential impact on Haresfield and we should keep talking in this including discussing the meeting at Mount Farm last week.

This week Strategy and Resources will make a decision on an ambitious tree planting scheme. Strangely they issued the press release ahead of making the decision.

I think it is always worth reporting when the local Council does good things. Recently they have fined a number of companies for illegal bonfires and an individual for Dog Fouling. Both issues that concern people but they often feel nothing is done.

**County Council:** The Energy from Waste Facility at Javelin Park is still in the start up phase but I believe this is coming to an end and look forward to getting an update at the next CLG meeting.

Gloucestershire County Council is building a new vision for health and wellbeing and would be interested in your views. You can submit these at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing) “

**Village Maintenance:** The Community Payback team have done an excellent job; including varnishing the floor in the village hall and cutting back the hedges by the cricket club. The clerk expressed thanks on behalf of the village, and we have asked for the team to visit again.

**Road Closures:** Two significant road closures are due to happen at the end of October.

1. The road outside Bridge Farm will be closed to enable work on either side of the railway bridge. The road is expected to be closed on 28<sup>th</sup> Oct until 1<sup>st</sup> Nov.
2. Upper Green Farm adjacent to Haresfield School will be closed to enable installation of a new pipe. The road is expected to be closed on 28<sup>th</sup> Oct until 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. (school half term week)

For further information, please visit [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk)

**Gardening Team, ‘Weed, Seed and Feed’:** would like to thank Colin Bushell for seeding the Merryfield where the concrete plinth was removed. The team has plans to plant bulbs along some hedgerows and we are grateful to them for the many little jobs they have been doing to brighten up the village.

**Merryfield:** the fenced area under the Christmas tree needs to be cleared and trimmed back in preparation for the Christmas period. If anyone is able to volunteer for this, please contact the clerk to PC. Christmas tree lights are to be checked and preparations put in place for the festive season.

**Dog Issues:** Stroud District Council have approached the Parish Council to request that we consider making a voluntary contribution to the cost of emptying the dog waste bin. Councillors discussed this and approach is to be made to SDC to ensure that if we do make a contribution, we can be sure that the bin will in fact be emptied regularly, which we believe is not the case at the moment. A neighbouring parish is looking at sharing the cost of some fluorescent signage to deter pet owners from allowing fouling.

**Village Hall Garden:** We are encouraging everyone to use the outdoor gym and garden space at the Village Hall freely. Unfortunately, on at least two occasions, toddler toys have been removed from the shed and left strewn around the garden. Please note that sheds are out of bounds and children should be supervised. PC to monitor this situation.

**Village Events:**

- Box Opening and coffee morning - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 10 - 12. See poster.
- Several other events are planned for later in the year: please keep an eye on the Herald Mailing List and the Village Noticeboard.

As previously reported, Councillor Charlotte Tilsley has been running the Village hall with the assistance of Sue Thorpe who takes bookings. They will now be formally joined by Neal Thorpe who will take on the position of Treasurer. We would like to thank Neal for taking on this task, and welcome any further offers of assistance in planning and organising events.

**Incinerator:** After notifying the village last December of the first round of an annual grant of £25,000 available through UBB, there were 19 applications totalling £103,000. A committee of representatives from the parishes affected met 4 times to consider these, and the response letters will go out to applicants from UBB shortly. Applications for the next round of funding will open in March of 2020.

**Planning:** The PC has no objection to application S.19/1854/HHOLD Location: Lyndrick, Haresfield, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. Application Type: Householder Application. Description: First floor extension to rear and loft conversion. (381373 - 210062)

**Langet Covert:** We have been notified about a dead tree at the upper end of Langet Covert and the clerk has put the work out to tender.

**Winter Planning:** Application has been made to Stroud District Council for stocks of salt and grit. Steve Coates has kindly agreed to continue the role of village Snow Warden, for which we are very grateful.

**Highways and Parking:** There is a continuing problem with school drop-offs and collection. We will be working with the school to see if a joint approach can be further developed. Councillor Bevan is in touch with Highways about traffic issues and there is a working party across the county looking at this problem. The Gloucester Rural community Council (GRCC) has also identified the fact that many councils have raised issues regarding road safety and speeding, and is hosting a 'Road Safety and Speeding' event in late November to look at how these could be addressed and also to find out how other parishes are tackling the issue. Clerk will be attending to represent Haresfield.

**Insurance:** Councillors agreed insurance with Community First, policy checked to ensure sufficient for current requirements.

**Finance & Clerks Report:** Bank reconciliation to end of July agreed as correct. The VAT claim for the period 2016-19 has been received from HMRC. The following payments were agreed and signed:

<i>Mrs U Jeakins</i>	<i>Herald printing</i>	<i>£36.00 (cheque no.400736)</i>
<i>Amazon</i>	<i>Apple scrapper and press</i>	<i>£189.98 (cheque no.400737)</i>
<i>Community First</i>	<i>Insurance</i>	<i>£442.49 (cheque no.400738)</i>

**Any other business:**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.47pm

**Date of next meeting: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019.**