

MEETING OF HAWKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Held Wednesday 7th February 2024 AT 7:30pm in Hawkley Parish Hall

Minutes

Present: Cllr Buckle, Cllr Butcher, Cllr Stewart, Cllr Wallace, Cllr Sinclair and Cllr Large (left 8:29pm)

Also attending: K Horton (Clerk) and Cllr Louisson. Two residents in attendance.

1) Welcome.

- **Nominate Chair for meeting.** Cllr Buckle nominated by Cllr Sinclair and Cllr Large seconded. All voted in approval

2) **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Caukill, Cllr Humphrey and Cllr Oppenheimer.

3) **Declarations of Interest.** None made.

4) **Approval of Minutes** - Parish Council Meeting held on 6th December 2023. Duly accepted and signed.

5) Public Participation.

- Resident made attendees aware that scam email has been in circulation and requested that it should not be responded to.
- Resident raised three road issues: HCC is proposing to offer every village the chance to apply for 20mph and resident would like to know what HPC will do about this. Resident also noted the poor state of the roads: potholes and fallen timber. Finally, the resident advised the Cllrs that the culvert near "Farewell" needs attention.

6) **Report from County Councillor Oppenheimer.** Written report circulated ahead of the meeting.

7) Report from District Councillor Louisson.

- a. Local Plan Consultation is up and running: 3,500 houses between now and 2040. Almost half of it is proposed in Alton. Two large areas in Whitehill and Borden – 600 houses and 700 in Horndean/Waterlooville.
- b. HCC having a consultation on budget saving inc closure of Refuse Sites – Petersfield and Borden potential closures. EHDC may take them over if HCC decides on closure as concern about fly tipping.
- c. Budget to be signed off in February.
- d. In response to the residents comments about the 20mph speed limit, Cllr Louisson noted that there is normally a requirement for extra street furniture to be installed which can be of concern in rural areas.

8) **Ash die back. Further to the meeting with Cllr Oppenheimer, the Hampshire Highways Senior Arboricultural Officer and Hampshire Countryside Service (Project Manager of the Ash Dieback Team), to receive an update from Cllr Large and agree any further action.** Summary report was circulated ahead of the meeting. Thanks were noted to Cllr Oppenheimer for arranging the meeting which both Cllr Large and the Clerk found useful in clarifying who is responsible for the verges and tree management around the parish. It was noted that responsibility does not sit with the Parish Council for monitoring affected trees. It was made clear that residents should raise concerns to Highways who will attend fallen trees and/or assess trees residents believe are dangerous.

9) **Ponds. To receive an update from Cllr Buckle on the progress of the ponds project.**

- Expect to start work on Jolly Robins pond on 28th February assuming no comments from planning application.
- Grant received from SDNP for £3,000. Terms being reviewed. Cllr Buckle proposed that terms accepted and Cllrs voted in agreement assuming they have been reviewed by the Clerk and Cllr Buckle.
- As a result of the grant application, Cllr Buckle and the Clerk had a visit from the local SDNPA Ranger and his useful advice has been fed back to tree surgeon.
- Also applying to Cllr Louisson for £1,000 grant and Clerk has submitted the paperwork for this.

10) Website. Further to an update from the Clerk, to agree whether the Parish Council will enter into a contract with Hugo Fox for hosting the parish website. No questions raised. It was proposed that a contract be entered into and all Cllrs voted in agreement.

11) Annual Parish Meeting. To discuss plans for meeting on 17th April 2024, including whether to source an external speaker, and to agree what action(s) are required ahead of the meeting. It was proposed that the same format as previous years be kept. Possible speakers were discussed and the Clerk requested that ideas be emailed through.

12) Parish Council Finances/Administration

- Clerk's Report inc
 - Fingerpost refurbishment.** Fingerpost from junction with the road to Oakshott at the bottom of the hill - opposite Doscombe Cottage – has been collected by J K Engineering for refurbishment.
 - Ditches and Hedges in the parish.** Email has been sent to all residents on mailing list clarifying responsibilities and asking that these be met re hedges and ditches.
 - Trees on private land mentioned at the July meeting re electricity supply.** Thanks to Landowner for progressing matter with SSEN. They have attended site and advised that trees are more than 9m away from power lines so not an issue in their risk assessment. As such, trees will not be removed by SSEN as they don't consider there to be a real threat. Power can be cut if LO wishes to remove any trees themselves.
 - Stairs Hill and residents concerns about speeding.** Clerk in touch with HCC Highways and endeavouring to progress site meeting.
 - SSEN closure of B3004.** Following last meeting, letter was sent to Damian Hinds MP, HCC and Hampshire Constabulary raising concerns about impact on B3006 and particularly Stairs Hill and smaller lanes. Noted by MP and HCC who gave assurances that signage and monitoring will take place re speeding and weight limit. HCC are chairing a call with relevant local groups eg Selborne PC, SSEN.
 - CIL. To note submitted report confirming the spend in 2022/23.** Hawkley PC has received £4,843.46 in CIL monies since April 2017. In 2022/23 the amount of £3,105 was included in the donation to the Village Hall Trustees for the refurbishment of the play area. Hawkley PC is not holding any CIL monies and the 2022/23 report confirms this and has been returned to SDNPA for their records and will also be placed on the PC website.
 - Correspondence**
 - East Hampshire BOATs Meeting with Strategic Manager Hampshire Countryside Service, 8th February 2024. Cllr Large will attend for Hawkley PC and provide update as appropriate.
 - Planning Query. Number of queries raised about the installation of a shipping container in Homefield Cottages. PC not in a position to advise on planning requirements so EHDC

Planning Dept have been asked for advice. Resident and Abri have been advised that the query has been raised.

- EHDC Local Plan consultation. Attend by Cllr Sinclair. Plan is over 500 pages: a lot of technical jargon but slides were very informative. Link to details circulated by Clerk and Cllr Sinclair pressed other Cllrs to review the details.
- Rotherfield Farms tree works. Information shared via parish mailing list along with details of who residents should contact with concerns about fallen trees/access to footpaths
- **Financial summary for December 2023 to February 2024 and in addition:**
 - i) Notification of Payments made under Item 14 of the Financial Regulations since the last meeting
 - ii) Notification/authorisation of other payments.

No questions raised and summary signed with payments authorised.

13) Grants. To consider any grant requests that have been received and agree whether any contribution will be made. Cllr Butcher proposed that £250 be made to the following local charities (Rosemary Foundation, CAB, Air Ambulance EHLOW and HomeStart), this was Seconded by Cllr Wallace and all Cllrs confirmed their agreement. Clerk to confirm with Coryton Almshouses whether they wish to apply for a grant too.

14) Date of next meeting – Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 7pm and Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 22nd May 2024, 7:30pm

Meeting closed 8:38pm

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Signed, Councillor Caukill, Chair HPC

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