

**MEETING OF HAWKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD WEDNESDAY 8th JANUARY 2025 AT 7:30PM in HAWKLEY VILLAGE HALL**

Minutes

Present: Cllr Caukill (Chair), Cllr Wallace, Cllr Humphrey, Cllr Buckle, Cllr Large and Cllr Sinclair

Also attending: K Horton (Clerk), District Cllr Louisson and one member of the public.

- 1) **Welcome.** Meeting opened
- 2) **Apologies for Absence.** Received and accepted from Cllr Stewart, Cllr Butcher and Cllr Oppenheimer
- 3) **Declarations of Interest.** No declarations made
- 4) **Approval of Minutes** - Parish Council Meeting held on 20th November 2024. Proposed amendment to detail of work required at other ponds “..some weeding *and dredging* may be required in the spring..”. Proposed and signed as accurate record with this amendment.
- 5) **Public Participation**
 - Resident shared concerns about water drainage on Hawkley Road and Vicarage Road. Chair confirmed that the PC would engage Highways to give advice re ditches and culvert on those routes
- 6) **Report from County Councillor Oppenheimer.** Apologies were received from Cllr Oppenheimer. Monthly written report was circulated ahead of the meeting. No questions to forward
- 7) **Report from District Councillor Louisson.**
 - a) Response to National Plan framework – planning system reform will change the number of houses the Council has to deliver and also change planning policy. EH target was 575 per year, it was raised to 1,074 and following the Review, target is now for 1,142 houses to be built per year. Currently impossible to put Local Plan together as land supply does not meet target and SDNPA are only committing to 60 per year.
 - b) Devolution. One of consequences is that EHDC would cease to exist and would no longer be planning authority for area. Hampshire and IOW would become combined mayoral authority with elected mayor deciding on policy. Under Mayor would be number of unitary authorities (500,000 – 1.2 million people in each unitary authority). Likely to have two or three unitary authorities and they would have responsibility for delivery of education, planning etc. County Council elections in May might be delayed based on decisions this week on whether to progress devolution. If Devolution goes ahead in Hampshire then April 2027 would be likely date of working in new structure. Dispersal of assets into the community would become an area of focus for EHDC during time of moving to unitary so not “lost” to larger org.
 - c) Council Tax likely to go up by 5%
- 8) **Parish Council Finances/Administration**
 - a) **Clerk’s Report inc**
 - i) **Updates post November meeting:**
 - EHAPTC Autumn Meeting. Debrief from Cllr Caukill and Cllr Sinclair and now following up on questions about maintenance and data collection/use of speed cameras. Questions have been raised to Highways and County Council.

- Stairs Hill. Arranging a site visit with Highways manager. Holding off on writing to Police Commissioner until answers in above item are received.
- Affordable Housing. Training/information session enabling councillors to refresh their understanding of the issues has been scheduled for Tuesday 21st January
- Pond works. Quote has been received following agreement at November's meeting for further works to go ahead at Jolly Robins

ii) Correspondence

- To note arrangement with 1 Old School Cottages, for using Upper Green for temporary storage of excavated soil etc. for 2-5 working days. No questions and Cllr Caukill thanked for his attention to this matter
- Next EHAPTC Meeting. The next meeting takes place on Wed 22 Jan; it is online starting at 19.30. The speakers will be the Leader of EHDC and some of the council officers.

b) Financial summary for November and December 2024 and in addition:

- Notification of Payments made under Item 14 of the Financial Regulations since the last meeting
- Notification/authorisation of other payments. Three payments to approve. No queries raised. Approved and summary signed

9) 2024.25 Finances. To note a report from the Clerk on the projected financial position of the Parish Council at ye 2024.25 (Ref document: Budget vs Actual 24.25 LIVE) and a review of anticipated financial commitments for 2025.26

- To note the Staff Working Group's report on the Clerk's proposed remuneration from 1 April 2025. Cllr Caukill proposed the report and recommendations be accepted, this was Second by Cllr Wallace and all Cllrs voted in agreement
- To agree the Budget for 2025.26. The budget was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Large, Second by Cllr Humphrey and all Cllrs voted in agreement
- To agree the Precept for 2025.26. Discussion on the deliverables for 2025/26 and whether precept was sufficient. A precept of £17,500 was proposed by Cllr Humphrey, Seconded by Cllr Buckle and all Cllrs voted in agreement

10) Planning.

- To note responses submitted by the Clerk, under clause 21e of the Standing Orders and/or Temporary Scheme of Delegation, since the last meeting.
 - SDNP/24/04821/TCA. Oak House, Vicarage Lane, Hawkley, Liss, Hampshire, GU33 6NF. Tree surgery. No Objection was recorded with EHDC Planning
 - SDNP/24/04968/OHL. Telecommunication Poles (south of Keyham Farm). Replacement of Electricity wood pole for lines on the Wealden Edge Hangers SSSI. No Objection was recorded with EHDC Planning
 - SDNP/24/04761/HOUS. Lower Green Farm. Construction of a small ancillary studio building to replace an existing timber framed ancillary structure. Working Group met on 19th December 2024 and No Objection was logged with EHDC Planning.
 - SDNP/24/04926/TCA. Parsons Piece. Tree surgery. No Objection was recorded with EHDC Planning
- To consider a response to the following planning application(s):
 - SDNP/24/05162/FUL - Southdown Farm, Uplands Lane, Hawkley, Hampshire, GU33 6NH

Proposal: Replacement farmhouse (self-build) with associated landscaping and re-located access on Upland Lane following demolition of existing farmhouse. Working Group have considered the detailed design and access statement and have also attended the site. Current house will be demolished and the new property will be further back from the road and not visible from there. Existing farm buildings will be kept and landscaping is included in plans. Access will be changed to an old access point. The Working Group proposed that HPC support the application.

11) Date of next meeting – Wednesday 19th March 2025, 7:30pm.

Meeting closed 8:38pm

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Signed, Councillor Caukill, Chair HPC

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