

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 4th May 2021 Remote meeting via Zoom 7.30pm

Parish Councillors Alan Tyler (Chair), Simon Barker, Mark Gifford, Hazel Metz, Alison Mosson.
Clerk Susan Turner.

- 1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES** Thanks to Chairman for hosting the meeting. Apologies PC Reid. No members of the public present.
- 2 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2021/22**
AGREED Unanimously to re-elect Alan Tyler as Chairman for 2021/22. Declaration of Office made, signed and witnessed via Zoom.
- 3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** of 2nd March 2021. Agreed and to be signed.
- 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** in items on the Agenda – none.
- 5 FINANCE**
- 5.1 2020/21 year end**
- i Final payments (since last meeting)
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| (27) Primrose.co.uk – Cherry tree | £165.98 |
| (28) Clerk Salary March 2021 | £290.55 |
| (29) Clerk Allowable expenses 2021/22 | £324.00 |
| (30) Full Zoom account (NP) | £143.88 |
- ii Year End accounts **APPENDIX I**
Accounting sheets – Income; Expenditure; Bank Reconciliation; Variances; Supporting Statements, year end Bank Statements, as circulated.
AGREED and to be signed.
- 5.2 2020/21 Audit – AGAR Part 2 forms** **APPENDIX II**
- i Exemption from External Audit form.
AGREED and to be signed.
- ii AGAR FORMS
1. Governance Statements (Section 1)
 2. Accounting Statements (Section 2)
- AGREED and to be signed.
- 5.3 Accounts 2021/22**
- i Payments to date
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| (1) HALC / NALC subscription | £266.27 |
| (2) Clerk Salary April 2021 | £290.55 |
| (3) Personalised Print – Newsletter March(+insert), April | £64.13 |
- ii Accounts to date
AGREED as circulated. **APPENDIX III**
- 5.4 Insurance renewal** Insurer BHIB, second year of three year tie-in; Renewal documents circulated. Premium this year as last year £359.87 incl IPT.
- 6 REVIEW OF PARISH ASSEMBLY**
Agreed went well given the restrictions of remote meetings. It was a shame, given the preparation for the meeting, that only nine members of the public attended, but those who did contributed and were supportive. Ward Councillor Mark Ruffell attended, PC Andy Reid submitted his report and apologies. A report from the meeting was included in the May *Newsletter* and the draft minutes are on the website. The Assembly supported the published proposals for Village Gateways.

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- 7 PLANNING**
- 7.1 Planning and tree applications** No new applications for discussion.
See **APPENDIX IV** for current applications relating to the Parish.
Of note since last meeting:
20/03197/PIP (Refused 12th March) Permission in Principle for erection of 2 no. dwellings. Land Adjacent 14 Hackwood Lane. (Development Control Committee of Wed 10th March – Officer recommendation for Approval.)
T/00151/21/TCA (Approved 30 April) 4 Pond Cottages, Farleigh Road. Tree works to be carried out as detailed in the tree condition survey report: T1 Beech: remove. T2 Yew: remove. T3 Ash: remove. T4 Beech: remove.
The TCA application was discussed with the BDBC Tree Officer. The Parish Council had expressed concern at the loss of these mature trees, requesting the Tree Officer investigate. He reported that:
'It is unfortunate that the Ash is displaying signs of Ash Die Back; and the two Beech have *Ganoderma* and *Kretzschmaria* fungi evident. The fact that the trees are variously diseased, misshapen through having developed in a tight group, and the suggestion that their rooting areas are potentially compromised due to the loose nature of the embankment; makes it difficult to recommend their retention. In this instance, it might be possible to retain the Yew tree as a smaller specimen – perhaps even to pollard it to see whether it will recover. I have discussed this briefly today with the agent.'
There is no requirement to replant in relation to a TCA application but the tree surgeon and Tree Officer have recommended replanting with Hawthorn and also Field Maple both of which are relatively small trees good for wildlife whose rooting systems will help to hold the bank.
- TO NOTE *Kretzschmaria deusta* is a problem when trees are otherwise under stress for some reason, or because they are older. Saplings can be replanted in the same place among the roots of the old; young healthy trees are not at risk.
- 8.2 Enforcement**
- i 14 Hackwood Lane change of use of agricultural land, the owners have submitted a planning application, not yet validated.
- ii Email re commercial / storage use at Station Manor / Cruenta Carus not yet answered. Chasing email sent.
- 8.3 Neighbourhood Plan** Mark Gifford reported the main body of the plan in place. An advisory review meeting scheduled with Robyn Kelly BDBC Planning Policy for 4th June. During the last six months immense progress has been made – with thanks to the team – Brain Karley, Alison Mosson, Mark Gifford, Alan Tyler, David Brown. What appeared a mammoth task has become easier – as we have learnt as we have gone along and appreciated what needs to be done. May use Consultant help with the final wording of the Policies.
- AGREED Funding held over from last financial year can be returned to Locality. To be re-applied for later this financial year as required.
- 8.4 STaNHd Update** Report submitted to the Parish Assembly.
Since then, received initial draft from traffic consultant – with content useful to STaNHd and also to the Parish Council. Comprises a full report as to state of road network and how this reflects current safety standard. Provides technical confirmation of the restricted nature of the roads.
Cliddesden Stahnd is looking at use of brownfield land, specifically former retail. Considered commissioning consultants but estimates of c£25K and £53K made this unrealistic. However the BDBC Deputy Chief Executive Ian Boll has commissioned a report into reusing redundant retail space in the town centre for affordable housing and housing for the elderly.

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8.5 Dummer J7

- i The warehousing application was approved by majority at Development Control of 7th April. Showing 'awaiting decision' on website. Called in by MPs to Secretary of State. 20/02586/FUL ('awaiting decision' – approved by DC 7th April, call-in to Sec State) Land At Oakdown Farm, Winchester Road, Dummer. Demolition of three dwellings, out-buildings and related structures and construction of a storage and distribution warehouse including mezzanine floorspace (use class B8) with ancillary offices (use class B1) within Plot 1 of the site, with associated infrastructure works including site access, parking provision, landscaping, site reprofiling, drainage works and diversion of underground pipeline.
- ii Petition to save the Oak trees on the old Dummer Road (part of the development site) is live on Change.org. **APPENDIX V**

9 HIGHWAYS & MAINTENANCE

- i **Pond and drainage** No further news from HCC 'Operation Resilience' re clearing the pond. The Chairman continues in contact with Hants Flood and Water Management to survey the outflow. To request support of new County Councillor.
- ii **Pond bench** The Parish Council continues to consider requests to move the bench.
- Discussion
- PC Reid requested that any ASB be reported, no reports have been received.
 - It was mentioned that two men were sitting drinking and talking late at night, such to be a nuisance, but this wasn't reported.
 - Suggested compromise to move in the summer and reposition in the winter.
 - If the bench was moved, other people who use it would be upset.
 - A decision to move the bench should be a community decision.
 - Families, mothers with young children frequently enjoy this bench in summer where it is now, positioned in the sun
 - If moved to the suggested location it will be closer to the road, by the parking area, close to car exhausts and cars do sit with their engines running.

AGREED The bench is a village asset for the community. To continue to review its use during the summer and review instances of antisocial behaviour.

9.2 Rights of way Footpaths 1 and 2 are scheduled for a July cut by HCC Countryside Services (Priority Cutting Scheme) contractor.

9.3 Parish Lengthsman Chairman noted at the Parish Assembly that the Lengthsman contractors are generally thorough and do a good job. Also noted at the Assembly that during the most recent (April) visit, the LM repainted the signpost by the pond, tidied the pond grounds, intended to clear gullies in Village Hall entrance road as per resident's request. Simon Barker reported covers taken off and top inches of soil removed. Difficulty was that these gullies very narrow, not highways standard. A trenching spade needed and will return to these on the next visit 17th June.

9.4 Hoopersmead / Century Close grass cutting

ACTION Clerk to contact Sovereign to establish their areas of responsibility.

9.5 Village Gateways – Report given to Parish Assembly and support received.

AGREED To proceed asap. Clerk to investigate options, cost and spec, wood or plastic.

9.6 Road signs – Road nameplates are supplied by BDBC – recent trends are plastic and laminate – example the Cleresden Rise sign.

AGREED Many of the metal signs can be renovated (white and black Hammerite paint).

10 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

10.1 SID and data recorders (Report to Parish Assembly) Data reports soon available.

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10.4 Swallick Farm Lane. Noted potential issue with Sat Navs taking vehicles from the A339 down Swallick Farm Lane / the Old Dairy track to Northgate Lane/Hackwood Lane corner. (According to Hantsweb is this is U259 leading to T259/Byway 3, there is a right of way for vehicles.) Query submitted via Highways to Traffic team. Noted that unlikely HCC will take any action.

ACTION Simon Barker to investigate – if a sign is a good option, and possible location.

11. FURTHER REPORTS/UPDATES

11.1 Replacement Cherry tree for the Ripleys planted at the Village Hall.

THANKS to Alison Mosson and Mark Gifford. Alison to take photo for *Newsletter*.

11.2 Neighbourhood Watch Report submitted to Parish Assembly. Nothing new to report.

11.2 Newsletter Additional editors sought, Chairman to email.

12. NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesdays 7.30pm 6th July, 21st Sept, 2nd November, Village Hall.

TO NOTE Remote meetings will not be lawful after 6th May. This was upheld – in the face of challenge by the Local Government Association – by the High Court on 27th April.

Meeting closed 21.07pm with thanks to all present

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