**TEMPLATE Minutes of Haresfield Parish Council Meeting**

**Held in the Village Hall on Monday June 27th 2022**

**Present:** Councillors Nicky Ford, Charlotte Tilsley, Ursula Jeakins, John Hunt, District councillor Mark Ryder

Clerk: Madeleine King e’mail: [haresfieldpc@gmail.com](mailto:haresfieldpc@gmail.com)

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***Apologies:*** County councillor Stephen Davis, District councillor

***Public Participation:*** Nikki Stoneman, Alan White, Fiona White

***Minutes of the last meeting:***

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

***County Councillors and District Councillor’s Report:*** Cllr Ryder Davis reported on:

**Symmetry Park**

The planning application has been updated with responses to consultee comments covering highways, parish councils, biodiversity, and conservation. Tritax Symmetry has not responded favourably towards these.

The Parish Council may choose to respond to the latest updates or await further developments over the next few months. Planning issued a revised consultation notice on 22 June 2022 asking for any further responses by 2 July 2022. The application is still on hold at the request of National Highways. It is likely to be year-end before it comes to determination and/or DCC Committee. There is no indication yet about how any highways development will be funded.

Cllr Tilsley noted that there is nothing for teenagers in this area, so any possible development of a leisure centre would be very welcome, in the Hardwicke-Stonehouse area.

Funding is available for a new secondary school, but no decision yet as to where it will be placed.

Biodiversity offset is now proposed to be offsite. For Symmetry Park, an agreement has been made to use some nearby land to be made into grassland, to be maintained for 30 years, to recover the lost biodiversity.

Concern has been expressed about the proposed warehouse height of 34m – this is still under consideration and has not been finalised.

**Levelling Up Bid**

The Levelling Up Fund was launched nationally in March 2021 with £4.8 billion available to invest in high value local infrastructure. Stroud District has now submitted its bid valued at around £15.6m. The bid focuses on “Gateway Spaces”, “Connections” and “Cultural Landmarks”.

**"Planning Enforcement Plan”: Consultation**

There has been a shortage of enforcement officers at SDC and steps are being taken to make this service more effective.

***Matters arising:***

1. ***Village maintenance:*** Mr R. Cowburn has requested the painting of white lines on the road in front of the defibrillator and each side to make it more visible. PC thanks Mr Cowburn for his request and agreed to pass this request to Highways.

Concern was raised about the frequent movement of large Pegasus lorries and PC will investigate these further.

1. ***Village Hall:*** Children using village hall grounds have caused damage to neighbours’ fence. PC to take these concerns to the Village Hall committee.
2. ***Incinerator / CLG:*** Incinerator / Community Liaison Group will hold first meeting regarding grant applications next week. There is still time to put applications in – until the end of July. Clerk to put an additional call-out for suggestions on village What’s App Groups.
3. ***Policies***: Following the annual parish council meeting, several new policies are being considered including the adoption of a complaints policy.
4. ***Website:*** PC website is fully compliant with formal requirements. Residents should note that agenda and minutes of PC meetings can be found there. Any issues with access to be raised with the clerk via email.
5. ***Footpaths/ bins:*** Nicki Stonemen met with Sarah, Stroud rights of way officer, & Neil Ferguson the footpaths warden. Haresfield currently has no footpaths warden, which means concerns are not regularly communicated. Volume of footpath reports in the county means that only urgent situations are addressed. Nicki has agreed to become the warden for Haresfield and will undertake relevant training. Neil is going to address issues in the area where footpaths have been blocked. Nicky proposed that the PC could part-t fund new kissing gates to replace styles needing attention. PC unanimously agreed to provide up to £250 towards this.

***Highways, traffic and parking:***  Mount Lane corner drains are blocked. Residents are encouraged to report any such blockages to Highways – if more people report things, it can help to ensure a speedier response.

***Village hall/activities:***  Clerk has written to the VH committee suggesting a more formal link between the two – to enable transparency and for the Hall committee to report to the PC on a quarterly basis.

***Planning:***

Councillors supported Application Number: S.22/0929/HHOLD Location: Lower Green Farmhouse, Haresfield, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. Application Type: Householder Application Description: Erection of garden wall (retrospective)

Councillors discussed application re The Farmhouse triangle Ref. | Validated: Wed 31 May 2006 | Status: Called in by the Secretary of State <https://publicaccess.stroud.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=J0HVTCPNC0000&activeTab=summary>

There is a public exhibition about the proposed development in the Hunts Grove Primary Academy Hall on Thursday 14 July between 3.30 – 9 pm. A response is to be drafted, taking into consideration the views of Haresfield residents.

No objection to application S.21/2579/OUT | Hybrid planning application for employment development for B8 (Storage or Distribution) Uses, ancillary offices, energy centre, landscaping, fitness trail and amenity areas and new access. i) Outline for whole site (with all matters reserved except access) ii) Full application for Units 1, 2 for B8 (Storage or Distribution) Uses and the energy centre (all matters submitted). | Javelin Park Bath Road Haresfield Stonehouse Gloucestershire GL10 3ET

No objection to Application Number: S.22/1241/TEL Location: Telecommunications Apparatus, Colethrop, Haresfield, Gloucestershire. Application Type: Telecommunications Notification Description: Erection of 20m mast and associated supporting apparatus Respond by date: 04.07.2022 Web Link: https://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning?AppRef=S.22/1241/TEL

***Finance & Clerks Report:*** The PC insurance policy, currently procured for three years is due for renewal in October, clerk to obtain three quotes to present at the September meeting.

Full finance report scheduled for September meeting.

Clerk is working on adjustment of bank signatories.

*Cheque payments were agreed and authorised by councillors*

**Any other business:**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

**Date of next meeting: Monday July 25th 2022**