**TEMPLATE Minutes of Haresfield Parish Council Meeting**

**Held in the Village Hall on Monday** **October** **25th 2022**

**Present:** Councillors Nicky Ford (vice chair), Ursula Jeakins, John Hunt, Alan White, Jane Triber, County councillor Stephen Davis, District councillor Mark Ryder

Clerk: Madeleine King e’mail: haresfieldpc@gmail.com

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***Apologies:*** Councillor Charlotte Tilsley

***Public Participation:*** none

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record, however an addition was

requested which will be added and the minutes reviewed prior to signing at the November

meeting.

***Completion of new councillor forms:*** Councillors Triber and White completed their acceptance of

office forms.

***County Councillors and District Councillor’s Report:*** Cllr Davis reported that the county Council is currently consulting on a moving traffic order, relating to misuse of yellow boxes by traffic lights. Brook Academy has opened in September a special school for social, emotional and mental health needs. CC are consulting on whether Armed Forces need a community hub. There were 1300 emergency fire calls during the very hot period (compared with usual numbers around 500). Not a single building was lost due to fire. The Quayside carpark now has electric charging points. Stagecoach has announced withdrawal of lots of rural bus services due to lack of drivers. CC is looking at procurement of replacements, likely to be difficult. Rural minibus pilot (dial-a-ride service) has been trialled and may be extended, since passenger numbers are low. An excellent new short film has been launched, ‘Childhood’ to help promote fostering – Cllr Davis ponted out that fostering is very successful but there is a shortage of foster carers. CC has launched £1.5m levelling up fund. Locally, also some matters are being investigated in relation to inappropriate traffic on Haresfield Lane.

Community Speedwatch fund – decisions are expected in the next few weeks. Road safety policy still in process, not yet complete.

Cllr Davis was asked to clarify the way that Investment Zones work. He said that the usual planning regulations must be observed for these, but the planning process is designed to be curtailed in order to progress more quickly. All planning law will still be observed. However, no bids have been put in for the Stroud area.

Cllr Ryder reported Electric Vehicle charging: SDC has committed to increase of installations at SDC-owned public car parks.

Cost of Living emergency is being considered and SDC is putting £100K where needed in the county. PC to be notified if any of this funding will apply to our area.

Fusion bid update: this was for a site to be based near Berkeley, for funding to build a fusion energy plant. The bid has not been successful and this has gone to Nottingham.

Cllr Ryder drew attention to Moreton Valence Smiths planning application for expansion of the existing waste management site.

Symmetry Park: this development is tied up in Highways consultations at the moment. Natural England in objection at the moment. Funding sources for the Motorway Junction improvement still to be found.

***Matters arising:***

1. ***Village Hall & events:***  Next meeting of this committee on 7th Nov, all welcome. Dog bin installation is scheduled for imminent installation.

Parking – a trike motorcycle has recently parked on our verges which are private property. Clerk to contact PCSO

1. ***Incinerator / CLG:*** Incinerator / CLG – Grant awards have been confirmed. Haresfield will receive £10,000 to reclad and reinsulate the village hall, and a further sum to purchase ground stabilising squares for the Merryfield.
2. ***Highways, traffic and parking:***  Clerk awaits a reply from Highways to three queries: Replacement of the warning triangle indicating a sharp left turn on the approach to Mount Lane junction with Haresfield Lane; a request that St Modwen put up a sign saying NO LEFT TURN to deter any lorries leaving their site from exiting along Haresfield Lane and obtaining road signs for some of the roads in Haresfield for clarification of motorists and pedestrians.
3. ***Website:*** technical difficulties are still being addressed.
4. ***Footpaths:*** Tarmac path on the Merryfield has holes in it and caused a resident to fall over. Merryfield Committee to be informed.

A number of Gigaclear manholes are proud of the pavement on the footpath, west side of the road, opposite the Merryfield. These are a danger to pedestrians, especially in the dark. Clerk to inform Highways.

1. ***Merryfield trustees:*** Following the grant award,arrangements to purchase and install the ground-stabilising squares for placement by the stile are anticipated.
2. ***Winter planning*** Salt and grit has been ordered by clerk from Highways, following consultation with our snow warden.

***Correspondence:*** A report was received regarding increased noise from the motorway and possible reflected sound caused by the increase in size of the noise-mitigation banks near Hunts Grove. Cllr Ryder to take this up with SDC planning department.

Further Correspondence has been received regarding the former BT telephone box.

The clerk to undertake further investigations and the matter will be discussed at the next PC meeting.

***Planning:*** Application No: 22/0049/STMAJW Proposal: Revision of site layout including installation of wash plant Location: Smith Gloucester Ltd, Old Airfield Farm, Moreton Valence, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 7NG

***Finance & Clerks Report:*** Remembrance Sunday – Parish Councillors reminded to attend. Clerk to check if the wreath is suitable for use and if this is the case, councillors agreed an equal amount to purchasing a new wreath be donated to the poppy appeal.

*Cheque payments were agreed and authorised by councillors.*

**Any other business:**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

**Date of next meeting: Monday 28th November 2022. No meeting in December.**