

Minutes of Haresfield Parish Council Meeting

Held in the Village Hall on Monday April 29th 2019

Present: Councillors Fiona Bevan, Jenny Knight, Sue Thorpe

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Apologies: Councillor Charlotte Tilsley (chair), County Councillor Stephen Davies, District Councillor Dave Mossman

Public Participation: Peter Willoughby, Gareth Walling -Johnson (Beacon Inn)

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously agreed as a true record and signed by Cllr Black.

County Councillors Report: Stephen Davies reported via email: 1) the transfer of highways responsibility from Amey to Ringway has completed. There should be no difference visible to the public but it is interesting to note that this is not a one for one swap. Some tasks that Amey previously did have been taken back in house.

2) 98% of pupils were offered a place at one of their preferred schools, 92% of pupils received their first choice of schools in the recent school application round. In a recent survey 71% of pupils said they were happy, 92 per cent felt safe at home, 82% felt safe at school. 63% even enjoy school.

3) more locally the Growing Communities fund application for the Toddlers and Gardening Group are progressing.

Planning: Councillors debated planning application S.19/0043/FUL: full planning application at the Beacon Hotel, Haresfield, for the proposed construction of 7 cabins. Gareth Walling - Johnson explained that the Beacon was diversifying and trying to move away from the "wet afternoon trade". Councillors were presented with objections and questions received from parishioners, deciding to request more information particularly in regard to the design and access statement submitted in support of the application.

Village maintenance: Councillors discussed the bus shelter and options for renovating it. It was noted that the flagpole will require painting, and after many years of maintaining it for the village, Philip Tudor has stepped down. We warmly thank him for volunteering his time and expertise over many years.

Langet Covert: As discussed and agreed with Haresfield School, a sand bucket and temporary bin have been installed at the outdoor shelter. Classes are now being held there regularly.

Village Hall / village activities: The first meeting of the Gardening Team is on Friday 3rd May. The aim of the team is to tackle areas that need some TLC and progress can be achieved in a short amount of time. If you identify a spot that meets this criterion, please get in touch with Councillor Sue Thorpe who will warmly welcome you to the team. If you have surplus plants that you are willing to donate, either put them on the stand in the village hall or let Sue know.

Disappointingly, the working weekend on the hall and grounds was postponed due to a lack of volunteers. It was decided to hold this later in the year when support is likely to be higher.

Hunts Grove: As previously reported Haresfield Parish Council supported the proposal put forward by SDC in the Community Governance Review of the Stroud District consultation. This proposal was not supported by Hardwicke Parish Council, preferring that the portion of Hunts Grove that currently falls in Hardwicke parish to remain so. Councillors agreed that if Hunts Grove is not formed as a parish, they would prefer that the land and housing that lies in Haresfield parish remains so rather than all of Hunts Grove being transferred to Hardwicke parish.

Incinerator / CLG: One grant application from Haresfield has been submitted to the Community Liaison Group. Grant applications must be submitted by the end of May to be considered in June.

Footpaths/grit bins: The first group has walked and cleared the footpath towards Little Haresfield, through the farm and back heading east, approaching the railway bridge adjacent to Bridge Farm. Other people have walked footpaths to the north of the village and signage problems are to be reported to SDC via the Cotswold Wardens. A series of led walks will be held to maintain use of these footpaths and to encourage use thereof.

Merryfield trustees: It was noted that maintenance is urgently required to the bench nearest the stile/dog waste bin, whilst repairs to the circular bench are underway.

Highways, traffic and parking: Councillor Bevan is working with Highways regarding additions to road markings requested by parishioners. An exhibition is to be held on 2nd May to showcase the proposed alterations/upgrades to the Cross Keys roundabout, a representative of the PC will attend to voice the councils opinions and suggestions.

Road closures: Notification has been received of a series of road closures to enable the annual Gloucester 10K Run; Gloucester 10 Mile Road Race; Gloucester Half Marathon and Gloucester Marathon & 50K runs to take place. Norman from UK Ultra has accepted the invitation to attend the July meeting to discuss these closures.

Gigaclear: The meeting with Stephen Harris - Community Liaison for Gigaclear was very well attended. A list of FAQs has been posted on the village website and is available by email from the clerk for those who were unable to make the meeting.

Finance & Clerks Report: Clerk reported that preparations are underway for the elections to the European Parliament on May 23rd.

Any other business:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

Date of next meetings:

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Monday May 20th 2019

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Monday June 24th 2019