

Minutes of Haresfield Parish Council Meeting

Held in the Village Hall on Monday January 28th 2019

Present: Councillors Charlotte Tilsley (chair), Jenny Knight, Sue Thorpe, Hayley Pillinger

Clerk M J King email: haresfieldpc@gmail.com

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Apologies: County Councillor Stephen Davies, District Councillor Dave Mossman, Councillor Fiona Bevan.

Public Participation: Nikki Stoneman, Paul Barton

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

County Councillors Report:

County Councillor Stephen Davies reported (via email)

“We are in Budget Season again, Gloucestershire County Council have proposed the maximum 2.9% Council Tax increase. The headlines of the budget are:

- Total Budget £428m
- Adult Social Services £136.5m (an additional £5.6m)
- Children’s Services £103.5m (an increase of £11m)
- New Capital Investment for schools of £179m

This budget which shows an increase in spending is made possible by the £160m in savings made in recent years.

Gloucestershire County Council Children Services has recently received another visit from OfSted and continues to show improvement although issues continue.”

Village Maintenance: A list of priorities has been discussed, including insulating the roof of the village hall and installing modern, quieter heaters. If anything urgent arises, the Council will seek to employ a relevant tradesman. Weed spraying will continue to be provided by an external contractor.

The PC would like to take this opportunity to thank all the village residents who carry out maintenance jobs on a voluntary basis, such as cutting grass, hedge trimming and generally helping to keep the village tidy and in good repair. Like the councillors themselves, these people are working out of their good will and generous spirit, and we are all very much in their debt.

Litter Pick: We have signed up to the Keep Britain Tidy scheme and as part of this there will be a Village Litter Pick on 30 March, 10am meet at the Village Hall. All equipment provided. Tea and cakes served after. Brownies are invited to take part. All welcome – someone to make tea required too.

Langet Covert: The school are starting to use this every week and there was some discussion about providing a frame to put a bin bag over to encourage less littering. The school have asked for some steps for children to access the site in wet weather, and the Cotswold Volunteers will be approached about this.

Village Hall/ Village activities: A monthly coffee morning at the Village Hall has been proposed, the day and first date to be announced. A number of people are interested in being involved, please contact Herald editor (Ursula - jeakinshome@gmail.com) if you are interested in coordinating this nice event!

Following several complaints regarding the 'A' frame advertising boards currently used to advertise events at the Beacon, the landlord is to be approached regarding the use of and any alternative available.

A work party has been organised for the weekend of 26th & 27th April – this to be advertised widely and removal of rubbish arranged with SDC. The plan is to encourage as many people as possible to attend with refreshments provided.

There will be a stay-and-play playgroup starting on a Thursday for pre-school babies and children, start date and details to be advised.

Footpaths: Several observations have been made regarding the poor state of signage and lack of stiles over some of the public rights of way throughout the village. A working party will be formed to walk these, with the aim to ensure they are all restored. Anyone is welcome to assist – please approach the clerk or one of the councillors.

EFW plant/Incinerator: PC is pushing for information and a briefing from the environmental contact at UBB regarding the "Potential Impacts of Hot Commissioning". This phase runs prior to the 'Go-Live' date, which is scheduled to be in March. At the recent Community Liaison Group meeting, PC raised issues regarding the level of lighting, UBB representative agreed to visit the village to consider this. The air monitoring equipment is now fully operational and all data is available to view – please request this from the clerk. The Community Fund; funding of £25,000 from UBB; will be open to receive the first round of applications from March, this to be advertised in the Herald.

Merryfield Trustees: Trustees have raised the issue of the deteriorating strip of concrete on the Merryfield. The plan is to remove this, with a working party organised by Paul Barton.

Highways traffic and speed: A banner has been ordered for the Nationwide 'Wide and Slow' event Sunday 14 April. The local event is co-ordinated by Dee Prout.

Councillor Pillinger is to liaise with the school to organise a survey of parents to see how we can improve traffic and parking issues.

Road closures: Several enquiries were received recently regarding recent road closures for running events and works on the roads, both through Highways and Severn Trent. The PC has agreed to send any information about closures received to Chris Andrews for the village website.

Planning: Councillors have no objection to:

S.19/0126/HHOLD Location: College Farm, Beacon Lane, Haresfield, Stonehouse. Application Type: Householder Application Description: Installation of solar panels to the zinc clad roof on the existing single storey extension (381883 - 209857)

S.18/2714/HHOLD Location: Brook House, Haresfield, Stonehouse. Two storey rear extension (381294 - 209989)

Finance & Clerks Report: Clerk reported that the precept form was to be submitted following the meeting and final budget agreement, set at £5,887. The following payments were agreed and authorised by councillors:

L Gibbs	Christmas refreshments	£20.50 (cheque no 400764)
U Jeakins	Herald printing	£54.00 (cheque no 400765)
J Knight	Funeral Floral arrangement	£30.00 (cheque no 400766)
C Tilsley	Banner-wide and slow event	£35.00 (cheque no 400767)

Any other business:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.45pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 25th February 2019