

Minutes of Haresfield Parish Council Meeting

Held in the Village Hall on Monday March 5th 2018

Present: Present: Councillors Humphrey Cook, Jenny Knight, Charlotte Tilsley and Hayley Pillinger, District Councillor David Mossman

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Apologies: Councillor Fiona Bevan, County Councillor Stephen Davies

Public Participation: none

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

County Councillors Report: Submitted via email from County Councillor Stephen Davies:

- * “ The main item has been the Budget which was set at £412.9m which is an increase in spending of over £10m.
- * This will result in a 4.5% increase in Council Tax which is less than the 6% increase available without a referendum recognising that we do not want to raise the Council Tax more than required.
- * This covers a 2% pay increase for staff.
- * The largest increases have been Adult Social Care (where there is a ring faced Council Tax increase) and Children's Services following the Ofsted report last year.
- * There will be £150m spent on roads over the next 5 years.
- * Each Councillor has been allocated £30,000 to spend on projects. The criteria is yet to be published. I am looking for ideas, and in principle would look to spend this on specific larger projects as opposed to a few thousand per Parish.
- * Finally I would like to remind you that there is a meeting on Thursday 8th March to discuss the proposed development at the Cross Keys Roundabout and Junction 12, with GCC Highways and Highways England. It is at Hardwicke Village Hall and Haresfield Parish Council has been invited.”

District Councillors Report: Dave Mossman reported that the £20m development of the Merrywalks site in Stroud; currently up for sale; is to be supported by a five year £2m loan from SDC. He is to represent Haresfield and Hardwicke at a meeting regarding the Bellway Homes

planning proposal on the Hunts grove site regarding safety concerns over access to certain homes in the development.

Highways, traffic and speed: A Highways meeting scheduled for 2pm on Thursday March 8th is to be attended by Humphrey Cook and Dave Mossman to discuss the considerable concerns around the M5 junction 12 / Cross keys roundabout redevelopment. Daniel Tiffney, GCC Highways, has advised a timescale for road marking to be carried out adjacent to the school and along the Merryfield to allow residents access to their properties and for vehicle to be able to pass in opposite directions.

Hunts Grove: The PC has been invited to give consideration to six appropriate street names for the next stage of the development. Councillors accepted the offer of assistance put forward by Hunts Grove Residents Association and decided that these suggestions are best made by them.

Land at East Quedgeley business park/St. Modwen site: No further information received

Bus Stops: It is proposed to remove the model (currently housed in a glass case) from the bus stop on the school corner. Parishioners are to be invited to suggest an alternative site for this. A quotation is still being sought to repair the roof of the bus stop adjacent to the school.

Merryfield: With the Merryfield Trustees having secured one quotation for replacing the damaged manhole cover in front of the stile, a further quotation has been sought. In the absence of this, councillors agreed to accept the Trustees recommendation.

Village Hall: Refurbishment plans are ongoing, with a working weekend to be planned by the Village hall Committee – all to be invited to help.

Incinerators: UBB have advised us of approximately 10 irregular traffic movements on the approach to the site over the next few months, which have been coordinated with the Planning and Highways authorities. 48 hours notice will be given for each movement and these will go out on the Herald distribution list and be posted on the PC notice board. The next meeting of the Community Liaison Group will be on March 13th 2018 to be attended as usual by the chair. Tree screening being paid for by UBB is almost complete on Mount Farm land.

Smiths have withdrawn the planning application to extend the existing planning application to increase the capacity they burn to 60,000 tonnes, so the meeting planned for the 29th has been cancelled. The proposal is yet to go to the Environment Agency.

Dog Fouling: This is ongoing and is a nationwide problem. Stencilling is to be investigated along pavements where the issue recurs I.E. on the pavement that borders the Merryfield and more recently opposite the village hall.

Planning: Councillors have no objection to application S.17/2431/REM pursuant to planning permission S.15/1498/VAR which seeks to divert part of the public right of way Haresfield Footpath 9 at Hunts Grove.

Defibrillator: The second training session run on Friday February 16th was very well attended and we again thank Dr John Entricam for running this.

Network rail: Correspondence has been received from a resident of Colethrop, asking for assistance in seeking that NR contractors are more respectful of the grass verges through Colethrop Lane.

Village events: A small group will be required to coordinate the Royal Wedding Celebration on Saturday May 19th; if you are willing to help in any way, either prior to or on the day, please contact any of the councillors or clerk.

Finance & Clerks Report: No payments were requested or made.

Any other business: There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10 pm

Date of next meeting – the Annual Parish Meeting: Monday March 26th 2018 @ 7.30pm