

## Minutes of Haresfield Parish Council Meeting

Held in the Village Hall on Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Present:** Present: County Councillor Stephen Davies, Councillors Fiona Bevan, Jenny Knight, Hayley Pillinger, Steve Lockett.

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**Apologies:** District Councillor David Mossman, Councillor Humphrey Cook.

**Public Participation:** none.

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

**District Councillors Report:** Councillor Davies outlined the Local Plan and his input into this, explaining that intelligent, reasoned responses must be made that fit with planning law, with traffic and access taken into account. The waste collection service is currently loss making due to the increased level of recycling – so success has a cost. The future of Stroud subscription rooms have been in the news recently, and options are to be debated at SDC to enable a decision to be made.

**Network rail:** Notifications of more work on the railway line prior to Christmas have been received, Charlotte Tilsley to kindly continue to work with NR to help keep disruption to a minimum. The Beacon Hotel has cut the laurel hedge adjacent to the fence.

**Langet Covert:** Haresfield School have asked for the amount of contribution toward the shelter to be reconsidered. Councillors discussed that as the funds expected to be raised at the fireworks evening are to be shared with the school, the school would be able to fund the outstanding amount.

**Land at East Qued business park/St. Modwen site:** Negotiations between St Modwen and SDC continue regarding the industrial site, with requests for road widening and frequent cleaning included.

**Bus Stops:** Demolition and removal of the bus stop; outside the thatched cottage on the corner of Mount Lane; has taken place – many thanks to Steve Coates for removing this dangerous structure. The bus stop in front of the school requires attention, quotes to be sought for repair.

**Village Hall:** Progress has been made with the replacement of the roof planned for November.

**Hunts Grove:** Road improvement decisions have been signed off and preparation now for the junior school is underway. It is planned that the school will open fully in January 2019.

**Highways:** County Councillor Stephen Davies has invited Daniel Tiffney, GCC highways, to the November pc meeting to discuss various Highway related issues that the PC has been in negotiation with over the course of 2017 and previously, including safety around the school.

**Dog Fouling:** Councillors discussed the issue following yet more evidence of dog fouling, especially around and on the Merryfields. Suggestions put forward were: a second dog bin due to the existing bin overflowing – either on the Merryfields or near the railway crossing AND to ask residents to stop feeding the foxes which may be a contributory factor in the reporting.

**Planning:** No objection was raised to Application Number: S.17/2286/LBC Location: Teekles Court, Haresfield, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. Application Type: Listed Building Consent Description: Refurbishment of existing lean to building and creation of bedroom/shower room extension to provide level living accommodation for a disabled person

Smiths. The application by Smiths at Moreton Valence is for a facility to burn rubbish generated on-site. A facility exists there already and Smiths are proposing to increase the capacity they burn to 60,000 tonnes. SDC are proposing air monitoring and the proposal is yet to go to the Environment Agency who have technical concerns around the temperatures. A meeting is planned for November 16<sup>th</sup> with SDC, Smiths and other local councils to address the concerns surrounding this proposal.

**Defibrillator:** Those who attended the training session run by Dr John Entricam found it very useful and it was agreed to issue a one page supplement with the Herald for residents to keep handy. Several requests have been received for a repeat session, which John has kindly offered to run. Anyone wishing to attend this session is asked to email the clerk to enable a mutually convenient date to be sought.

**BT Box:** Haresfield Book Swap is now in operation - with a selection of books available to borrow in the BT box.

**Village events:** Fireworks evening is planned for November 4<sup>th</sup>, funds to be distributed among Haresfield School, village hall committee and the church. A group of ladies has been meeting to prepare and make the blinds, all welcome to help – please contact the clerk.

**Finance & Clerks Report:** Clerk reported that the second (50%) 2017/18 precept payment has been received from SDC.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.17 pm

**Date of next meeting: Monday November 2017**

