

Minutes of Haresfield Parish Council Meeting

Held in the Village Hall on Monday September 24th 2018

Present: Present: County Councillor Stephen Davies, Cllrs Charlotte Tilsley (Chair) Jenny Knight, Sue Thorpe.

Clerk: Madeleine King email: haresfieldpc@gmail.com

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Apologies: Councillors Humphrey Cook, Fiona Bevan & Hayley Pillinger.

County Councillors Report: Stephen Davies reported that Amey had been given notice for the Highways contract, and Winway were awaiting approval. The air monitoring equipment has still to be installed, and with the target of 19th September now passed, this is now pressing, with a date of mid October planned. Quotes to be obtained for the work, which will be funded from SDC or UBB. Cllr Tilsley submitted the 'The Growing Communities Fund' grant application to Cllr Davies for a contribution to new cricket nets for the Cricket Club.

Public participants: Andy Cole, Paul Barton

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

Village Hall: Andy Cole (Village Hall committee chair) asked for assistance in running the hall. A volunteer to fulfil the role of treasurer is required, as this is currently held by Cllr Tilsley. Sue Thorpe offered to take bookings. Discussions took place regarding the next phase of renovation, with heating and roof insulation identified as urgent priorities.

In response to the suggestion of a gardening club to propagate plants to brighten up the village, councillors would like to thank Mr Skelton for his donation of a large number of seeds. Several people have come forward to offer assistance with this and a leader for the gardening club is needed please.

Hunts Grove: A meeting is to be held with John Longmuir, head of SDC planning regarding redesign of the HG sports pitches.

Youth Forum: Although no individuals have come forward to represent the views of the youth of Haresfield, several thoughts had been offered regarding a meeting place. The idea to provide a covered seating area in the village hall garden was discussed by councillors. This proposal to be discussed at the next meeting.

Parish Council Aims for 2018-19: Carried forward to future meeting.

Village Maintenance: Maintenance around the village in general was again discussed, with general agreement that a village clear up be held now that foliage is dying back. One quote has been received for weed killing three times per annum, along road verges from the school to the Beacon Inn.

Grass Cutting this year has largely been completed as per the rota, and as weather allowed, with thanks to all who have taken their turn and also cut back hedges and sprayed weeds. A large pallet compost area has been installed for the tipping of grass cuttings and suchlike, together with modifications to the fence to allow access to the rear garden for those with tractor mowers.

Merryfield Trustees: Paul Barton, representing the Merryfield Trustees, addressed the meeting to explain that he has approached the school regarding being their representative, rather than the Parish Council rep as stands currently. The Terms of Reference state that three Trustees must represent one of: Haresfield parish council, Haresfield school and the Parochial Church Council. With the departure of John Parris, a new trustee has to be appointed and Councillor Black was proposed and accepted the office.

Insurances: For the parish as a whole were discussed, including the cricket club, PC, school and for the Merryfield (paid by the PC). Further investigations are continuing as to streamlining insurances to achieve economies of scale.

Planning: HPC have been consulted re application S.18/1947/OUT to erect 160 dwellings on land at Quadrant Distribution Centre, Hardwicke. No observations were made on the application.

Gym equipment: The three pieces of equipment were installed in August, however had to be positioned at the front of the village hall garden, on the advice of the installation team, and not at the rear as originally planned. Residents are to be asked about screening of the equipment.

Incinerator / CLG: The Grant application process for applications to the UBB fund has been finalised, with applications accepted from January 2019. Decisions on the location and installation of the air monitoring equipment are soon to be finalised.

Finance & Clerks Report: Documents were prepared to authorise Cllrs Tilsley and Black as new signatories to the parish council account. Clerk reported that payment had been notified by SDC of the second half of the parish precept. Audit/ bank reconciliation to July end completed and agreed.

The following payments were agreed and authorised by councillors:

Mrs U Jeakins	Herald printing	£36.00 (cheque no.400751)
Wilko	Ink & stationery	£103.58 (cheque no.400752)
PATA	Payroll service	£57.50 (cheque no.400753)

Any other business:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05pm

Date of next meeting: Monday October 29th 2018