

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Monday 18th September 2017, 7.30pm Heckfield Memorial Hall

Present: Cllr Keith Alderman (Chairman), Cllr Bob Aylmer,
Cllr Adam Knight, Cllr David Sexton, Cllr Alan Woolford Clerk Susan Turner.

17.84 MEETING CHAIRMAN

AGREED Unanimously agreed that Keith Alderman would chair the meeting, as chairman Janice Hughes not present.

17.85 **WELCOME & APOLOGIES** Apologies Cllr Janice Hughes, County Cllr David Simpson, District Cllr Anne Crampton, PCSO Nick Greenwood.

17.86 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None.

17.87 **MINUTES OF MEETING** of 21st August 2017 agreed and signed by Chair.

17.88 LOCAL POLICING

Awaiting report from David Simpson regarding meeting with PCC Michael Lane.

AGREED The Parish Council should be proactively engaged.

AGREED Police representation was required at the next meeting

ACTION Clerk

17.89 COMMUNITY

i. Community Picnic Saturday 2nd September.

Thank you to Leonard Crane for his key role in organising and delivering a very successful event. Thanks also to all members of the 'Community Event committee' particularly the contribution of Keith Alderman on behalf of the Parish Council. It was made a success by the 100+ residents, family and friends who attended, who joined in with the games and races, and to those who signed up for regular community and future events. A day of sunshine in a week / month of mixed weather was a bonus. It was noted that the Hobo cafe attended, achieved reasonable sales, and Hortus Loci are looking in future to organise their own summer event.

AGREED The Parish Council will support a community event on the Green the following year.

A consideration would be to not clash with a potential Hortus Loci event. It was noted that this year the event clashed with the Swallowfield Show and also a Whitewater schoolchild's birthday party. However a summer event is always going to clash with something and it's not realistic to account for every event.

ii. Next community event – barn dance

Keith Alderman reported that Leonard Crane and the 'Community Event committee' are organising a barn dance as the next event, scheduled for 28th October. All costs for the event are to be covered by the ticket price.

AGREED This date possibly too soon and a November date closer to Christmas preferred.

ACTION Keith Alderman to liaise with Leonard Crane.

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iii. Broadband

There has been considerable recent discussion regarding the slow speed of Broadband – and compared to the higher speeds in Rotherwick.

Councillors noted that Rotherwick residents jointly contributed c£20,000 toward upgrading their exchange box. Mattingley has two – possibly three – exchanges and with a much more dispersed population this approach is not thought to be feasible.

AGREED The Parish Council has previously discussed at length. There is no immediate solution within the Parish Council's remit.

ACTION Publicise (including Mattingly Matters) that upgrading to a BT Hub 4 can made a considerable improvement.

17.90 HOUND GREEN**i. Maintenance**

1. Grass cutting Comments received on how well the Green is looking. Two cuts to the recreation area were made in August prior to the Community Picnic.
2. Rolling Keith White has very kindly agreed to roll the Green. However he is presently in the middle of harvest – and has to bring the roller up Vicarage Lane.

ii SSE

Keith Alderman reported on current situation. SSE has revised its plans and will now not be undertaking major works to the trees on Hound Green – and it seems wires that are not presently sleeved are not required to be so. The pruning work will take the trees back to their five-year growth point and will not require heavy equipment likely to damage the track. It seems the recent spate of power cuts may be related to issues further afield.

iii Access track

In light of the above, works to the access track can go ahead, then the dragons teeth can be installed (while allowing for access onto the Green for maintenance).

ACTION Clerk to contact Ian Head of Longdown Garden Services for a revised estimate for track resurfacing.

iv Wayleave easement compensation

Adam Knight reported that:

On 4th September Thompson Broadbent advised that the surveyor has been to Hound Green and our claim has been filed with the electricity company. Any delay is down to them as they are fighting any proposed settlement because they haven't budgeted for it. In addition there is a substantial backlog they are having to clear. Put a note in the calendar to chase again in early 2018 if nothing heard by then.

FUTURE ACTION: EARLY 2018

17.91 TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS**i. B3349 closures / SE Water.**

Latest estimate is that the works will be finished by end October.

ii. Speed enforcement

Speed Indicator Devices Initial information

The only manufacturer who has the TOPAS registration required for Highways approval is Westcotec www.westcotec.co.uk/

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Basic costs are £2,625 plus VAT per unit and delivery is about 6 weeks.
Data collection packs are £250 per unit which record time, no of vehicles and speed.
There will also be Highways' approval needed and Highways' costs, estimated c£600 to install or modify posts.

AGREED Await completion of the roadwork and investigate any solutions – signage – that may be put into place by Highways.

Thanks to Frazer Hamilton for initiating Highways' site visit.

ACTION Bob Aylmer to liaise with Frazer Hamilton regarding a proposal.

NOTED Alan Woolford is in favour of SIDs. Substantial studies indicate they do work though have to be maintained.

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vii. Lengthsman

1. West End Footpath 12 has been re-strimmed to follow the field boundary.
AGREED 2. Addition to schedule – to cut the grass triangle by the Shoulder of Mutton.
3. Noted that work to clear Himalayan Balsam is best done before end June.

'The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 provides the primary controls on the release of non-native species into the wild in Great Britain. It is an offence under section 14(2) of the Act to 'plant or otherwise cause to grow in the wild' any plant listed in Schedule 9, Part II. Himalayan balsam was added to this list in April 2009. Therefore it is a land owner's responsibility to prevent the spread of Himalayan balsam from their land but there is no legislative powers to require eradication.'

viii. Flytipping

Report from David Sexton 5 September 2017 ... 'Blatant fly tipping in Hazeley Bottom. Looks like somebody is renovating their bathroom. While the tipping is in the bus shelter, the land actually belongs to the RSPB. The shelter is directly opposite the the village road where we had the last occurrences. The schools go back now and kids would normally use the shelter but the rubbish makes that impossible.'

From email from Phil Maund, Countryside Ranger, Hart DC, 6th September...

'If it's gone it must have been Hart's contracted Basingstoke & Deane team who removed it as they are responsible for picking up roadside flytipping etc.'

NOTE 'Please report all future roadside flytipping with FixMyStreet, because that's what we do with the reports anyway...'. <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>

17/92 PLANNING

i Parish Planning Applications for consideration

17/02213/HOU (14th Sept) Mulberry House, Hazeley Bottom RG27 8LU. Rear and side extension, new entrance lobby. *Parish Council response: No objection.*

ii Mattingley Church application approved by Hart Planning Committee

17/01785/FUL (13th Sept Planning Committee) reg 21 Jul 2017) Mattingley Church Mattingley Green. Removal of existing shed used for garden storage, and its replacement with a slightly longer shed to provide garden storage plus a composting toilet suitable for disabled use.

Bob Alymer attended the Planning Committee meeting and reported that the application was approved after 45 minutes' discussion. An influencing factor was Historic England's stance that no other building could be allowed in the churchyard.

iii List of current applications relating to the Parish SEE APPENDIX I.

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17/93 FINANCE**i 2016/17 Audit**

BDO requests for further information satisfied regarding:

- i. allocation of reserves
- ii. procedure and documentation for land sale
- iii updating asset register 2015/16.

All amendments agreed by email – amended Audit form (original) returned to BDO.

ii Cheques for signature None**iii Monthly standing orders**

PGGM Maintenance Contract	£274.00
Heckfield Millennium Hall Hire	£33.00
Clerk salary	£288.62

iv Annual direct debit

ICO Data protection	£35.00
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v Electronic banking

AGREED Clerk to notify Parish Councillors of all payments up to £500.
Payments over £500 require prior agreement from majority of councillors.

vi Budget update

ACTION Clerk to provide six-month budget update for next meeting.

17/94 FURTHER REPORTS

i Lowdefest David Sexton reported on some neighbour complaints regarding Lowdefest (and behaviour of some attendees including a report of a fight). There are also neighbours in favour. David said he had been unable to contact all neighbours; Councillors agreed that neighbours should come to him if they wished to share their experiences. The venue for 2018 is yet to be confirmed.

ii Damage Village Green sign at Lanterns track Adam Knight reported large Tesco articulated 12-15 ton lorry turned back by the road closure, then reversing down the Lanterns track taking out the Village Green sign (Saturday evening). Reported to Tesco by Adam Knight.

ACTION Adam Knight to email details for Clerk to pursue with Tesco.

iii Hedgecuttings Adam Knight reported cuttings being left to lie across the pavement.

ACTION Keith Alderman to discuss with owner.

iv Glebe Wood Keith Alderman reported that he would be meeting with the Woodland Trust in two week's time. Proposals will include input from residents and *Hortus Loci*. Noted that *Hortus Loci* are keen to be involved in the community.

v Post box Bob Alymer reported the post box had been painted.

vi Noticeboards Clerk reported the noticeboards to be in need of maintaining and tlc.

ACTION Clerk to seek estimates for repair and preserving.

17.95 NEXT MEETINGS AND CLOSE

Next Parish Council Meeting Monday 16th October 2017

Meeting closed at 9pm with thanks to all present.

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APPENDIX I – PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications

17/02213/HOU (14th Sept) Mulberry House, Hazeley Bottom RG27 8LU. Rear and side extension, new entrance lobby. *Parish Council response: no objection.*

Applications pending

17/01138/HOU (11th May) and 17/01208/LBC (20th June) Bartletts Farm, Reading Road, Mattingley. Single Storey Side extension and internal works. *PC response: no objection.*

17/00910/LBC (18th April) Priors Farm, Reading Road, Mattingley. Rebuilding of collapsed Barn. *Parish Council response: no objection.*

Applications granted

17/01785/FUL (Planning Committee of 13th September, reg 21 Jul 2017) Mattingley Church, Mattingley Green. Removal of existing shed used for garden storage, and its replacement with a slightly longer shed to provide garden storage plus a composting toilet suitable for disabled use.

Heckfield application granted with conditions

7/01037/FUL (6th September, reg 10th May) Whitewater Nursery, Hound Green. Erection of a timber clad office and staff amenities building, installation of an additional irrigation water tank and amended lorry access, turning and loading arrangement within the site.