



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting for Mattingley Parish Council

18th January 2016

Heckfield Hall, Heckfield 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Janice Hughes (JH)
Cllr David Sexton (DS)
Cllr Bob Aylmer (BA)

Mr Ron Darley (RD) Locum Clerk

3 members of the public

Meeting chaired by Cllr Janice Hughes

REF	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
16/01	<p>Public Open Session – (i) A member of the public raised concern about drainage problems in Vicarage Lane; her complaints to HCC had been logged. The problem stems from insufficient clearance of ditches and in establishing ownership of/responsibility for clearing ditches. Resident suggested obtaining photographic evidence of the problem. It was agreed that this would be raised with C.Cllr.</p> <p>(ii) She also enquired as to responsibility for delivery of the newsletter. (iii) A second member of the public expressed concern about rumours of development at Strawberry Fields, and was advised that there had been no further movement. MPC had been advised not to speak further to the developer's representative until a planning application is submitted. He had been invited to speak in Open Session at earlier MPC meetings, but had indicated that he intended to leaflet drop to residents. If that happens, MPC will hold a public meeting – to be published on notice boards/website and by “knocking on doors”. (iv) a third resident enquired as to the future of the old K6 phone box and suggested it might be relocated within the parish and put to good use (other parishes had installed a local library/defibrillator etc. MTC will consider suggestions from residents.</p>	RD/DS or BA?
16/02	Receive Police Report – no police report received.	
16/03	Apologies were received from Cllrs Alderman, Knight & Woolford and C. Cllr Simpson.	
	At this point, the Chairman introduced the new Parish Clerk – Mr Ron Darley.	
16/04	<p>Declaration of interest in items on the Agenda</p> <p><i>Declaration by members of any personal prejudicial, pecuniary interests or non-personal interest in any Agenda item – none declared.</i></p>	

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16/05	Confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 th November 2015. Minutes were confirmed. Proposed DS, Seconded BA, Signed JH.	
16/06	<p>Matters Arising from Council Meeting 16 November 2015</p> <p>15/141,15/160: KA to report on Glebe Wood lease documents.</p> <p>15/147, 15/160: AK/AW to report on local contractor quotes for dragon's teeth. AK will continue to chase, and if no response by the next meeting , local lawyers will be appointed. .</p> <p>15/147/15/160: AK to report on progress in contacting Robert Thain regarding HARAH & site choice.</p> <p>15/147, 15/160: JH to report progress on Whitewater charges, magazine article & meeting. JH reported that the new vicar keen to forge links with local organisation ; suggested that a quarterly article from each of several parishes, perhaps alternating with each other. KA happy to pen the first article.</p> <p>15/150, 15/160: To consider current position re charges for disconnection of power supply to telephone box. Reconsider in light of discussion under 16/01.</p> <p>15/154, 15/160: JH to update on meeting with Hart DC officials re provision of benches etc at Hound Green & with Paul Howe re management of the Green.</p> <p>15/161 DS to report on agreed actions regarding residents' concerns about current air traffic levels over the parish. DS reported that it is thought that the traffic is more likely to be emanating from Farnborough, but a response is needed from Blackbushe. A resident is pressing for action by the local MP.</p> <p>15/162: JH to discuss the current state of play on the provision of further litter bins and financing the cost of these. Clerk to check whether action to procure the bins etc rested with JWH or with AW.</p> <p>15/163: to discuss JWH action to be taken to secure compensation for telephone poles on the village green, Hound Green. RD to discuss with JH</p> <p>15/167: DS to report on plans to draft wording for a plaque confirming that work in refurbishing the bus shelters in Hazeley Green had been completed & by whom. No action taken on plaque wording. It was believed that the letter had been sent to Merronbrook.</p> <p>15/167: DS to report arising from residents' complaints about noise from Lowde Fest. Organisers propose to extend Lowde Feste from 1 to 1 1/2 days. Surveys had been undertaken by groups for and against this issue. HDC to discuss the matter on 19 January.</p> <p>15/167: to discuss JWH action on a spreadsheet to monitor items such as electricity shutdowns on the village green. RD to establish whether, though unlikely, JWH had prepared a draft spreadsheet.</p>	<p>AK</p> <p>JH</p> <p>RD/AW</p> <p>RD/JH</p> <p>DS</p> <p>RD</p>
16/07	Council to discuss the appointment of the Locum Clerk - the appointment of Mr R Darley as Locum, potentially longer term Clerk was agreed. A contract of employment is to be drafted.	RD/JH

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16/08	Council to discuss & determine the Budget for 2016/2017 - – JH presented draft budget for 2016/2017 for consideration by Councillors. Councillors unanimously agreed the budget as presented (Total Expenditure: £16,635, the increase on 2015/16 being due largely to work on footpaths, replacing stiles and mapboards, for which grants will be received, a contingency sum of £1,400 & training costs for the new parish clerk).	RD – to issue agreed budget for 2016/2017.
16/09	Council to discuss and determine the Precept for 2016/17 -. Councillors discussed the Parish Council's Precept request and agreed unanimously to increase the 2016/17 Precept to £8,100. It was noted that this was the first increase in several years and that MPC's per household precept was the second lowest in the Hart District in 2015/16.	RD – to submit request to Hart DC by 31 st January 2016.
16/10	Council to discuss The Lanterns:– land sale, fencing & drainage – (i) it was agreed to clarify the precise position of the proposed fence (JH) (ii) the decision as to whether the ditch could be piped rests with the Environment Agency (iii) it was agreed not to sign the sale documents until these issues are agreed.	RD will advise solicitors
16/11	Council to discuss Hound Green : furniture – it was agreed that the following would be provided (i) 1 educational panel, (ii) 1 Chunky Chainsaw carved bench/table (iii) 1 rustic football side bench (iv) sleepers for access over ditch from Vicarage Road.	RD to advise Paul Howe, HDC
16/12	Council to discuss Glebe Wood: lease – Information still awaited from D.Cllr Morris regarding an alternative quote – to be contacted again. KA to be asked to obtain another quote.	
16/13	Council to discuss Strawberry Fields Rumours – since there has been no further movement, MPC will keep a watching brief. Contingency plans are in hand (see response to resident under 16/01).	
16/11	Council to consider and approve cheque payments Current account balances as at 1 December 2015 £24,970.68 - Cheques to approve retrospectively: none - Cheques approved and signed: JH & DS CQ No. 263: Cancelled CQ No. 264 £320.00 Premier Grounds & Garden Maintenance: Invoices for maintenance for November & December. CQ No 265: MR K Hadley: Mrs J Waland-Hadley's final expenses claim inc 123- reg: domain renewal (replaces cancelled CQ 263) CQ No 266: R. Darley: Expenses: McAfee virus protection renewal	RD to send payments
16/12	Council to consider and decide upon the following planning applications: 15/01409/CON Merronbrook Ltd Hazeley Bottom	

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	<p>15/02983/HRA Bartletts Farm Reading Road Mattingley - - 15/02982/PRIOR Bartletts Farm Reading Road Mattingley - 15/02957/HOU 40 Hound Green Mattingley 15/02939/FUL Hazeley Lodges Bramshill Park Bramshill 15/02940/LBC Hazeley Lodges Bramshill Park Bramshill 15/02866/PUBLIC Land Adjacent To Mulberry House Hazeley Bottom 15/02794/FUL Feldgate Hazeley Lea 15/02637/FUL Oak-Framed Barn, Blue House Farm Bottle Lane Mattingley 15/02509/HOU Lynchmere Cottage Reading Road Mattingley</p> <p>It was noted that the response date for several of the above had passed. The council agreed no response to any of the above.</p>	RD to submit responses
16/13	<p>Councillors to provide reports on areas of responsibility:</p> <p>Cllr Adam Knight – REPORT?. Cllr Bob Aylmer – some of the gates for footpaths had been received; some stiles had been sourced. The landowner in some cases wont agree to the installation of gates. The Access Officer at HCC Rights of way Office at Old Basing is to be asked to approach the landowner. Cllr Keith Alderman -. REPORT?. Cllr Janice Hughes – nothing to report. Cllr David Sexton – reported that detritus arising from RSPB’s cutting bushes/trees south of Hazeley Heath had finally been removed. Cllr David Sexton – said that the Hazeley Heath Consultative Group (HHCG) had asked how it might disseminate information to the parish council and to residents. It was agreed that material could be posted on notice boards, via a press notice and on MPC’s new website. HHCG’s timetable involves a public consultation commencing in January, with an Open Day at the Victoria Hall one Saturday in February with a decision on what they propose to do in February. Clerk – no report</p> <p>BA: suggested that a contingency plan of action be formulated to cover the eventuality of a Parish Clerk’s departure. DS suggested that a memorial plaque to JWH might be attached to one of the pieces of new furniture which MPC is acquiring, subject to the agreement of her family.</p>	<p>RD</p> <p>JH</p>

Meeting closed 8.56 pm

Next MPC Meeting: 22 February 2016 – Parish Meeting. Booked for 7.30pm at Heckfield Hall.