



DRAFT MINUTES
Hambledon Annual Parish Meeting
28 April 2021, 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Quinn OBE, Mason, Thornton, Twiney, Silcock & Dyson; 18 parishioners

In attendance: Mrs Joanna Tester (Parish Council Clerk); Cllr Frank Pearson (WCC); Cllr Vicki Weston (WCC); Cllr Linda Gemmell (WCC)

Apologies: Cllr Huxstep (HCC); Mrs Sue Crossley (Hambledon Greening); Cllr Higham (HPC)

Meeting started at 7.30pm

	Item	Discussion and Decision	Action
1	Chair's Welcome, Introduction & Review of the Year	Cllr Quinn welcomed Villagers, advised that the format would follow the pre-issued agenda, and asked for a few moments of silence to remember the contribution made by Villagers who have passed over the last year. Cllr Quinn then delivered his 'review of the year'. The main topics were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid pandemic - review of parish response & thank yous • Bus shelter • Hambledon School Travel Plan • Mobile coverage • Play equipment • Greening campaign • Aquind Interconnector • Defibrillator • Planning • Flood Action Group • Finance • Better Streets • Traffic Survey • Thank yous 	

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1	Chair's Welcome, Introduction & Review of the Year cont.	<p>Full speaking notes to be published on the PC website.</p> <p>Questions to the Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks offered to the Hambletonian • Some brown heritage signs have been removed when fingerposts replaced. Cllr Thornton confirmed Government guidance is not to have any other signage on the fingerposts. HCC approval has been given to not re-erect these signs. <p>Cllr Quinn noted apologies for the meeting and also introduced Cllr Sam Dyson (recently co-opted onto the PC).</p>	Clerk
2	Finance Review	<p>Cllr Thornton briefed Villagers on the budget figures for 2021/22, and gave an overview of y/e 31 March 2021.</p> <p>No public questions were received.</p> <p>Full speaking notes to be published on the PC website.</p>	Clerk
3	Report from HCC	<p>Cllr Huxstep was unable to attend the meeting but his full report will be made available on the PC website.</p> <p>The Chair advised that any public questions would be passed on to HCC.</p>	Clerk
4	Report from WCC	<p>Cllrs Pearson delivered a report on behalf of WCC. This report will be made available on the PC website.</p>	Clerk
5	Report from the Police	<p>PCSO Wetherill was unable to attend the meeting, and no report was provided.</p>	Clerk

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6	<p>Report from Better Streets Working Group</p> <p>Cllr Thornton delivered a report on behalf of the BSWG, covering the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to Cllr Huxstep (HCC) for his support with BS projects. • Name change from VIPWG to BSWG. • Background to the inception of the WG. • The five stages of improvements to Cams Hill/B2150 junction vicinity. • Projects completed or making good progress: street signs; Church/School sign; village entrance signs; kissing gates; bollards; planters and fingerpost signs. • Few projects likely to be initiated 2021/22 due to funding constraints. <p>No public questions were received.</p> <p>Full speaking notes to be published on the PC website.</p>	Clerk
7	<p>Traffic Review</p> <p>Cllr Silcock delivered a report regarding the recent village-wide traffic survey, and covered the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response rate and thanks • Early highlights • What next? • Formation of a working group: Cllr Silcock asked for volunteers - to contact the Clerk if interested <p>Public questions covered the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danger posed by cyclists - not mentioned in survey. Huge increase in cyclists travelling through the village - speed of cyclists coming down Church Lane/High St is particularly concerning. Cllr Silcock confirmed that cyclists were raised in the responses and will be considered. Villagers suggested the following possible solutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Speed bump - not a possibility because no street lighting in place. (Cllr Thornton stressed that the strategy will be a difficult balancing act, and require working with HCC and SDNP to find solutions. ● Picture of a pot-hole ● Communicating with local cycling associations - asking members to respect villages travelling through. Villager advised that they had done this in the past and received a very good response and favourable outcome. ● Polite signage <p>The full report will be published on the PC website.</p>	Clerk

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8	Flood Action Review	<p>Jan Jarvie delivered a report on behalf of the FAG. Main points covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the effectiveness of the Big Pipe 2020/21 • Maintenance of the Big Pipe & flood resilience measures • Communication with Villagers re. flooding matters <p>There were no public questions.</p> <p>The full report will be made available on the PC website.</p>	Clerk
9	Hambledon Greening Review	<p>Mr Alasdair McKenzie delivered a report on behalf of Hambledon Greening. Main points covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eco-climate change meeting Mar 2020 cancelled due to Covid. • National Greening Campaign sets out process - 4 phases. • Phase 1 - challenge card put up by 111 households (72 tonnes of CO2 saved). • Moving on to Phase 2 next month. • Have 6 months to volunteer for re-wilding projects. Aiming for 1000 hrs of volunteer time. • Criticised for moving too slowly but need to educate whole community. • Will be advertising activities soon inc festival late summer. • Working with the Church (Eco-church). • Hambledon has been selected as 1 of 5 communities in Hampshire to receive a grant to carry out feasibility study. <p>Cllr Thornton asked whether links with HCC. Dorset CC has reduced verge mowing to once per year. Benefits to wildlife, traffic speed & environment (less tractors mowing therefore less CO2 production). Far end of East St supposed to be a wild flower verge (and there were signs in place) but appears to get cut fairly regularly.</p> <p>Chair suggested raising at next ordinary meeting of HPC.</p> <p>Cllr Gemmell - HCC may sub-contract out & these contractors may not realise that it shouldn't be cut. Worth putting up signs.</p> <p>There were no further public questions.</p> <p>The full report will be made available on the PC website.</p>	Clerk

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7	Hambledon Connected	<p>Mr Mark Watkiss delivered a report on behalf of Hambledon Connected. Main points covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is it? A business group - to get all village businesses together on a monthly basis & assist each other & the Hambledon community. • Covid pandemic has altered format, but hoping to increase presence at Village events in the near future. • FB site and website. • Moving forward - non-profit group. Membership fee will go towards marketing etc. Any money left over at the end of the year will go back in to village groups in need of support. <p>Cllr Pearson - WCC has assisted business across the district throughout the pandemic.</p> <p>Public questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved broadband - businesses can get a better grant than residential addresses. Would like to liaise with HC. 	
8	Open Forum	No questions were asked by members of the public.	Clerk

The meeting closed at 8.41pm