



**MINUTES**

**Hambledon Parish Council**

**05 Mar 2018, 7.30pm**

**Village Hall - Hambledon**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Mason  
 Cllr Thornton (Acting Chair)  
 Cllr Wood  
 Cllr Thistlethwayte  
 Cllr Higham  
 Cllr Wigley

**In attendance:**

Mrs Joanna Tester (Clerk)  
 Cllr Weston  
 Cllr Huxstep (arrived 7.58pm)  
 Three members of the public  
 Three members representing AQUIND

**Meeting started at 7.31 pm**

<b>No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion and Decision</b>	<b>Action</b>
228	Acknowledgments	No acknowledgements necessary this month.	
229	Apologies	Cllr Quinn OBE (Chair) Cllr Pearson PCSO Owen Reeves  Apologies accepted	
230	Disclosable pecuniary interests	None declared	
231	Public Question and comments  CC report	Standing Orders suspended for 10 minutes.  Not received. Cllr Huxstep to forward any important details to Clerk. Cllr Huxstep informed councillors that a £1 per visit fee may be introduced at waste recycling centres. Cllrs commented on the recent increase in fly-tipping in Hambledon and that they would object to any decisions to	Clerk

	DC report	<p>implement such charges which could potentially result in further increases in fly-tipping.</p> <p>Not received. Cllr Weston to produce article for Hambledonian Mar/April 18. PC Members to be provided with article before publication.</p> <p>Questions to District Councillor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Mason asked if burning of recycled materials was practised. Cllr Weston confirmed that only black waste incinerated, and that HCC is currently looking at improving diff types of recycling e.g. plastic yoghurt pots, and at introducing glass recycling.</li> <li>• Member of public asked what was being done to improve commercial recycling, where more goes into landfill. Contracts are managed privately, not by HCC, but HCC does promote good practices for recycling.</li> <li>• Cllr Higham commented on the disintegrating road repair near Whitedale. Cllr Thornton advised that HCC aware.</li> </ul>	
	PCSO report	Not received.	
232	Resume standing orders	Agreed	
233	Minutes of previous meeting	<p>Agreed as a true record with the following amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 209 – Mr Tony Coates has requested that the public question for this item is amended from ‘In the past some British Legion member have run tea-dances etc.’ to ‘On previous WW1/WWII commemorative occasions, the RBL ran proper evening dances in 1995, 2005 and 2015.’</li> </ul>	Clerk
234	Clerk’s Progress Report	<p><b>Fingerpost Signs (FPS)</b> – Latest contact from Marcus Slegg 19/02/18 to Cllr Thornton. Awaiting next ‘dry and mild weather envelope...’ to start work. No further contact and work has not yet commenced, probably due to poor weather conditions.</p> <p><b>Community assets</b> – Clerk has spoken to Steve Lincoln (WCC) who has advised to proceed with application, taking care to report fully on the significance to the community of the assets, and to accurately record land boundaries etc. The Peoples Market is more complex due to the residential &amp; other business proportion of the building. Cllr Mason advised that this is significantly more than 50%. Clerk to look into feasibility of applying for shop part of the building only.</p> <p><b>Financial Risk Assessment</b> – Item for Oct 18 agenda.</p>	Clerk

	<p><b>Spring Clean 2018</b> – Agenda item 241.</p> <p><b>Footpaths/kissing gates</b> – Cllr Mason has now received confirmation from John Wallace, owner of land at Madam’s Copse, that he is happy for the current stile to be replaced with a kissing gate. Cllr Mason has also been advised the following by the HCC Countryside Access Ranger:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Rural Communities Grant is applicable for changing stiles to kissing gates on Footpath 5.</li> <li>• Grant will cover 50% of cost, with an additional 25% if installation is carried out by volunteers.</li> <li>• The Ranger will meet with Cllr Mason 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to make site assessments.</li> <li>• Ref. Footpath 8a (land owned by Jenni Dixon), the Countryside Access Team can only enforce replacement of stiles if they break down enough to become a complete obstruction. However, if a complaint is registered using the online reporting system, they can contact the landowner to remind them of their legal responsibility. If a member of the public has an accident on the stile the landowner would be liable.</li> </ul> <p><b>Parish Lengthsman Agreement</b> - Clerk has now taken over responsibility of the Lengthsman Scheme from Cllr Thistlethwayte.</p> <p>Awaiting work schedule 2018-19.</p> <p><b>New/replacement street-name signs</b> - Cllr Thornton has identified an alternative supplier – JK Engineering (based in Midhurst) – and is in the process of making enquiries.</p> <p><b>Removal of phone-box @ The Gardens</b> - BT has advised that when telephone booth is removed, the power supply is not disconnected at source but pulled away by approx. 1m and buried to a regulation depth. If the PC wanted to use the power supply alternative housing for the cable would be necessary. SSE has advised to set up an unmetered job on-line, explaining circumstances. Clerk to undertake.</p> <p><b>Elections 2018</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election ‘advert’/info sheet e-mailed to Villagers and added to website and displayed on Village notice boards.</li> <li>• Notice of Elections will be supplied by Electoral Services (WCC) ready for display from 28/03/18.</li> <li>• Nominations will be taken in City Offices between 10am and 4pm each working day with effect from Wednesday 28 March up to 4pm on Friday 6 April. An</li> </ul>	Clerk
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		<p>appointment system for checking nominations will be in operation.</p> <p><b>Relevant forms and guidance supplied in a 'Parish Pack'. Made available on PC website.</b></p>	
235	Bank A/C	<b>Bank balance - £34,096.38</b> (@ 01 March 2018; statement 075)	
236	Annual Grant to Hambledon PCC	Clerk to seek further advice from HALC and Internal Auditor. Decision to be made at April 2018 PC meeting.	Clerk
237	Payment of accounts	Agreed	Clerk
238	Planning Applications	<p>Standing Orders suspended for AQUIND presentation</p> <p><b>AQUIND Interconnector Converter Station</b> (pre-app, out of parish) – Lovedean Power Station. For further information, interested members of the public are referred to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.aquindconsultation.co.uk">www.aquindconsultation.co.uk</a></li> <li>• Information Line: 01962 893869</li> <li>• Email: <a href="mailto:aquindconsultation@becg.com">aquindconsultation@becg.com</a></li> <li>• Freepost: AQUIND CONSULTATION</li> </ul> <p>Clerk to formally respond to the consultation.</p> <p>Standing Orders resumed following AQUIND presentation.</p> <p><b>SDNP/18/00549/PRE (Woodlands, East Street)</b> [Cllr Thistlethwayte declared an interest as a neighbour and withdrew from the discussion] – the proposed annex lies outside both the existing settlement boundary and the SDNPA's proposed settlement boundary. Therefore, it constitutes a new development in the countryside which is broadly contrary to policy. Recommend PC reminds WCC of this.</p> <p><b>SDNP/18/00920/DCOND (Tower House, High Street)</b> – No objection.</p> <p><b>SDNP/18/00513/HOUS (Tudor Cottage, West Street)</b> – No objection.</p> <p><b>SDNP/18/00514/LIS (Tudor Cottage, West Street)</b> – No objection.</p> <p><b>SDNP/18/00665/HOUS (Chestnut Cottage, East Street)</b> – No problem in principle, but skylights to the front elevation are not characteristic of Hambledon and are contrary to the policies in the Hambledon Village Design Statement. We feel they should be replaced by a hipped dormer, of which there are several examples in the village, both new and old. Recommend PC asks for this amendment to the plans.</p>	Clerk

		<p><b>SDNP/18/00602/HOUS (2 Stewarts Green)</b> – No objection.</p> <p><b>SDNP/18/00964/PRE (Rushmere Farm Rushmere Lane)</b> - There is no detail to comment on, so it’s mostly down to policies on development in the countryside; which is for the SDNPA to decide. The PC recommends “No Comment”.</p> <p><b>SDNP/18/00587/HOUS (The Firs, Green Lane)</b> - No objection.</p> <p>Clerk to send details on The Retreat to Cllr Weston for her to chase.</p>	Clerk
239	Planning application notifications received after agenda published	None received	
240	Village Improvement Project Working Group Report	A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of the Clerk placing an order with Greenbarnes for a new notice board to replace the 3 currently at the bottom of the High Street. Costs as per quotation (dated 26/01/18; ref: 20608/1) plus additional sum for magnetic backing (approximately £2400 in total).	Clerk
241	Spring Clean 2018	Cllr Mason confirmed that David Warren has kindly agreed to take on the position of Co-ordinator for this event. Clerk to send details asap and e-mail advert to Village.	Clerk
242	WWI Commemorative Event Nov 2018	Cllrs agreed that they would prefer to organise/support the renovation (cleaning & maintenance) of the War Memorial with a ceremony 11/11/18, rather than a dinner/tea dance. It was noted that research into the names on the Memorial is currently being carried out by a Villager, and that it may be possible for the Memorial to be officially listed. Cllr Higham to investigate further.	Cllr Higham
243	Royal Wedding Celebration Event May 2018	A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of the PC underwriting up to £200 for this Village event, on the understanding that it ultimately pays 1/3 of the shortfall. Clerk to inform Hambledon V/H Committee.	Clerk
244	Reports & Issues (Information Only)	<p>(i) <b>Village ditches</b> – lower West Street culvert – initial response from HCC was that it had been looked at but didn’t require action. <u>Cllr Quinn has requested a second site visit.</u></p> <p>(ii) <b>Breakfast Briefing – External Funding</b> (run by Steven Lugg) – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 8.30-10am; Weybrook Park Golf Club. <u>No councillors</u></p>	

		<p><u>available.</u></p> <p>(iii) <b>‘Lantra Awards Basic Tree Survey and Inspection Course’</b> - 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at Sir Harold Hillier’s Gardens, Ampfield. <u>Cllr Mason would (provisionally) like to attend. Clerk to look at costs etc.</u></p> <p>(iv) <b>HALC Annual Conference</b> – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018, 9am to 3pm; St Mary’s Stadium EFRA consultation ref. crime and poor performance in the waste sector. <u>No councillors available.</u></p> <p>(v) <b>DEFRA consultation</b> ref. crime and poor performance in the waste sector – any comments to Jessica.Lancod-frost@nalc.gov.uk before 5pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018.</p>	Clerk
245	Next meeting	Monday 09 April 2018 (Hambledon Village Hall, 7.30pm)	
246	Exclude public & press	No confidential business was discussed.	

**The meeting closed at 9.35pm**

Signed:

John Thornton (Acting Chair)

Dated:

Signed:

Joanna Tester (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer to HPC)

Dated: