



DRAFT MINUTES

Hambledon Parish Council
03 April 2023; 7.30pm; Hambledon Village Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr Encke (Chair); Cllr Quinn; Cllr Silcock; & Cllr Lamb

In Attendance:

Mrs Joanna Tester (Clerk); Cllr Wallace (WCC; left 8.04pm); Cllr Pearson (WCC; left 8.04pm); Cllr Weston (WCC; left 8.04pm); & Jan Jarvie (FAG).

Meeting started at 7.33pm

Item No.	Item	Discussion & Decision	Action
1925	Acknowledgements	Councillors paused and remembered in silence the contributions of Brian Bellinger, John Beddard, and all villagers who have passed away since the last meeting.	
1926	Apologies	Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Hand, Dyson, Mason & Lumby; & PCSO Wheeler-Osman.	
1927	Disclosable pecuniary interests	None.	
1928	Requests for dispensations	None received.	
1929	Public questions & comments	Standing orders suspended for maximum 10 mins. No members of the public in attendance.	
1930	Resume standing orders	Agreed.	
1931	District councillor's report & questions arising	<p>No reports received this month.</p> <p>Updates received from Cllr Pearson, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City is slowly improving energy efficiency of housing stock. Insulation, double glazing, replacing boilers. • Council cost of living grant - set to re-open in May. Funding for organisations supporting local communities through rising living costs. • Additional money has been allocated to Help to Heat funding. Used to improve the quality of the Council's social housing properties currently rated D or below for their Energy Performance Certificate (EPC). Clerk to print info and put in PC noticeboard; Peoples Market; OFTR & bus shelter noticeboard. 	Clerk

1931 cont.	District councillor's report & questions arising cont.	<p>Comments to WCC Cllrs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr informed WCC cllrs that a Biffa bin for hard plastic recycling has been purchased and is situated at the VH. • Southern Water - reparative work has not been carried out. As far as the PC is aware, no disinfecting has happened; hedge hasn't been replaced; cones/tape etc have not been removed. [Cllr Pearson confirmed that SW has not paid dividends since 2017; hopefully this means that money is being ploughed back into infrastructure etc. PC advised to contact WCC Environmental Health; David Ingram (copy in WCC cllrs); & Flood & Water management HCC (Simon Cramp's team; copy in Cllr Lumby) responsible for cleansing highways & clearing contaminated mud e.g. on B2150 in vicinity of OFTR.] <p>Formal vote of thanks to Cllr Weston who is retiring in May.</p>	Cllr Encke/ Clerk
1932	County councillor's report & questions arising	No report received.	
1933	Police/PCSO report	No report received. PCSO Wheeler-Osman has advised that there is nothing of note for the meeting with regard to updates and info.	
1934	Mins of previous meetings (06/03/23)	Agreed as a true record.	
1935	Clerk's progress report	<p>Parish Lengthsman Agreement - Final visit for 2022/23 took place 20/02/22. Clerk has asked for an update on whether scheme is continuing. No response to date. Future work - removal of debris on West St, B2150 (Beech Cottage down to Snowdrop Cottage).</p> <p>Flooding @ bottom of Bury Lodge Lane - Cllr Lumby has chased on behalf of the PC and HH has confirmed that it will revisit the site with the intention to patch the affected area by the junction. However, it is unlikely that this work will be completed before the next financial year.</p> <p>Electricity Supply for Christmas Tree at The Gardens - No update.</p> <p>Rattling manhole covers - HH claimed that covers did not belong to them so handed over to SW. SW carried out a site visit, which the clerk was able to attend, but concluded that the all of the six rattling covers are owned by HH so the work has been passed back once more. On-going.</p> <p>Playground inspections - Wooden ramp repairs have been carried out by Cllr Silcock. Ava Recreation has carried out the work on the junior swings. To be removed from report.</p> <p>Village maintenance - Agenda item 1949.</p> <p>Traffic & Pedestrian Safety WG Speed limit reminder - batteries received. Cllr Silcock & members of TPSWG considering possible placements etc.</p> <p>Large puddle on pavement outside 13 West St/The Cross Tree - Clerk has reported to HH online but no response received to date.</p>	

1935 cont.	Clerk's progress report cont.	<p>Footpath 18 resurfacing - Clerk met with Community Engagement Ranger (Megan Cledwyn) 31/03/23 on site to look at fp18. Advised that too long for work to be carried out by volunteers. Suggested asking a local co. for a quote to carry out the work then approach HCC for possible grant. Awaiting summary of meeting from Megan. [Cllrs discussed the possibility of using wood chippings. To be investigated further.]</p> <p>VH Playground Re-vamp - Work commenced 27/03/23. To be removed from report.</p> <p>Annual Meeting of the Parish - Tues 23rd May. To be removed from report.</p>	Cllr Silcock
1936	Bank account	Bank balance - £62,321.44 (Cllrs will be provided with bank statements 154 (02 Mar 2023 to 04 Mar 2023) and 155 (05 Mar to 01 Apr 2023) as soon as they are available.	Clerk
1937	Q4 financial reports & statements	Resolved: that the PC approves the Q4 2022/23 financial reports & statements.	Clerk
1938	Grant application - Hambledon Pre-school	Resolved: that the PC approves a grant of £310.00 to Hambledon Pre-school for the purchase of a new i-pad device.	Clerk
1939	Grant application - Village bonfire organisers	Resolved: that the PC purchases a new stainless steel bbq from Gouchys Metalworks for village events at a cost of £450.00 (including VAT & delivery). To be made available for personal use by residents (donations to be requested to off-set cost).	Clerk
1940	Pre-approval of payment of invoice - Ava Recreation Ltd	<p>Resolved: that the PC gives consent for the Clerk to arrange payment in full to Ava Recreation Ltd for the VH play equipment replacement, in advance of the 15 May 2023 PC meeting, subject to the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work as per itemised quotation has been completed to the satisfaction of the Clerk and Cllr Silcock. • The post-installation inspection by Ava Recreation has been carried out. • All security fencing, skips etc have been removed and any damage to surfaces, fences etc made good. • Invoice total £38,990.65 + VAT <p><u>Damage to grass -VH grounds</u></p> <p>It was noted that damage to the grass from vehicle movements from the tarmac area to the play park was significant (mainly due to the inclement weather last week). Any re-seeding done is likely to be ruined by footfall during the Coronation celebrations beginning of May. Clerk to contact Ava Recreation to request that the area is re-turfed instead. As this is likely to cost significantly more, Cllrs were content to approve a contribution from the PC.</p>	Clerk

1941	Payment of accounts	<p>Mrs J C Tester Clerk's salary (Mar 2023) £872.79</p> <p>NEST Clerk's pension (Mar 2023) £69.94</p> <p>Hambledon VH Hall hire (Mar 2023) £20.25</p> <p>Mr D Tester £293.11</p> <p>Reimbursement for marquee canopy (final tranche of grant to Bonfire Organisers)</p> <p>Belinda Johnson £75.61</p> <p>Reimbursement for purchase of hoses for Green Man beds</p> <p>Ava Recreation Ltd £599.16</p> <p>Replacement of bushes on junior swings at VH</p> <p>Mr Murray Alexander Mahon and Mrs Penny A Mahon £36.79</p> <p>Reimbursement for printing costs for Hambledon Greening leaflets (Solopress)</p> <p>HMRC Maximum £200.00</p> <p>NI & tax Q4 (month 10 - £66.72; month 11 - £67.12; month 12 - not yet known; total amount to be ratified at the May 2023 PC meeting) To be paid by BACS after 10/04/23 & before 22/04/23</p> <p>Biffa Waste Services Ltd £40.77</p> <p>[Direct Debit set up for hard plastics recycling bin @ VH. Expected to be £40.77/month.] To be paid by DD monthly in advance.</p> <p>Alfie Goodwin-Hudson Tennis coaching (Mar 2023) £80.00</p> <p>Moritz Flohr Tennis coaching (Mar 2023) £60.00</p> <p>Sam Richie Tennis coaching (Mar 2023) £20.00</p>	Clerk
1942	Planning applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDNP/23/01005/TPO - Coachmans Halt, Post Cottage, West Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RN. T1 large beech tree to be reduced overall by 25-30% (Up to 4m from the tips) to maintain the size and shape of the canopy, finished height 12m and finished spread 8m. (1366T4 on TPO map) [NO OBJECTION.] 	Clerk
1943	Planning apps received after 28/03/23	None received.	
1944	Planning decisions	None received.	
1945	Amalgamation of BS and TPS working groups	Resolved: that the BS and TPS working groups should be amalgamated. Name tbc.	Cllr Silcock
1946	BS & TPS WG	<p>No report received.</p> <p>Cllr Silcock confirmed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-mails have been sent to Martin Wiltshire & Andy Smith (HH) regarding problems of large vehicles trying to use Speltham Hill. Clearer/more accurate signage has been requested. Awaiting response. • Re signs, 'Not Suitable for HGVs' is advisory. '7.5t' is a Traffic Regulation Order. Not possible to simply swap. Need road surveys, consultations etc. • WG to work out environmental measures & where they think speed needs to be addressed. On-going. 	
1947	Tennis WG	No report received.	
1948	Play & Playgrounds Re-vamp WG	No report received.	

1949	Village Maintenance	No update available.	
1950	Flood Action Group	Report received (see Appendix A). • Re ditch from catchment basin to Hook Vinney - pictorial evidence needs to be sent to HH, stressing that the PC shares FAG's concerns & a re-survey of the area is needed asap.	Clerk
1951	Hambledon Greening WG	Report received (see Appendix B).	
1952	Coronation Party 2023 WG	Clerk and Cllrs Silcock & Quinn reported the following: • Need to arrange a meeting asap.	
1953	Reports & Issues	• Deadline for the return of SDNPA Open Space Assessments has been extended to 20 October 2023. Cllrs Quinn & Encke to complete.	Cllrs Quinn & Encke
1954	Date/time of next meeting	• Mon 15th May 2023 at Hambledon VH (Main Hall); 7.30pm [This will be for the annual meeting of the PC and the ordinary May PC meeting, combined.]	
1955	Confidential matters	No members of the public were in attendance and no confidential matters were discussed.	

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed:

Cllr Encke (Chair)

Dated:

Signed:

Joanna Tester (Clerk)

Dated:

APPENDIX A

FAG WG Report to Hambledon PC 03 Apr 2023

Overview - the 2022/23 Flooding Season is now essentially finished, but we have a few items to close-out over the coming months. Most of the hoses and other pumping arrangements have been stowed away until the next season, but the FAG feels it's important to recognize some of the extra effort undertaken by residents to improve their systems. Some really smart ideas were put into place to ensure tripping hazards on the pavements were avoided, along with clever use of fittings to avoid kinks and other flow restrictions at the pump points. Well done!

However, the mess left behind by Southern Water (SW), including damages to the area around the Bury Lodge Pumping Station, bits of lloo rolls in gardens and fields, along with debris in the gutters on both sides of the B 2150 adjacent to the Old forge Tea Room, remain untouched. There has been no feed-back either on their plans for corrective action to address the long standing sewerage problems, or its continuing disintegration. We need to look at further innovative ways to get SW to respond and react, if such a thing is possible.

Big Pipe Resilience System – since our last report, the system has now been tested under heavy conditions, though not at its full design capacity owing to inadequate and untimely maintenance. The issues have been raised on a number of occasions to Hampshire County Council, and we will once again be requesting a properly scheduled plan geared to actual weather conditions and past experiences for our review. We are aware there are problems with subcontractors, manpower and budgets, but we still need as much visibility as possible to keep the village apprised of disruptions and adequate lead-times when cars have to be moved, or road closures.

From our visual inspections, all areas of the ditch have been greatly affected by the huge amount of water flowing out of the pipe over several weeks, which is a another important test of the system. There are signs of erosion and sloughing of earth and vegetation over the full length from the catchment basin down to Hook Vinney. The East side extending to the foot bridge includes heavy losses from the hardcore strake, in spite of the “no worries” report from the HCC, leaving significant amounts of rock in the bottom. The severe scar left

by the truck going into the trench next to the bridge has widened substantially, and most of the saplings tried to be used to shore-up the edge have been washed away. The East face downstream of the bridge has lost major amounts of earth and vegetation that kept it intact, and is now mostly unprotected.

The performance of the ditch is now an elevated risk in recognition of the latest experiences with high water flow. The risks have been constantly called to the attention of the HCC due to the catastrophic impact of closing the B 2150. We continue to focus on the promises made in 2019 after consultation with HCC's chosen experts, that action must be taken on the greatest danger area at the foot bridge (the scar). Nothing has been done since the meeting we attended in 2019, when gabions were considered necessary, so the erosion continues.

Coming FAG Activities – We will be reviewing the events of the latest Flooding Season, the lessons learnt and the improvements that can be made. It goes without saying, the continual distress caused by Southern Water will always be a distraction that must be taken into account. There were also some problems with forecasting due to failures of the Shoothill Gauge systems, and paucity of data from the Environment Agency owing to their labour disputes. We will be reviewing our document sets in the June/July timeframe, including a closer look at our Risk Management Plan with the climate changes as they occur or are predicted.

Respectfully Submitted by
Jan Jarvie
Flood Action Group

APPENDIX B Hambledon Greening Working Group: Monday Apr 3rd 2023

Repair Café:

- We had another very successful Repair Café in Hambledon on March 18th. The cycle workshop didn't have any takers but the bike repairers had plenty of work!

Recycling:

- The Biffa bin for recycling hard plastics should be arriving this month and will be sited in the Village Hall premises near the existing bins. We have begun to advertise it and will continue to monitor its usage.
- We are very grateful to the Parish Clerk for her invaluable help in arranging the details of this.

Mayor of Winchester Community Award:

- I was very happy to accept this award at Winchester Guildhall on March 14th on behalf of the Hambledon Greening group. We thank Councillor Malcolm Wallace for his nomination and support.

Greening flyers:

- This month's Hambledonian will include an insert for HGC, advertising upcoming events like the repair café, recycling and the Greening Festival on May 13th. It was felt that a flyer which could be displayed in front windows might give an extra fillip to the campaign and familiarise new residents with our aims.

Greening Campaign initiative:

- The Greening Campaign initiative, mentioned in last month's report, is still ongoing but it has been agreed with Terena that a later date for the first meeting in the village is better, possibly June or July.
- We will be discussing next steps at our meeting later this week and will report back to the PC.

Greening Festival, Saturday May 13th 2-5pm:

- Plans for this exciting event in collaboration with Hambledon Eco-Church are building well with a large range of local organisations coming along to support us including the Woodland Trust, the Sustainability Centre, HIWWT, WinACC and Winchester Food Partnership. We will have some local food producers as well including Hambledon Vineyard, Chalk Stream Trout and Toat's Mylk.
- Advertising for the event is also building within the village and across the county so we hope for a good turnout and of course good weather!

We are grateful as always for the support of the Parish Council.

Dr Penny Mahon (secretary of HGC)