



DRAFT MINUTES

Hambleton Annual Parish Meeting

31 May 2018, 7.30pm

Village Hall - Hambleton

PRESENT:

Cllr Quinn OBE
 Cllr Mason
 Cllr Wigley
 Cllr Thornton
 Cllr Wood
 Plus circa 78 parishioners

In attendance:

Mrs Joanna Tester (Parish Council Clerk)
 PCSO Owen Reeves
 Cllr Frank Pearson (WCC)
 Cllr Roger Huxstep (HCC)

Meeting started at 7.30pm

	Item	Discussion and Decision	Action
1	Chair's Welcome & Introduction	Cllr Quinn welcomed Villagers, advised that the format would follow the pre-issued agenda, and introduced the HPC councillors present.	
2	Chair's Review of the Year & Questions from the Public	<p><u>Review</u></p> <p>1. <u>Big Pipe</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Pipe work finally completed – mainly quality assurance of pump points and addressing some 'ponding' issues. Also, the unsatisfactory skimming of the footways with covering of some pump points & fouling of many access points. Cllr Quinn thanked Mr Jan Jarvie for liaising with HCC regarding issues, and landowners for clearing ditches and drains in the autumn. • HPC is keeping an eye on the ditches downstream of The Old Forge Tea Room, the maintenance of which is the responsibility of HCC, who currently consider them sufficiently clear. • Main flood plan has been amended to reflect the Big Pipe changes and has been sent to the appropriate authorities. • Ground water did rise this year, but to just below cellar flooding 	

point.

- Flood damage to the two flint walls on West Street has been reported to HCC which has admitted responsibility and will plan the necessary repairs.

2. Planning

- Cllr Quinn thanked Caroline Dibden for sharing her expertise in this area.
- Main issues as follows:
 - I. Alsoils+ at Windmill Hill – temporary planning extended for another 5 years but with strict limits on HGV movements & machinery operation.
 - II. Mobile mast – site on top of Cams Hill agreed. HPC has been chasing the phone company to find out what their installation programme is, but it appears that there is a national problem of long delays between obtaining permission and installation.
 - III. Vineyard – issues surrounding the Visitors’ Centre and light/noise pollution in the valley. Two HPC members to meet with the Vineyard in July 2018.
 - IV. Caravan abandoned opposite Old Forge Tea Room (bottom of Cams Hill) – eventually removed after notice given.
 - V. Enforcement – two significant current issues. Members of the public should report breaches of planning directly to HCC and not through the Clerk.
 - VI. South Downs National Park – plan has now been submitted for ministerial approval.

3. Good News & Thanks

Cllr Quinn thanked all village groups/organisations, including the following:

- Village Hall Committee – Royal Wedding Event May 2018 (for which the PC shared the underwriting of the hog roast)
- Arts Society
- St Peter & St Paul’s Church (including Soup Lunch organisers), and the Methodist Chapel
- Hambledonian Team
- Hambledon Primary & Pre-Schools
- Hambledon Hilly Team
- Horticultural Society (especially the lovely Green Man beds)
- Big Breakfast Organisers
- David Warren – for organising the Spring Clean-Up event
- Tony Coates – HMS Hambledon Badge
- Walking Group
- Neighbourhood Watch
- WI
- Lunch Club
- Communicare bus
- Tennis coaching & outreach
- Folk Club
- Cllr Wigley for organising the defib/first aid training

		<p>4. <u>Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping momentum on village improvements • Dog mess in some places • HGV traffic through the village • Safety of outlying properties (CCTV; lights; lock-up) • Speed of traffic – unfortunately there is little that the PC can do, unless people volunteer for Speedwatch duties <p><u>And Finally...</u> Cllr Quinn thanked the following people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk to the PC • Cllr Wigley for organising the refreshments for the evening • Melissa Thistlethwayte who has stood down as a parish councillor after six years • The remaining parish councillors for giving their time selflessly for the good of the community <p><u>Public Questions</u> There were no public questions.</p>	
3	Lengthsman Scheme	<p>Cllr Quinn explained that the PC has a part of a scheme whereby Lengthsman workers visit the Village on five days per year to carry out maintenance work on communal areas. Acceptable jobs range from cleaning signs, litter picking and ditch maintenance, to cutting back vegetation overhanging footways and cleaning the bus shelter. The four remaining days for this 2018/19 year are w/c 23/07/18, 24/09/18, 26/11/18, and 04/03/19.</p> <p>Cllr Quinn reiterated that the PC would welcome suggestions from Villagers for jobs to be carried out by the Lengthsmen. These should be e-mailed to the Clerk (clerkhambledon@gmail.com).</p>	
4	Report from the Police	<p>PCSO Owen Reeves delivered a report from Sgt Stuart Gilmour. The full report is available on the PC website.</p> <p>There were no public questions.</p>	
5	Report from WCC Councillors	<p>Cllr Frank Pearson delivered a report on behalf of WCC. Full report on PC website.</p>	
6	Report from HCC Councillors	<p>Cllr Roger Huxstep delivered a report on behalf of HCC. Full report on PC website.</p>	
7	Draft Summary Accounts 2017/18	<p>Cllr Higham briefed Villagers on the draft summary accounts for y/e 31 March 2018. There were no public questions.</p>	
8	Report from Village Improvement Project Working Group	<p>Cllr Thornton delivered a report on behalf of the VIPWG, covering the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New notice board • Finger post signs • Street name signs • Village entrance signs 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planters on East Street • The Gardens <p>The full PowerPoint presentation is available on the PC website.</p> <p>Cllr Thornton answered questions on the Gardens and positioning of some signs</p>	
9	Report from the Tennis Working Group	<p>Cllr Higham delivered a report on behalf of the Tennis WG. Main points covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subscriptions introduced, differing rates for villagers • Arrangements for those on low income • Will remain a sub-group of the PC for now. <p>One question on differential rates for those out of the village.</p>	
10	APM 2018 Format	<p>Cllr Quinn raised the possibility of changing the format of the 2019 APM and widening its scope to include information stands run by Village groups and societies. Cllr Quinn asked for a show of hands in favour of this - results were a majority in favour.</p> <p>Some raised the point that groups would not want to make a presentation and the ‘business’ of the evening shouldn’t be any longer.</p> <p>Cllr Quinn reassured that the idea was for village groups to show off their activities to gain more members. Attendance not compulsory!</p> <p>The majority of feeling was that it was a good idea to give it a go.</p>	
11	Questions from the Public	<p>A summary of questions asked by members of the public, either before or during the meeting, follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile Phone Coverage • APM 2018 Invitations • HCC Maintenance of the Ditch Between The Old Forge Tea Room and Bury Lodge Pumping Station • Protected Wildflower Verges • Pavements on East Street • Dog Mess • Wood Chips at Green Man beds • Car Parking Outside The Peoples’ Market • Blocked Road Drains <p>A full list of questions and answers is available on the PC website.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9pm and was followed by a glass of wine and a chance for villagers to chat to Parish, District and County Councillors and our PCSO (who didn’t drink any wine!).