

Minutes of the meeting of Hambledon Parish Council held on Monday 6 February 2017 at Hambledon Village Hall, West Street, Hambledon, PO7 4RW, commencing at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Thornton, Quinn and Mrs Thistlethwayte. Also present: Cllr Vicki Weston, Cllr Frank Pearson, four members of the public and Mrs Sue Hobbs Locum Clerk.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Birdwood, Higham, Wood and Mrs Wigley for personal reasons. A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of accepting the apologies as received.

RESOLVED: That the apologies for absence received be accepted.

(Power used: Local Government Act 1972 s85)

2. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests were received.

(Power used: Localism Act 2011 and the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulation 2012)

3. TO APPROVE DISPENSATIONS FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

The Locum Clerk advised this item was not required at this meeting.

4. TO RECEIVE CLLR THORNTON'S RESIGNATION AS CHAIR OF HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Thornton tendered his resignation, which was accepted.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Thornton's resignation as Chair of Hambledon Parish Council be accepted.

5. TO ELECT CHAIR OF HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2016 – 2017 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Cllr Mrs Thistlethwayte proposed Cllr Quinn as Chair of Hambledon Parish Council, which was seconded by Cllr Thornton and following a vote in favour of the proposal, Cllr Quinn accepted the nomination. Cllr Quinn asked for support and understanding from fellow Councillors, due to his relative inexperience and demands on his time. Cllr Quinn also asked Councillors to recognise standards of behaviour had fallen and to help restore amicable relationships within the Council.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Quinn be elected as Chair of Hambledon Parish Council for the remainder of the 2016 – 2017 municipal year.

(Power used: Local Government Act 1972 ss15(1) & 34(1))

6. TO RECEIVE CHAIR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Quinn signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, in the presence of the Locum Clerk.

RESOLVED: That the Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office is received.
(Power used: Local Government Act 1972 s83(4) & Local Elections (Declaration of Acceptance of Office Order SI2012/1465)

7. TO RECEIVE RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS FOR NO MORE THAN TEN MINUTES TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of suspending the meeting for no more than ten minutes to allow the members of the public present to speak regarding issues not included on the agenda.

RESOLVED: That Standing Orders be suspended for no more than ten minutes to allow members of the public present to speak regarding issues not included on the agenda.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public spoke about the Village Improvement Plan, which he felt required parish-wide consultation to ascertain the views of those within Hambledon, in addition to proper project and financial management.

Another member of the public wished to highlight the difficulties experienced due to poor broadband speeds in Hambledon and other rural areas. A question was raised whether there was any progress with the rollout of 'Superfast' broadband for Hampshire (and Hambledon in particular), which it was thought largely depended on central government funding priorities. It was suggested that more information may be available from Cllrs Weston and Huxstep.

A further comment was received regarding the reinstatement of hard copy minutes on the parish noticeboards, which Members had resolved at the meeting held on 7 November 2016. The Locum Clerk explained that to overturn a decision made the Council, a resolution had to be made by a Councillor, which was supported by more than half of the membership of the Council and included on a Council meeting agenda for resolution. The alternative method would be to wait six months after the original resolution had been made, for the decision to be referred back to Council to discuss again. Advice had been received from Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) that there was no requirement in law to display hard copy minutes.

TO RECEIVE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Weston spoke about changes to WCC Councillor responsibilities as part of WCC's administration and that the grant in 2017 – 2018 from central government would be reduced, hence there would be a small increase applied to the WCC element of the Band 'D' equivalent for Council Tax. However, there would be increased funding forthcoming from the New Homes Bonus and increases to car parking charges in the city.

WCC will participate in a National Great British Spring Clean event to be held 3 – 5 March 2017 and further information was available on the WC website.

Cllr Weston also spoke about WCC's open market share ownership scheme to help promote home ownership and its acquisition strategy, to buy property which would in turn provide rental income.

Cllr Pearson spoke about the Community Safety Partnership, which has seen six people referred to court, with other cases pending. The WCC Local Plan has been found to be 'sound' by the Planning Inspectorate and the centre of Winchester regeneration project is progressing well, with an event planned to take place 23 – 24 March 2017.

Cllr Pearson commented that a Community Development event would be held in the near future, to focus on speeding and traffic issues for settlements located near the A32 road. Hambledon is a relatively low crime rate area and a good police team works in the district, but there have been instances of burglaries and theft from cars in recent months.

It was also noted that a duty order was being prepared for Stewart's Green. The Chair thanked Cllrs Weston and Pearson for their reports.

QUESTIONS TO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ARISING FROM REPORT

No questions were received.

TO RECEIVE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A report from the County Councillor was not received.

QUESTIONS TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR ARISING FROM REPORT

As a report had not been received, no questions were forthcoming.

TO RECEIVE POLICE/PCSO REPORT (IF AVAILABLE)

A report from the Police/PCSO was not received.

8. TO RECEIVE RESOLUTION TO RESUME STANDING ORDERS

A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of resuming Standing Orders.

RESOLVED: That Standing Orders be resumed.

9. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2017

A comment was received under Public Question Time regarding the display of hard copy minutes on Hambledon Parish Council's notice boards had been omitted. The Locum Clerk advised that the resolutions for item 6 had been inadvertently omitted and should read: 'Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2016, together with the amendments, be accepted as a true record of the meeting (*Power used: Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12 Para 41(1)*)'. In addition, the resolution for item 12 had also not been

included, which should read: ‘Resolved: That the budget for 2017 – 2018 be approved’. A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of approving the minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2017, together with the amendments, as a true record of the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2017, together with the amendments, be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

(Power used: Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12 Para 41(1))

10. TO NOTE THE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY ONE HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCILLOR FOLLOWING THE MEETING HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2017

It was highlighted that one of Hambledon Parish Council’s Members received a malicious and anonymous letter following the meeting held on 9 January 2017, which was reported to the Police. The letter caused a great deal of distress and upset to the Member and Hambledon Parish Council would vigorously pursue and co-operate with the Police in their efforts to investigate further.

11. TO RECEIVE THE PARISH CLERK’S REPORT (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Financial Risk Assessment – it was requested that this item be included in the agenda for the meeting to be held on 6 March 2017.

Flooding – Cllr Thornton was expecting to receive further information regarding this issue in the near future.

12. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Payee	Description	Chq No.	Amount
Mrs S L Hobbs	Locum Clerk Service Dec 2016	300225	£518.17

A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of approving the payment of the account between 10 January 2017 and 6 February 2017 as presented.

RESOLVED: That payment of the accounts as presented between 10 January 2017 and 6 February 2017 be approved.

(Power used: Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12 Section 151)

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(i) SDNP/16/06373/LIS – Court House, East Street, Hambledon, PO7 4RX.

Proposed new internal opening. A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of raising no objection. **No objection.**

(ii) SDNP/16/06261/OUT – St Peter’s Farm, Church Lane, Hambledon, PO7 4RT.

Outline planning consent considering appearance for the erection of one bungalow.

Extensive discussion followed and a proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of objecting to the application, on the following grounds: If WCC (on behalf of the SDNPA) is minded to approve this application, Hambledon Parish Council requests that this application be referred to Committee or to the SDNPA and Members would like to reserve the right to speak if this is the case. This is a quiet countryside location which has been used for grazing

horses; it is not suitable or appropriate for any residential use and this principle has been stated and confirmed by several appeal results over the past few years. The current relevant plan is the Joint Winchester District Local Plan Part 1 - Joint Core Strategy adopted in March 2013 which remains in force until superseded by the emerging SDNP Local Plan. The site has been countryside and grazing over many years, and forms part of the rural buffer between the open countryside of the National Park and the built-up area of Hambledon. The Parish Council believes any building on this site would have a seriously detrimental impact, causing considerable harm to its appearance and rural nature, and clearly at odds with the natural beauty and cultural heritage of the SDNP and is thus contrary to National Park Purposes under Section 62 of the Environment Act 1995.

The site is not within the Development Boundary of Hambledon, and should therefore be treated as open countryside, with its attendant policies such as Policy MTRA4 Development in the Countryside, where it does not fit within any of the permitted categories.

The site is within the Hambledon Conservation Area and is specifically noted as being important to maintain as open and rural in order to preserve the historic setting of Hambledon village. Furthermore the site is nearby to a number of listed buildings, namely the Church (Grade I) and Hapton House Folly and any siting of a building and attendant outbuildings would be detrimental to their setting, contrary to Policies CP19 South Downs National Park and CP20 Heritage and Landscape Character.

The application form states that the application is retrospective and the Parish Council would like to confirm that no dwelling currently exists on the site, although there are a number of poor quality outbuildings, none of which would be suitable for conversion to residential. Previous applications for residential use have been refused, and rejected at appeal, so the principle has clearly been set out by the Planning Inspectorate. **RESOLVED: Object on Policy MTRA4, Policies CP19 South Downs National Park and CP20 Heritage and Landscape Character.**

(iii) SDNP/17/00187/HOUS & SDNP/17/00251/LIS – The Old Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Hambledon, PO7 4RP. Part conversion of roof space to an en suite bathroom and proposed new dormer window. A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of raising no objection. **RESOLVED: No objection.**

(iv) SDNP/17/00048/LIS – Park House, East Street, Hambledon, PO7 4SB. Two roof lights approved under previous permission to be altered to one larger roof light and changes to internal alterations. A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of raising no objection. **RESOLVED: No objection.**

(v) SDNP/17/00201/FUL – Rose Cottage, Speltham Hill, Hambledon, PO7 4SE. Part retrospective replacement of stable building with ancillary storage. Discussion followed regarding a member of the public's view that the application plans and supporting narrative did not correspond with each other. It was thought that the new building measured some two metres higher than the original structure. The location of the building was thought also to be incorrect, due to an oak tree being in situ where the building was proposed to have been positioned. A previous pre-planning application had been made for garaging, which is what the building is currently being used for and also for holiday let properties. A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of raising no objection, but raising concern regarding

the change of use. **RESOLVED: No objection, but concern raised regarding the change of use.**

(vi) **SDNP/17/00054/TCA – Bulpitts Cottage, Green Lane, Hambledon, PO7 4SS.** One beech crown lift to 3.5 metres and 40% thin. A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of raising no objection. **RESOLVED: No objection.**

14. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS REPORT

(i) SDNP/16/0584/TPO – Lithywood Acres, Green Lane, Hambledon, PO7 4SX. Fell to ground level T1 beech, T2 ash and T3 hornbeam. **APPROVED**

(ii) SDNP/17/00054/TCA – Bulpitts Cottage, Green Lane, Hambledon, PO7 4SS. One beech crown lift to 3.5 metres and 40% thin. **NO OBJECTION**

15. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE QUOTATION FROM HCC RE: GREEN MAN PROJECT

Whilst no objections were raised regarding the cost of the works, quoted as being £2152.86, a comment was received that more detailed information would have been desirable. Cllr Thornton agreed to provide the Locum Clerk with a list of queries to be forwarded to HCC and a proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of referring this issue to the meeting to be held on 6 March 2017.

RESOLVED: That further information is sought from HCC and that this issue be referred to the meeting to be held on 6 March 2017.

16. TO RECEIVE REQUEST FROM HOME START MEON VALLEY FOR GRANT OF £600.00 (COPY TO ALL COUNCILLORS 26 JANUARY 2017)

A comment was received that the grants budget for 2016 – 2017 was thought to be overspent and a proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of referring this item to the meeting to be held on 6 March 2017.

RESOLVED: That the request for a grant received from Home Start Meon Valley be referred to the meeting to be held on 6 March 2017.

17. TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE INSTALLATION OF NEW SCHOOL AND CHURCH SIGN

It was noted that the school and the church representatives were in agreement to contribute one third each of the cost of the new sign. Hambledon Parish Council would be able to contribute the remaining one third of the cost, as part of the Village Improvement plan. A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of Hambledon Parish Council placing the order for the sign and contributing one third of the cost.

RESOLVED: That Hambledon Parish Council places the order for the new school and church sign and that the cost is shared equally between the parish council, the school and the church.

(Power used: Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 s72)

**18. TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR HCC COUNCILLOR GRANT
(REFERRED FROM COUNCIL MEETING 9 JANUARY 2017)**

Cllr Thornton had consulted with HCC Cllr Huxstep regarding suitable projects for which to apply for funding. It had been suggested that the provision of three new village signs might be an appropriate project to seek 50% funding contribution, as the total cost would be approximately £4500.00. A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of Hambledon Parish Council making an application for £2000.00 towards the cost of three new village signs.

RESOLVED: That Hambledon Parish Council applies for a HCC Councillor grant of £2000.00 towards the cost of three new village signs.

19. TO DISCUSS FUNDING FOR TENNIS COACHING

A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of referring this item to the next meeting to be held on 6 March 2017.

RESOLVED: That this item be referred to the next meeting to be held on 6 March 2017.

**20. TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE GOVERNANCE OF IMPLEMENTING THE
VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT VISION**

It was highlighted that a costed and prioritised plan should be created, by a group appointed by Hambledon Parish Council, in readiness for the start of the new financial year. A matrix of High, Medium and Low priority items should be created, with the costings refined, to take the plan forward. This item could become a standing item on Hambledon Parish Council's agenda in future. The appointed group could include non-parish councillor members in the future. A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of the group being based on the Highways Group membership, with Cllr Thornton in the Chair.

RESOLVED: That a group based on the Highways Group membership is formed to create a costed and prioritised plan, with Cllr Thornton in the Chair and that the Village Improvement Vision becomes a standing item on Hambledon Parish Council's agenda in future.

21. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND ISSUES (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

- (i) To receive information re: Tesco 'Bags of Help' grant funding (copies to all Councillors 26 January 2017).
- (ii) To receive notice of the East Meon Neighbourhood Development Plan (responses required by 10 March 2017).
- (iii) To receive Winchester District Local Plan (Part 2 Development Management and Site Allocations) Inspector' Report and Adoption.

22. TO RECEIVE RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS FROM CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED 'THAT IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL/SPECIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS ABOUT TO BE TRANSACTED, IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE TEMPORARILY EXCLUDED AND THEY ARE INSTRUCTED TO WITHDRAW'

A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of excluding the public and press from the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the public and press be instructed to withdraw from the meeting.
(Power used: *Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s2*)

23. TO RECEIVE UPDATED INFORMATION RE: RECRUITMENT OF PARISH CLERK

After some discussion, a proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of an approach being made to a person expressing an interest in the role.

RESOLVED: That the Locum Clerk makes an approach to the person who had expressed an interest in the role.

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting was due to take place on Monday 6 March 2017 at Hambledon Village Hall, West Street, Hambledon, PO7 4RW, commencing at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.