



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14th APRIL 2025

Present

Councillors Mr S Hoskins (Chair), Mrs K Saunders (Vice Chair), Mr S Dunn, Mrs K Parker, Mr K Rhatigan, Mr J Woodford and the Clerk, Mr S Marshall.

Cllr Mellor, Cllr Morrow and members of the public were also present.

The meeting started proceedings at 8.23pm following the Annual Parish Meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Sunley, Cllr Bound and belatedly Cllr Conquest

2. Declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of previous meeting for approval

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th March 2025 were approved and signed by the Vice Chair who had chaired the meeting.

4. Matters arising & Outstanding Action Points

Cllr Sunley had previously circulated a collation of the results of the allotments questionnaires which were discussed briefly at the meeting. The results would be advertised and advice sought accordingly from BDBC. *

Cllr Sunley was yet to arrange a trial run of the new ANPR equipment in conjunction with Cllr Parker. Cllr Sunley confirmed that he had completed a 'user guide' for the use of the equipment. *

It had been agreed that the Parish Council via its Chair would pursue the prospect of now being able to plan for the resurfacing of the B3051. The Chair had liaised with Cllr Mellor who had submitted a report to Highways management regarding the need for repairs.

Hoskins and Cllr Parker further agreed to discuss the options available to advertise the underutilised use of the Headley Pavilion. *

The Chair's letter to residents would be circulated with the May's edition of the Parish Magazine.

Following discussion, Councillors agreed not to proceed with any remedial works because of mole activity on the Headley recreation ground which included the potential trapping of the moles.

New eco-friendly benches had been installed on the recreation grounds and tree surgery had been completed on the recreation grounds and the Clerk had requested a costing for some replacement saplings to be planted.

Councillors had chosen a logo for the Parish Council to use in a variety of situations including on the new roll on covers for the Ashford Hill Cricket Club.

Mr Paul Harvey, Leader and Chief Executive of Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council and other Cabinet Members would be providing an update on the Council's budget, the Council Plan and other issues at a meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 9th June in Headley Village Hall at 7.00pm.

5. **Highways**

The Chair had reported road signage in need of adjustment in Thornford Road and on the A339.

6. **Planning Applications**

25/00663/HSE – 4 Oakfield Lane, Ashford Hill

- Partial conversion of existing garage

25/00639/FUL/00799/RET – Land at Hockford Lane, Brimpton Common

- Erection of livestock accommodation and store/day room & tool shed
- Erection of replacement timber post & rail fencing / 5 bar gate and hardstanding area

Objection

25/00498/FUL –Cheam School, Newbury Road, Headley

- Closure of existing exit from A339, formation of a two-way vehicular access with visibility splays and widening of existing verge
- Formation of footway on northern side of access road
- Construction of car park with path connection to main school

25/00543/TDC – Land south of Darling Buds of May, Knightsbridge Lane, Headley

- Application for technical details consent for the erection of 8 no. dwellings in accordance with PIP 20/02209/PIP

25/00580/TDC – Land to the north of Catts Farm, Newbury Road, Headley

- Technical Details Consent in accordance with PIP 22/02885/PIP for erection of 1 to 2 no. dwellings

Original objection reiterated

25/00706/FUL – BPS Leisure Ltd, Ashford Hill Road, Headley

- Redevelopment of the existing commercial premises for one new dwelling

25/00708/LBC/00719/HSE – Headley Common Farm, Common Road, Headley

- Demolition of an existing garden hut and replacement with a timber-clad double garage and store

25/00713/FUL – Home Farm Lodge, Newbury Road, Headley

- Construction of replacement dwelling

7. Reports

County Councillor

Cllr Mellor had provided a report at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Borough Councillors

Cllr Morrow had provided a report at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Chair of the Parish Council's report

The Chair reported that Cllr Parker was undertaking a project to purchase playground equipment suitable for children with additional needs which would be part funded from S106 contributions.

The Chair commented on the availability of funding for future playground projects which was the reason to set up a subcommittee, chaired by Cllr Rhatigan.

In addition to the need to advertise the Headley Pavilion facility, the Chair commented on the need for some maintenance work on the Pavilion.

Sponsorship for the Ashford Hill Cricket Club's roll-on pitch covers had been facilitated by the Parish Council with sponsorship having been received from Cllr Mellor, Cllr Bound and the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts.

Parish Councillors

Cllr Dunn confirmed that irrespective of the outcome of the planning permission application for the MUGA on Headley recreation ground, the costs for permanent additional parking to serve users of Headley recreation ground would be sought. Whilst 2 companies had provided a quote for the additional parking, it was proving difficult to find a third company that was willing to quote. *

Cllr Dunn confirmed that there would be a planning meeting at the Borough Council's offices on the 14 May 2025 regarding the Parish Council's planning application for a MUGA and at which representatives of the Parish Council could comment on the application.

Cllr Woodford had previously raised a staffing issue which was to be addressed at a meeting with Cllr Woodford and Cllr Rhatigan. *

Cllr Woodford was dealing with a malfunction on the Speed Indicator Device equipment and urged the meeting to start using the ANPR equipment at the earliest opportunity.

Cllr Woodford suggested an article to the Editor of the Parish Magazine to highlight the recent acts of vandalism in Ashford Hill recreation playground and the fact that such acts would be paid for by residents through their Council Tax.

Cllr Rhatigan had completed an extensive litter pick last month and was disappointed to see that highways had again been littered.

Adding to the Community Shop's report, Cllr Rhatigan expressed his sincere appreciation to the volunteers who worked in the shop and organised events such as the Tuesday afternoon teas and the monthly soup lunches, which generated income for the shop.

Cllr Rhatigan reported to the meeting the renewed interest by Sigma, a housing development company, who had been unsuccessful in their planning application for a new housing development in Ashford Hill.

Cllr Rhatigan commented on how better the Oakfield estate was looking within its grounds and that residents of Lily Wood were starting to move into the new houses.

8. **Recess**

Discussion ensued between members of the public and Parish Councillors regarding a number of minor issues which were be addressed as a result of constructive dialogue and the provision of additional information.

9. **Financial statement**

The Lloyds TSB current account of the Parish Council stood at £561.58

The Lloyds TSB deposit account of the Parish Council stood at £28,359.42

10. **Accounts for approval & payment**

Mr S Marshall – Clerk’s salary April – June 2025 & Expenses - £7280.76 – Paid

Mr J Kirkby – Litter Warden’s salary April – June 2025 - £561.81 – Paid

Mr P Kemp – Litter Warden’s salary April – June 2025 - £859.53 – Paid

HMRC – Employee tax contributions – April – June 2025 - £1417.80

K T Design – Website management fee & Logo design - £450.00

Bramley Business Services – PAYE administration April – June 2025 - £105.00

Gordon Ellis & Co – Design & production of 2 no. public noticeboards - £3730.97

Ashford Hill Cricket Club – donation to cost of roll-on pitch covers - £2500.00

SSE Energy Solutions – Headley Pavilion electricity – Dec’ 2024 – Feb’ 2025 - £443.76

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.11pm.