

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2018

AT HEADLEY VILLAGE HALL

Present

Mr J Woodford (Chairman), Mrs C Hellings (Vice Chairman), Mr S Hiscock, Mr G Stewart, Mr R Tucker, Mrs R Wilson and the Clerk, Mr S Marshall.

Cllrs Mellor and Sherlock and members of the public were also present.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Rhatigan and Lideatt.

2. Declaration of interest

Cllr Hiscock declared an interest in the maintenance of the recreation grounds as the Council's nominated contractor.

3. Minutes of previous meeting for approval

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 December 2017 were approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising

Cllr Stewart* reported that the Lengthman's scheme had overspent by £10.00 and that he would be making an application in March for next year's funding.

Cllr Hellings had concluded that the tenant dispute with Sovereign Housing did not warrant further investigation.

5. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Hellings reported that the Borough Council had accepted the Parish Council's application and the next step was to meet with the Borough Council and it was agreed that Cllr Tucker and Cllr Woodford would attend if at all possible. It was commented upon that 'Natural England' has an interest in local plans and offers useful suggestions regarding improvements that could be undertaken. There was a considerable amount of local expertise regarding natural environment issues and this expertise needed to be used in the Neighbourhood Plan. It was planned to issue the local residents questionnaire once the Borough Council meeting had taken place.

6. Highways

Cllr Wilson reported on the ongoing flooding issue near to the Sascron premises onto the highway in Ashford Hill. Cllr Hiscock* agreed to speak to the landowner opposite the Sascron site to ensure that there were no contributing factors to the flooding problem from that land.

The annual litter pick within the parish was agreed to take place on Sunday 11 March 2018.

Cllr Tucker reported a serious road hole which was causing noise pollution from HGVs using this part of the southbound Ashford Hill Road opposite the property known as Minnesota in Headley.

Cllr Stewart reported that the County Highway's 'Operation Resilience' had been communicating with him regarding drain clearance on the C111 and Thornford Road.

Cllr Hiscock had been in contact with the developers at Plastow Green Farm about the dangers of mud on the roads from the development site. The matter had been resolved the same day by the developer employing a water tanker and road sweeper to resolve the problem.

Cllr Hiscock again raised his concern about the raised iron works opposite Glen Shira on Common Road. He further expressed concern regarding boulders being deliberately placed on the verge side of Thornford Road which was causing damage to vehicle tyres. Cllr Hiscock further reported that hedges belonging to householders had been cut at the end of Common Road.

Cllr Hellings would be expressing to the road contractors working at the end of Ashford Hill Road her dissatisfaction with how they had blocked the pavement.

The Chairman reported that Chapel Lane repairs were planned for later in the month. There may be a need to close the entrance to the southern side as the repairs would be extensive.

7. Planning Applications

Cllr Tucker expressed his concern regarding alleged unauthorised work that had been carried out during the Christmas holidays on the development at the previous Harrow public house. Basingstoke Planning officials had attended the site and would be proposing to the planning applicant that either the wall that had been demolished be rebuilt or the applicant would need to re-apply for new planning permission.

8. Reports

County Councillor

Cllr Mellor reported on further correspondence received in conjunction with the recent 'Broadband' presentation from the County and 'Openreach'.

Cllr Mellor explained the County Council's work on ensuring fairer funding for the allocation of funds for education in the county. The overall county budget was still under strain with a deficit identified in the Social Care budget.

Cllr Mellor explained that a new contractor had been appointed to jet blast blocked drains and this was proving to be successful.

Cllr Mellor spoke about a previous arrangement whereby the County Council established a number of working parties to work with different Parish Councils to identify works needed in the local parishes.

Chairman's report

The Chairman reported that a local teacher's car had been stolen during school opening. Any news relating to the stolen vehicle's whereabouts would be appreciated; a dark blue 'Land Rover Defender' with 'Born Free' signage.

The Chairman was concerned about the loose detritus being blown from the housing development building site at Ashford Hill. The building site was also flooded during the Christmas holidays and residents on the B3051 had expressed their concerns. Rainwater was again seen coming off the site and across the pavement opposite Butler's Garage which had in turn frozen causing hazardous conditions for pedestrians.

The Chairman was still awaiting a copy of the 'Broadband' presentation from the County Council. It had however been noticed by the Chairman that 'Gigaclear' appeared to be installing 'fibre' to Headley for their FTTP service and have plans to offer something to Ashford Hill later this year.

Parish Councillors

Cllr Hellings reported on the problems associated with the recent closure of Ashford Hill Road whereby the refuse collectors were unable to gain access. Cllr Hellings would be making a complaint to the Borough Council.

Cllr Hellings raised the issue of a small sum of money from S106 funding being available for community halls. However, the Chairman of Headley Village Hall Trust was unable to identify what such limited funding could be spent on.

Raising the subject of consultation regarding proposed electoral boundary changes, Cllr Hellings expressed concern that any feedback was due on the date of the February meeting.

Cllr Stewart explained again to the meeting the ‘modular unit’ option for the new changing room facility at Headley recreation ground. The Chairman was asked to provide Cllr Stewart with CIF and LIF details for potential sources of funding for the project. Cllr Stewart confirmed that the majority of funding would be sourced from ‘Sport England’. The Clerk suggested that before the Parish Council could approve the project from a financial perspective, the Sub Committee working party of Headley Parish Councillors would need to present to the Parish Council a feasibility budget in order to receive the Parish Council’s consent to proceed with the funding applications.

Cllr Hiscock reported that he had dealt with 7 fallen trees and 2 broken stiles, one of which was previously not dog friendly.

Cllr Tucker reported the need for a redundant BT public telephone box to be removed from the end of Ashford Hill Road and the Clerk* was asked to deal with the matter. Cllr Tucker further reported that the contractors at The Harrow public house development were parking on the pavement and he would be reporting this safety issue to the Borough’s Planning department.

Clerk to the Council

The Clerk had no issues to report.

9. Recess

A ‘Wine Tasting’ evening was being held on the evening of 3 February 2018 to raise funds for the local Community Shop.

10. Financial Statement

The Lloyds TSB current account of the Parish Council stood at £970.35 in credit.
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11. Accounts for approval and payment

Headley Village Hall – Room hire - £40.00
Poppy Appeal – Wreaths x 3 - £34.00
Mr J Woodford – Solid brass padlock - £3.49

12. Correspondence received

No other correspondence had been received which warranted Councillors’ attention.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.47 pm.