

Notes of Haresfield Parish Council Meeting

Held in the Village Hall on Monday July 25th 2022

Present: Councillors Nicky Ford (vice chair), Ursula Jeakins, Alan White, John Hunt, County councillor Stephen Davis

Clerk: Madeleine King e-mail: haresfieldpc@gmail.com

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Apologies: District councillor Mark Ryder

Public Participation: Jane Triber

County Councillors and District Councillor's Report: Cllr Davis reported that a £200,000 digital innovation fund has been launched to support IT access where needed – community groups can apply. For further information, please email the PC. Additional street charging points for electric vehicles are under discussion. Gloucestershire County Wide Cycling Improvement Plan survey is now online: (<https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagementhq.com/cycling-improvement-plan>)

Road Safety Policy Review is now in the consultation stage. This could open the way for Haresfield to apply for some of the village to become a 20 mph zone.

Leader of DC resigned last week. Leader of Green Party Catherine Braun is now leader of the DC,

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed unanimously as a true record and signed by the Vice Chair.

Co-option of new councillor: Jane Triber was proposed as a councillor by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Hunt. Cllr Triber was welcomed onto the council and is to sign a declaration of office and DPI.

Matters arising:

Village maintenance: Cllr Hunt has volunteered to tidy the bus shelter in Little Haresfield Lane/ Haresfield Court lane, and paint over the graffiti which was recently added alongside the mural.

The plaque has been re-etched and displayed alongside the flagpole. Thanks to Philip Tudor for erecting the plaque and to Phil 'the carpenter' for supplying the new post.

Highways traffic and parking: Following the request made by a resident for white H lines in front of the BT phonebox - which houses the defibrillator. Clerk to submit an application to Highways following liaison with Yakub Muller, Highways manager.

Village Hall: Following a suggestion from councillors, the clerk has been in touch with the Village Hall committee regarding a more formal link with the PC, which the committee

readily agreed to. Dee Gibson and Caroline Segelov; both committee members; are to represent and report regularly to PC about its' work and finances, these to be added to the website to promote the hall and ensure transparency for interested parties.

Village activities: On Weds August 17th an early evening road race will start at the Beacon. Donations of savouries and cakes are welcomed for this event – please drop off at the hall or at The Forge on the day or the evening before. Harvest supper is planned for 22nd October – contact the clerk, Jenny Knight, Fiona Betteridge and Sue Thorpe for details.

Incinerator/CLG: Clerk has attended the recent meeting of the UBB Community Liaison Group for Javelin Park. Notes: The incinerator will be closed for maintenance for a short period in August. Significantly, there is now no land-fill at all in Gloucestershire, Hempstead is now a recycling site only. There was a discussion about whether Particulate Air Monitoring should continue past the initial 3 years. Consultation with the Environment agency and others will be made.

Clerk also represents Haresfield parish on the UBB grant-awarding group which has met regarding applications – 5 applications received so far. The current round of applications is open for submissions and these should be submitted by the end of August. Details of criteria and requirements can be found on the UBB website:

<https://www.ubbgloucestershire.co.uk/the-facility> under the community tab.

Footpaths/bins: Nikki Stoneman is now the official footpaths warden for the village and is undergoing training with the Cotswold Wardens. Funding routes are being considered for work proposed and councillors agreed to pay for materials for stile repair and reinstatement. Clerk is currently obtaining the required number of quotes from contractors for the additional dog bin previously agreed.

IT: Some scam emails have been reported, appearing to be sent from members of the PC. Residents and councillors are warned if you receive one, please ignore and delete these! PC Website – some documents are currently not downloading – clerk to investigate.

Merryfield Trustees: Cllr Hunt agreed to liaise with the trustees on behalf of the PC.

Road closures: The Lane known locally as both Haresfield Court Lane; Little Haresfield Lane and fondly called the 'new road' by some: (referred to in Highways correspondence as the 3/215 Haresfield to Gloucester Road) closure for resurfacing: the required two weeks' notice and advance email notification for residents was not given. Clerk has been given reassurance that contractors are aware of access requirements for people living on the lane, and Cllr Davis said that the road would only be closed in stages, although it is impossible to know in advance exactly what part of the road will be closed at what time. This information can be gained from asking the contractors on the day. Contractors have apologised for any inconvenience and the poor communication.

Planning: Farmhouse Triangle proposals. Clerk has arranged, following a suggestion from a resident, for an exhibition about these proposals to be held for 4-8pm in the Village Hall on

Monday 22 August. A special email to be sent out to the village mailing list to encourage all residents to become informed and a poster to be displayed in the bus stop.

Finance & Clerks Report: Clerk is awaiting completion of the paperwork with the new signatories of members on PC account.

PC discussed the cost of printing copies of the Haresfield Herald for those who do not receive it by email. These copies are currently being provided on a temporary basis by Cllr Ford. Cllr Jeakins to look into possible online printing routes for a cheaper option. It was suggested that due to printing costs, residents could possibly be asked to pay for a printed copy, one of which is always displayed in the bus stop adjacent to the school.

An application is underway by the clerk to the Community Speedwatch Fund for a variable speed-reminder digital sign which can be placed around the village. PC is considering the designated locations for this which are an integral part of the application process.

Insurance is due for renewal and quotes are to be considered at the September meeting.

Any other business:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 26 September 2022, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.