

Minutes of Haresfield Parish Council Meeting

Held in the Village Hall on Monday 30th January 2023

Present: Councillors Nicky Ford, Ursula Jeakins, John Hunt, Alan White, District councillor Mark Ryder

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

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Apologies: Jane Triber

Public Participation: Dee Gibson-Wain

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting and those for Octobers meeting were agreed as true records and signed by the Vice Chair.

County Councillors and District Councillor's Report: Cllr Ryder (DC) reported that the air quality briefing information from SDC and the Environment Agency has been received – Cllr Ryder was impressed by the figures. Trends in particulate emissions are going down from existing monitoring points. Cllr Ryder indicates that more precise monitoring for our area could still be implemented by CLG who is responsible. The feared spikes relating to the incinerator are not in evidence so far.

In Colethrop, a 20m 5G mast has been approved, replacing the previous 4G mast. This was not a matter in which the PC were statutory consultees, meaning that we were notified but did not have the opportunity to object.

One of the new roads in Hunts Grove will be named Humphrey Cook way, in honour of former resident and Parish Council chair. Clerk to let Barbara Cook know of this which the PC has asked for.

DC has not been able to find out from National Highways more about proposal for J12, and what limits might be put on development until the future of the junction is decided – Cllr Ryder has a new contact.

Hunts Grove Triangle planning application was not accepted, for a variety of reasons including environmental concerns.

Symmetry Park planning application – This will go to the DCC, National Highways has asked for a month's delay to assess the impact of the proposed plans. A new appointment has been made to National Highways, specifically for Gloucestershire and Cllr Ryder is to meet them. Cllrs very aware of queuing on the Stonehouse Road going towards the motorway junction.

Matters arising:

Village maintenance: Second dog waste bin still not installed – a new contractor now in place to do this.

Abandoned TV on roadside of Little Haresfield Lane has been reported and collection arranged by the clerk.

The laurel hedge opposite the pub needs trimming and brambles are an issue. If anyone is willing to undertake this trimming and bramble control, please contact the clerk.

It has been noticed that Red Bull cans are being deposited in the corner of the Orchard. These are to be cleared and if anyone knows anything about this antisocial behaviour to contact the clerk.

Highways, traffic and parking:

PCSO Jason Perry has been contacted re parking near school and has agreed to make a visit at school pick-up times.

Concerns have been expressed by several residents about deterioration of road verges throughout the village and persistent flooding on Haresfield Lane corner: clerk to contact Highways Manager Yakub Mulla.

We were unsuccessful in our bid for a mobile Vehicle Activated Speed warning sign. We will apply again in the next round. The stickers '20 is plenty' and 'Check your speed' were provided by GCC as part of this application and there are 20 of the latter still available. It would be ideal to see these on the bins of homes on the roads leading into the village.

Village Hall & Maintenance: Report from Village Hall committee meeting from Dee Gibson-Wain

Cladding and insulation of village hall is to start at Easter. Village Hall might be used to store tools while this is being done.

Proposed to have fire extinguishers checked and possibly replaced.

Outline of village hall accounts were shown and village events have been successful in raising funds.

Lawn mowing rota being redrafted.

Daniel Bevan as part of his Silver D of E award is again going to work on the village hall garden and maintenance of the area around the Millennium stone.

Litter pick day proposed – VH Committee to advertise a date for this community effort.

Defibrillator has been relocated to the side of the VH porch and clerk arranging for an electricity supply to be installed.

CLRs agreed with Cllr Whites suggestion that a sign could be located on the front of the hall. Clerk to order and to register the location on the national database.

Clerk is in correspondence and negotiation with SDC re the installation of road signage along Haresfield Court Lane.

Incinerator / CLG: Clerk attended the CLG meeting on 11/1/23 at which an operational update was given and environmental reports provided by the environment agency. Clerk is investigating and liaising with Hunts Grove regarding some reports of noise from the incinerator being heard in the village at night.

BT box: The defibrillator and book swap have both been removed from the BT box. Clerk is still in correspondence with Payphones regarding the future of the box.

Snow warden /Flood planning & Winter planning: Steve Coates; as snow warden; stores the bags of grit supplied by Highways - ordered by the clerk in the annual winter plan. Thanks to those who went out in the cold snap and spread grit around vulnerable areas – it was very much appreciated by all. Highways were contacted to refill the bins which has now been done and they also provided information regarding effective grit spreading which will be included in the Herald. Clerk has been in touch with SDC about 2023/24 winter planning.

SDC has also sent information about planning for the possibility of flooding in future years and suggested that ideally a flood warden would be appointed for the village. We may have a volunteer, who will liaise with SDC about current and future plans. Information regarding flooding will be put on the website.

Footpaths/ bins: Nikki Stoneman in her capacity as Footpath warden in conjunction with the Cotswold Wardens has reported negotiations with residents and replacement of a stile. Full report will be in the Herald.

Merryfield trustees: With the heavy duty ground stabilising matting approved by CLG grant it is likely a working party will be needed to help install this. The Merryfield Trustees will lead on this.

The Boundary Commission: The revised boundary proposal, including the move of the Hardwicke ward into the North Cotswolds is still included in the revised proposals. A letter to the PC from Siobhan Baillie stated her future support to our area. The report will be publicly published by 1st July 2023.

Planning: Following the Planning Development Control Committee on Tuesday 17 January 2023 regarding S.22/0460/FUL - Full planning permission for residential development (Use Class C3), community hub (Use Class E), local retail and commercial space (Use Class E), allotments, bio-diversity habitat and associated infrastructure and landscape works. Parcel R17 EL, Hunts Grove Phase 4, Hunts Grove Drive; the planning application referred to locally as the Farmhouse Triangle planning was refused.

Correspondence:

- Haresfield Parish Police report received from Gloucestershire Constabulary for the period September to December 2022 showing a marked increase in offences – clerk to request more information about whether residents need be concerned.
- Haresfield residents were invited to a bellringing info session at St Peter’s church: anyone interested in learning how to ring should contact Dan Nelmes.
- PC has been contacted by a company purporting to act on behalf of all parish councils, clerk to report to GAPTC.

Finance & Clerks Report:

2023/24 budget / precept increase of 4% has been approved by councillors and will be submitted to SDC.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) report for 2022 has been submitted to SDC as required and is published on the PC website. PC has received £335.89 from CIL which must be spent in a designated time period. (This is exclusively for use on matters arising from the impact of local developments.) It was suggested that this could be used on the installation of a new stile.

Bank reconciliation to end of November was presented and agreed as correct.

Cheque payments were agreed and authorised by councillors.

Any other business:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 27th February 2023