DRAFT **Minutes of Haresfield Parish Council Meeting**

**Held in the Village Hall on Tuesday** **30th July 2024, 7.30**

**Present:** Councillors Nicky Ford, Ursula Jeakins, John Hunt, Alan White, County councillor Stephen Davis, District councillor

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

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***Appoint Chair:*** Vice chair Nicky Ford took the chair

***Public Participation:*** none

***Apologies:*** District councillor Mark Ryder

***Declaration of Interests /Dispensations:*** none

***County Councillors and District Councillor’s Report:*** Cllr Davis reported***:***

* New Stroud Library is now open in Five Valleys shopping precinct. The old library is open for community use and is holding an open day on 19 August.
* Highways have some additional funding for ‘Find and Fix gangs’ and white-lining. Different pothole mending machinery is being competitively compared, to see which is most effective in the Battle of the Potholes!
* The Fire Service has been inspected and has been found lacking in diversity and equality. However, the service also recently won a national competition for firefighters in Liverpool!
* The Holiday Activity and Food programme is being run again this summer for children who would normally receive benefits-related school meals.
* Family Hubs are running – a new one has opened in Stonehouse.
* Leader of Gloucester County Council Cllr; Mark Hawthorne; has announced he is stepping down. Cllr Davis is a contender for this role.
* Extension for closure of Haresfield Lane has been given for another 12 months to May 2025. Cllr Davis had no prior notification of this, as he would have expected. There is now a wait for the developers, Crest Nicholson, to reschedule works. Cllr Davis will arrange an information meeting for residents about future proposals for the road. When the second access to Hunts Grove is put in place, it is likely to trigger the installation of traffic lights at the roundabout.

***Minutes of the last meeting:*** Not presented

***Matters arising:***

**Village maintenance:** The community payback team are doing a range of jobs for the village on Saturdays throughout the summer.

Japanese Knotweed has been reported and Clerk to look into notifying environment agency and other authorities. Clerk has again contacted Network Rail to ask for the rail gateway to be cleared up and the plastic bags to be removed before they degrade completely.

***Highways, traffic and parking:*** repainting of yellow zigzags on the road adjacent to the school has been requested, as has the clearance of the drain just up from the bottom corner of Beacon Lane. Police survey has been received by Clerk who has conveyed a number of village concerns including heavy traffic through the village and speeding.

***Village Hall & village activities:*** The noticeboard has been ordered; we await delivery. Cllr Ford to meet Mark Heywood regarding future of the Village Hall land lease.

***Incinerator / CLG:*** TheGrant window closes on 31 July this year, with a small window of flexibility for those an application almost ready to submit. If this is you, please notify the clerk ASAP.

**Biodiversity:**

Yellow rattle project is progressing on flag pole corner.

Indurent (previously St Modwen) are not able to facilitate the placing of nesting boxes as all the units are leased by different companies.

UBB have been contacted and are pleased to be involved! Rich Gibbs and Clerk to meet them to plan how to take this forward.

International Plywood, at the clerks’ request, are happy to donate plywood offcuts for nesting boxes and have also offered to have nesting boxes on their site.

A sign explaining the Yellow Rattle project was suggested, and a possible future village biodiversity trail.

**Footpaths/ bins:**

Merryfield footpath has been completed.

Dog waste bin near the railway crossing (bin no. 3058) was emptied after many delays and requests, and should now be on the regular collection route of the waste management team.

**Merryfield Trustees**:

Footpath sign has been ordered and is to be installed by The Cotswold Volunteers.

Sri Lankan fete – better organisation of parking has been requested, so that village residents are not inconvenienced. Clerk to send feedback to Astie Bolton, cricket club.

***Road closures:***

* Haresfield Lane, A38 Access and Section 106 Obligations. Covered in Cllr Davies report.
* Temporary Road Closure - C215 Colethrop Lane - Haresfield - Stroud - 05/08/2024 until 10/08/2024 Ref/82124
* TTRO 4244   Colethrop Lane, Haresfield, closed from 0930 08/10/2024 to 1530 08/10/2024 to allow for pole testing and tree cutting works by BT.
* Danns overbridge, closed 10pm-6am from 5-9 Aug by Balfour Beatty.

***Planning:***

1. Councillors objected to planning application S.24/1089/P3Q Location: Pool Farm, Haresfield, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. Application Type: PD - Agri to residential Description: Conversion of agricultural buildings to create three dwellinghouses
2. Councillors raised concerns regarding application no. S.24/1276/REM St Modwen – concern regarding entry from Green Street gate. Also note that the footprint of the proposed new buildings is larger than previously planned.

Cllr Davis agreed to examine the St Modwen extension plan – to ensure Highways have looked carefully at the proposed use of the old gate to the site on Haresfield Lane.

1. No objection was raised re Application Number: S.24/1036/LBC Location: 4 The Old Coach House, Haresfield Court, Haresfield, Stonehouse. Application Type: Listed Building Application Description: Replacement of two windows in south elevation.
2. No objection was raised re Application Number: S.24/1358/HHOLD Location: Haresfield House, Haresfield, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. Application Type: Householder Application Description: Erection of an infill extension to rear of property. Resubmission of S.19/0988/HHOLD.

***Correspondence:*** Stroud Area Community Energy Network are looking for suitable sites for renewable energy. Local Resilience Forum Community Resilience On-line Event 11.09.2024, Clerk to ask for a representative to attend on behalf of the PC. Council has been asked to contribute to the Cultural Strategy for Stroud District on behalf of SDC.

***Finance & Clerks Report:***

***Transactions/payments agreed:*** Cheque payments were agreed and authorised by councillors.

Wickes Rope & stakes £129.86 (cheque no. 400811)

U Jeakins Printing £18.91 (cheque no. 400812)

M King Salary £1528.92 (cheque no. 400813)

GAPTC annual subs £84.65 (cheque no. 400814)

HMRC PAYE £81.00 (cheque no. 400815)

**Any other business:** There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday September 24th 2024**