The **May**  **Monthly Meeting** of the **Hawthorn Parish Council** was held in the **Community Centre** following the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on **May 21st 2018**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

Cllr. Alan Askew (Chairman)

Cllr. George Vest (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs Darren Ellis, Norman Hughes, Maxine Smith, Sheila Irving

DCC Cllr. Angela Surtees

**Officer**: Lesley Swinbank (Parish Clerk)

# Apologies

Cllr. Diane Hughes

# Declarations of Interest

None

# Minutes:

## RESOLVED

## To approve the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held Monday April 16th 2018

# Matters of Information

## Chairman’s Award

On agenda

## Ditch – east of Stockton Road

Request has been made to DCC for price to clean on ad hoc basis and a price has been received.

DCC Cllr. Angela Surtees to look into DCC cleaning this area as part of their overall highway duties.

# Reports

## Police

The Chairman welcomed Sgt Terry Hill who proceeded to give the report.

Sgt Hill apologised for not attending over recent months but stressed that Councillors and the public should contact him if and when queries are raised.

He gave details of recent incidents in Hawthorn over the past 3 months which included one burglary.

Sgt Hill also mentioned problems of speeding on Stockton Road, cars being parked on the footpaths and said he would look into the ongoing problem of the car being parked at Hillcrest.

Sgt Hill said he would forward information re crime prevention etc. to the clerk for inclusion in the Community Round Up.

Sgt Hill was thanked for attending the meeting.

## Co. Cllr.

The Chairman welcomed DCC Cllr Angela Surtees who proceeded to give her report including:-

1. Flooding issues
2. Water leak outside property toward the water works.

## Community Centre

The Chairman gave brief details.

## Any other reports

Smaller Council meeting : Thursday 24th May

The Chairman to attend.

# Public Participation

The Chairman closed the meeting whilst the public were invited to give their views and comments.

1. State of footpath from Stockton Road at the north entrance to the village
2. Lack of school and other facilities if the application for the Garden Village is approved.
3. Awaiting the outcome of the Quarry application.
4. Concern over holding pre-application meetings with developers.

The meeting was then re-opened.

# Correspondence / emails

## CDALC AGM : Saturday 20th October

Information re the above had been received from Steve Ragg.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information**

# Financial:

## RESOLVED

To approve the following.(Using the General Power of Competence)

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| 100929 | 12/04/2018 | Amazon | Printer toner | £24.76 | £24.76 | £2.50 |
| 100930 | 16/04/2018 | Amazon | Sunflower seeds | £17.97 | £17.97 |  |
| 100931 | 16/04/2018 | Gordon Fletcher | Internal Audit | £100.00 | £100.00 |  |
| 100932 | 16/04/2018 | Came and Co | Insurance | £443.94 | £443.94 |  |
| 100933 | 16/04/2018 | Mutts Butts | Poo bags | £130.48 | £130.48 | £21.75 |
| 100934 | 16/04/2018 | Dusk til Dawn | Deposit entertainment | £75.00 | £75.00 |  |
| 100935 | 16/04/2018 | dawn til Dusk | Big lunch | £175.00 | £175.00 |  |
| 100936 | 16/04/2018 | ICO | Register | £30.00 | £30.00 |  |

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| **Opening Balances** |  | **£17,988.68** |
| **Business** | £9,109.99 |  |
| **Current** | £8,878.69 |  |
| **Receipts To date**  |  | **£8,635.00** |
| **Payments to date** |  | £1,350.19 |
| **Closing balances** |  | **£25,273.49** |
| Business | £17,391.95 |  |
| Current | £8,878.69 |  |
| Total | £26,270.64 |  |
| Less u/p to date | £997.15 | **£25,273.49** |

# The Chairman’s Award

The Clerk had drafted and circulated a draft protocol.

**RESOLVED**

1. **To create a new Chairman’s Award for a person(s) who has demonstrated outstanding effort / work in improving and making a significant difference in the community**
2. **To invite nominations between December and February**
3. **To make the award at the Annual Parish Meeting in March.**

# Training: Information and reports

None received.

# Current Planning Applications:

## Garden Village

Members considered the planning application.

**RESOLVED**

1. **To object to the application on the following grounds:-**
2. **The proposed development is within the historic parish of Hawthorn. It is not in keeping with the existing village and will dwarf the local community.**
3. **The development is on a prime greenfield site.**
4. **The development will put strain on the existing local highways.**
5. **The development will place further strains and pressures on already stretched services.**
6. **The development will have a detrimental visual impact on Hawthorn and Hawthorn Dene which is an area of special scientific interest.**
7. **It is felt that this is over-development of this area.**

## Other applications re DCC Lists

 None

# Areas of Responsibility

The Clerk had circulated a report re the Clerk’s hours which are considerably more than the 4 hrs / week which are contracted. The Clerk stressed that she did not wish her hours to be increased but suggested individual Councillor could take on more responsibilities particularly in respect of the community events.

**RESOLVED**

**Councillors to take over various responsibilities which were agreed in respect of preparations and arrangements for the various community events.**

# Events / Information

## Dene Walk

This was cancelled on the morning due to lack of support.

**RESOLVED**

**To look at arranging a further walk later in the year.**

## Big Lunch / Flowerpot Festival / Photograph Exhibition/ Open Garden Walk

The Clerk had circulated details. She expressed concern that she had only received confirmation that 2 gardens will be open.

**RESOLVED**

**Members to encourage more participation.**

## Sunflower Competition

The seeds have now been circulated.

Judging to be the first Saturday in September.

## Christmas Events

**RESOLVED**

1. **To hold this on Saturday 8th December**
2. **To invite Graeme Morris MP to switch on the lights.**

# Community Plant Scheme

The Clerk had circulated information re self-watering planters and new seating.

**RESOLVED**

1. **To look into purchasing 8 new planters – 2 at each noticeboard, 2 north entrance, 2 south entrance**
2. **To purchase 2 new seats – one at north entrance and one for village green**

# Date of the next meeting:

## June Monthly Meeting : 7pm : Monday June 18th 2018

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.