

**The July Monthly Meeting of the Hawthorn Parish Council was held at 7pm on  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 in the Community Centre.**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

Cllr George Vest (Chairman)

Cllrs Alan Askew, Diane Hughes, Sheila Wilson, Carolyn Winter, Sheila Irving, Maxine Smith

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

**Residents**

None

**1 Notice of Meeting**

Public Notice of the Meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12 paragraph 10(2) of the LGA 1972

**2 Apologies**

None

**3 Declarations of Interest**

Items 6.4 Rospa Report and 11 Play Area : Cllr. Maxine Smith

**4 Minutes:**

**RESOLVED**

**To approve the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held June 21st 2021**

**5 Matters of Information**

**5.1 Speeding : B1432**

Awaiting information from DCC.

**5.2 Neighbourhood Watch**

Information has been included in the Round Up.

**5.3 Dog Sign : Western Park**

Cllr. Sheila Irving reported that the new sign is now in place.

**5.4 Notice Boards**

The Clerk confirmed that the new noticeboards have been ordered and a 50% deposit paid.

It was agreed that the Notice Board which had been situated at the junction of High West Lane and Stockton Rd is too badly damaged to be repaired but could be 're-cycled' and the right leg of the Board has now been used a post for the new Dog Notice at Glencot Grove / Western park. Cllr. Sheila Irving was thanked for this work.

It was also suggested that the noticeboard which is currently on the Green near the Community Centre can be offered to the Community Centre as and when the new Notice Board is installed.

### **5.5 Parking : Coach Road**

It was agreed that Hawthorn Parish Council is not responsible for problems for farm machinery using Coach Road.

### **5.6 Glencot Grove : Damaged Fence**

It was agreed to write to Believe Housing and request they make the necessary repairs to the fence.

## **6 Reports**

### **6.1 Police**

No report was given. The Clerk had circulated information as received from the Police.

Comments were made about the above inadequate report. Although there was no Police Report received yet again, the standard of their Report(s) is very poor and do not reflect some of the incidents which have taken place in the village. It was agreed to press for a more informed report for the next meeting.

### **6.2 DCC**

No report

### **6.3 Community Centre**

Cllr. Sheila Wilson gave the report. The Centre has now re-opened and classes / events have started up again. Information re classes etc to be included in the next Round Up.

### **6.4 Play Area report from ROSPA**

The Rospa report has now been received. The contractor Mr. Ian Smith is carrying out the non-technical recommendations.

#### **RESOLVED**

**To seek advice on contractors who can carry out the technical recommendations.**

## **7 Public Participation**

There were no questions / comments from the public.

Cllr. Sheila Irving reported some issues with overhanging bushes causing obstruction. The Clerk said she would include in the next Round Up.

## **8 Correspondence**

### **8.1 CDALC AGM**

Information had been received and circulated re the CDALC AGM to be held in October.

#### **RESOLVED**

**a To receive the information**

**b The Chairman and Vice Chairman to attend on behalf of the Council**

### **8.2 Queens Jubilee**

Information had been circulated re the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations in 2022.

#### **RESOLVED**

**To receive the information.**

## **9 Code of Conduct**

The revised DCC Code of Conduct had been circulated.

**To adopt the DCC Code of Conduct**

**10 Financial:**

There had been no payments / receipts since the last meeting.

**11 Play area – update**

Cllr Carolyn Winter reported that the two new picnic benches have now been installed and Mr. Ian Smith (contractor) has now carried out the minor repairs / maintenance.

**12 New Noticeboards**

The Clerk had circulated the revised quotation from Signscape which includes 2 Solar Noticeboards and one lectern noticeboard, together with delivery and installation at a total cost of £8,872.

Fifty percent of cost to be paid immediately.

**RESOLVED**

**To affirm the acceptance of the quote and proposed payment.**

**13 Flooding : Mr. Brian Weatherall**

Information had been received from Mr. Weatherall regarding progress with the flooding issue at the north end of the village. DCCO ecologists have produced a concept design which they believe would have no impact on any protected habitat, it would involve creating a series of pools or basins alongside the watercourse.

Mr. Weatherall confirmed he would attend the September meeting.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information**

**14 Training**

The Clerk had circulated details of the Planning Training : Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> October at a cost of £10.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information.**

**15 Current Planning Applications**

**15.1 Application Ref: DM/21/02386/FPA**

Site Address: Westfield Bungalow The Village Hawthorn Seaham SR7 8SG

Proposal: Proposed erection of a dormer bungalow

**RESOLVED**

**No objections**

**16 Events & Information**

**16.1 The Big T**

The Clerk gave a progress report on the arrangements for the Big T which is being held on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July.

This included details of the catering and entertainment, and publicity.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information**

**16.2 Sunflower Competition**

Details have been included in the Round Up.

**17 Date of the next meeting: Monthly Meeting : Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30 pm**