**The February Monthly Meeting of the Hawthorn Parish Council was held remotely using ZOOM on Monday 15h February 2021 at 7pm.**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

Cllr. Alan Askew (Chairman)

Cllr. George Vest (Vice - Chairman)

Cllrs Diane Hughes, Sheila Wilson, Carolyn Winter, Sheila Irving

DCC Cllr Angela Surtees

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

Resident : Mr. Eric Hubbuck

# Notice of Meeting

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

# Apologies:

Cllr Maxine Smith

# Declarations of Interest

None

# Minutes:

**RESOLVED**

**To approve the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held Monday January 18th 2021**

# Matters of Information

## Flooding at north end of village

Mr. Brian Weatherall had attended the January Monthly Meeting regarding the above. Since then works had been continued to the existing drainage system and it was reported that there had been no further flooding in the area.

Mr. Weatherall has been invited back to the May meeting.

# Reports

## Police

No report

## DCC

The Chairman welcomed DCC Cllr Angela Surtees to the meeting.

Cllr Surtees proceeded to give her report.

### Parking causing obstruction around the corner of the village green.

Cllr Surtees had spoken / liaised with the highways team and are proposing to paint white advisory lines around the corner where the Stapylton Arms is. These will not be enforceable – but hoping that they will deter parking and obstructions.

### B1432

Cllr. Surtees reported that she had been in touch with the Police and highway officers requesting a meeting re the B1432 and reducing the speed limit on the road near hawthorn and also towards Easington Village.

### Elections

Purdah begins on 25th March and postal votes still available for the elections on May 7th

### Chain east of 3 Glencot Grove

It was pointed out that the above is In need of repair

### Wheel House : Concerns about removal of wall and conifer trees

This was brought forward from item 7.

Cllr Surtees said she had been contacted re works currently being undertaken at the above – including the removal of the existing wall and trees. It was pointed out that this lies within the conservation area – and the Clerk informed members that she had reported such to the enforcement officer at DCC.

Cllr Carolyn Winter reported that she had spoken to the new residents who are aware of the issues and have said they will be replacing the wall.

It was agreed to await a response and comments from DCC.

## Community Centre

Cllr. Sheila Wilson gave the report.

The centre is still closed. There has been a problem with a water leak in the roof which is being addressed.

## Any other reports

None

# Public Participation

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Eric Hubbuck to the meeting. Mr. Hubbuck confirmed that he was happy to be named in the minutes.

Mr. Hubbuck reported that there is an area of shrubbery at the end of Western Park which appears to have an issue of dropped poo bags. There is a litter bin nearby and he asked if the Parish Council can place a sign on the fence running along the eastern side of the path.

Mr. Hubbuck also indicated an interest in standing at the next local council elections in May.

Mr. Hubbuck was thanked for attending the meeting.

# 9 Correspondence

## NHS Frontline Day

Information on the above had been received.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information.**

# Financial

## To endorse the monies to be paid by the Clerk since the last meeting / Bank reconciliation:

There had been no payments / income.

## Information from DCC re LCST contribution

The Clerk said she had circulated information re DCC retaining the LCTS grant for the forthcoming year due to costs etc associated with the pandemic. This amounts to £272 for Hawthorn – and can be met by savings made through the year due to the cancellation of events etc.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information and take no action.**

## New sign at Western Park

## Members discussed the suggestion of Mt. Hubbuck earlier in the meeting.

## RESOLVED

## The Council to provide a new sign for dog poo bags reminding people there is a bin nearby.

**Cllr. Sheila Irving to contact AI Engraving.**

* 1. **Ask DCC to prune back the shrubbery there to deter people leaving poo bags there.**

# Current Planning Applications

## Single story Extension : Gloucester Cottage, Cold Hesledon

**RESOLVED**

**No objections**

# Village Green Registration

Cllr. Sheila Irving informed members that she had made further enquiries about the Village Green and had been reliably told by an ex Parish Councillor that the Village Green was given to Hawthorn Parish Council by a member of the Pemberton family.  The handing over of the Village Green was made in writing and was supposedly in the cupboard in the Community Centre.  However she had been unable to find the letter.

Cllr. Irving pointed out that the Parish Council have looked after and maintained the land for more than 15 years could possibly claim a Possessory Title,

**RESOLVED**

**To begin the process of registering the land.**

# Norman Hughes Award

**RESOLVED**

1. **It was agreed that Mr. Newby’s name be added to the existing Honours Board.**
2. **Not to make the award for 2020 due to the pandemic and begin the process again in November.**

# Events & Information for 2021

## Big Lunch

**RESOLVED**

**To cancel for 2021**

# Date of the next meeting:

The Clerk informed members that to date the government are not extending the legislation to allow remote meetings beyond May 7th. As a result there is some doubt re the Annual Parish Meeting.

**RESOLVED**

1. **To discuss the Annual Meeting of the Parish and the Annual Meeting of the Council at the March meeting.**

## The March Monthly Meeting will be held remotely by Zoom on Monday 15th March 2021

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20pm