

**The June Monthly Meeting of the Hawthorn Parish Council was held at 7pm on
Monday 21st June 2021 in the Community Centre.**

MINUTES

Present

Cllr George Vest (Chairman)

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

DCC Cllr. Angela Surtees

Officer: Lesley Swinbank (Parish Clerk)

Residents

Mr. E. Hubbuck, Mr. G. Thompson

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

Cllr. Diane Hughes.

DCC Cllr. Angela Surtees

3 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Maxine Smith Item 11 : Play Area

Cllr. Carolyn Winter Item 8.1 Cherry Tree Request

4 Minutes:

To approve the Minutes of the

a Annual Meeting held May 17th 2021

b Monthly Meeting held May 17th 2021

5 Matters of Information

All items with any progress / decisions to be made are included on the agenda.

6 Reports

6.1 Police

The Police report had been forwarded to the Clerk who had circulated it.

Concerns were expressed that recent incidents including setting fire to a car had not been itemized.

RESOLVED

a To express these concerns to the Police.

b To invite residents to become involved in the new Neighbourhood Watch Scheme via the Community Round Up and Noticeboard.

6.2 DCC

Cllr Angela Surtees had forwarded her report. This included:-

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- a The pipe raised by Mr Hubbuck at the last meeting has been inspected and identified as a field drain as suspected.
Mr. Hubbuck said he had been in touch with the Environment Agency.
This will also be raised with Mr. Brian Weatherall (DCC) who is attending the July meeting to give a progress report on the flooding situation at the north end of the village.
- b Still trying to get the relevant officers together for a site visit regarding B1432.
A copy letter from the MP to Mr. Keith Robinson was circulated. This confirmed the situation re the speed etc on the B1432.
- c Still exploring options for parking down the Quarry/Coach Road.
Members suggested that new sign be installed on the highway verge warning that farm machinery need to use the road for access to fields and could result in some damage to parked cars which are obstructing the way through.

In addition various issues were raised to be forwarded to Cllr. Surtees including:-

- a The height of the grass on the land opposite Letch Avenue
- b The grid box at the top of West Lane has been damaged and needs repair / replacement

6.3 Community Centre

Cllr. Sheila Wilson gave the report. The Centre is now open with limited activities but hoping to be back to normal after 19th July.

6.4 Village green registration

Information had been circulated.

The Clerk asked for any photos / evidence that the Green has been used for recreational purpose as evidence for the application.

7 Public Participation

The Chairman, Cllr. George Vest invited the public to give their views and comments.

These included:-

a New Bin at the Dene

Mr. Eric Hubbuck thanked the Parish Council for installing the new bin which appears to be solving the recent problems there.

b Discharging pipe

Mr. Eric Hubbuck asked if there had been any progress re the above.

DCC have now inspected the pipe and identified it as a field drain

8 Correspondence

8.1 Request for a Cherry Tree on the Green Outside Wheel House

A request has been received from the owners of Wheel House to plant a cherry tree on the verge outside their house.

RESOLVED

Members had no objections although it was pointed out that this is not Parish Council land.

8.2 Litter / rubbish from the Service Station

Cllr. Sheila Irving raised this issue on behalf of a local resident.

RESOLVED

To forward to DCC Environmental Health Dept.

8.3 Stream from Service Station – smell of sewage

Cllr. Sheila Irving raised this issue on behalf of a local resident.

RESOLVED

To forward to DCC Environmental Health Dept.

8.4 Vehicles parked on Coach Road

Cllr. Sheila Irving raised this issue on behalf of a local resident.

Members felt this is Highway

RESOLVED

To ask DCC to install a suitable sign which warns drivers that cars maybe damaged by farm machinery using the road to access field etc.

8.5 Laburnhum House

The Council were informed from the owner of the above that they are hoping to use it as a holiday vacation stay.

RESOLVED

To receive the information.

9 Financial:

9.1 RESOLVED

To approve the accounts (using the GPOC) and the Bank reconciliation

101081	06/06/2021	Wel medical	Battery / pads	£309.54
101082	07/06/2021	BHIB	Insurance	£413.76

Business	£10,749.03	
Current	£11,793.86	
Total	£22,542.89	
Less u/p to date		£22,542.89
Receipts To date		£8,778.97
Payments to date		£1,061.12
Closing balances		£30,260.74
Business	£19,937.04	
Current	£11,047.00	
Total	£30,984.04	
Less u/p to date	£723.30	£30,260.74

9.2 Donation request Community Centre

RESOLVED

To defer until the cost of the recent elections is known.

9.3 Dog poo bags -review

The results of the on-line survey to provide free dog poo bags was that both options received 50% of the votes.

RESOLVED

To defer discussion on this until the cost of the recent elections is known

9.4 New Insurance company

The Clerk reported that she had found the new insurance co BHIB who are now insuring the council for about 2/3 of the amount quoted by Came and Co.

RESOLVED

To receive the information and to thank the Clerk for her work in this.

10 Speedwatch – Information

The Clerk had circulated information.

RESOLVED

To defer until after the site meeting is held with DCC and the Police.

11 Play area

Cllr. Maxine Smith declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

The Chairman reported that the two picnic benches in the play area are not in good repair and should possibly be removed. Members agreed that it is essential they be removed immediately.

RESOLVED

To ask the contractor to remove the two benches immediately and to replace with two new ones. Cllr. Carolyn Winter to liaise with the supplier on this.

12 New Noticeboards

The Clerk had circulated the revised information and quotation from Streetscape which had been deferred from last year due to covid.

RESOLVED

a To go ahead and purchase two new solar powered noticeboards

b To purchase an additional lectern which can display information such as appertaining to the Dene etc. This to be sited on the village green.

c These to be installed by the supplier.

13 Flooding : Information from Mr. Brian Weatherall (DCC)

Mr. Weatherall reported that the ecologists visited the area last week and suggested some possible solutions.

Mr. Weatherall is attending the next Parish Council meeting in July.

RESOLVED

To receive the information.

14 Parish On-line

The Clerk informed Members that the Council now has 3 years free access to the above as a result of signing up to the new insurance company.

15 Training

Chairmanship training is being held the next evening. Cllr. Diane Hughes has been registered to attend.

16 Current Planning Applications

16.1 7 High West Lane Hawthorn Seaham SR7 8RY

Ref. No: DM/21/01740/FPA | Received: Thu 13 May 2021 | Validated: Thu 13 May 2021

RESOLVED

No objections

16.2 Prior notification for erection of agricultural barn for storage of machinery and equipment

Rentareindeer Ltd Stockton Road Cold Hesledon SR7 8RW

Ref. No: DM/21/01756/PNA | Received: Mon 10 May 2021 | Validated: Wed 19 May 2021

RESOLVED

No objections

17 Events & Information

17.1 Sunflower competition

RESOLVED

Judging to be done as in 2020 – via photograph and height etc to be forwarded to the Clerk or Councillor.

Judging will be at the September Monthly meeting.

17.2 Celebrate 25 Project

Cllr. Alan Askew informed Members that this now has a deadline of August 31st to spend the monies received via the grant which was successful in 2019.

RESOLVED

To hold an afternoon tea on July 31st on the village green which will be free of charge.

The Clerk to arrange caterer etc and finalize at the July meeting.

18 Date of the next meeting: Monthly Meeting : Monday July 19th 2021

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