

The July Monthly Meeting of the Hawthorn Parish Council was held at 7pm on Monday 18th July 2022 in the Community Centre.

MINUTES

Present

Cllr Diane Hughes (Chairman)
Cllr. Sheila Irving (Vice – Chairman)
Cllrs Sheila Wilson, Carolyn Winter, Gary Thompson

Officer: Lesley Swinbank (Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public: 2

1 Notice of Meeting

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

2 Apologies: To receive apologies

Cllrs. Alan Askew, Maxine Smith
DCC Cllr. Angela Surtees

3 Declarations of Interest

None

**4 Minutes:
RESOLVED**

To approve the Minutes of the June Monthly Meeting held Monday June 20th, 2022, with the following changes: -

- a) **To add Cllr. Gary Thompson to the list of those present.**
- b) **To change Cllr. Sheila Irving to Cllr. Carolyn Winter re organising the Art Exhibition re Jubilee Celebrations**
- c) **To add Mr. Martin Blenkinsop as First Aider re Jubilee Celebrations.**

5 Matters of Information: As per attached information sheet

- a) The Clerk confirmed that the Quality Council Quality Gold Application has now been submitted.
- b) Unfortunately, the recent application to Awards4All has not been successful.
- c) The fence adjacent to the path on the green to the Rectory has now been removed.

6 Reports

6.1 Police

No report has been received.

Cllr. Sheila Wilson informed members of a recent incident in the village at St. Michael's Rise – which had involved the Police – and she understood one person had been arrested.

6.2 DCC

- a) DCC Cllr had forwarded information re the removal of drain covers over the area – and confirmed DCC will replace all with recyclable plastic covers.
- b) Concerns were raised that the proposed speed markings and signage are not as yet in place.

6.3 Community Centre

Cllr. Sheila Wilson gave the report.

This included: -

- a) The two new benches are now in place in the grounds of the Centre
- b) The Trail Outlaws event is taking place in August. The Clerk confirmed that she had not received any information.
- c) The AGM is in September – information is to be forwarded to the Clerk.

6.4 ROSPA / DCC Play Inspection Reports

Information had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To receive the information.

6.5 Small Council Forum

The Chairman, Cllr. Diane Hughes had circulated her report.

RESOLVED

To receive the report

6.6 Any other reports

None

7 Public Participation

The Chairman welcomed members of the public.

Issues raised: -

7.1 Veterans Seat

Comments were expressed that whilst a new veteran's seat (as suggested at the last meeting) is a good idea - the location on the village green would cause some concerns.

The Chairman said that this is an item for discussion and the members of the public are welcome to stay and listen to the views of members.

8 Correspondence

8.1 Play area - Fence

The Clerk informed members that she had been made aware of concern that children are climbing through a hole in the play area fence to retrieve footballs etc from the adjacent field. This is private property and has horses grazing and an electric fence.

The Clerk said she had asked the contractor to fix the fence and had produced 2 warning notices which Cllr. Sheila Wilson had laminated and attached to the fence. A warning will also be included in the next Round Up.

RESOLVED

- a) **To affirm the actions of the Clerk**
- b) **To investigate the costs of replacing the fence**

9 Financial:

9.1 RESOLVED

To endorse the monies paid by the Clerk since the last meeting / Bank reconciliation

101133	18/06/2022	Community Centre	Jubilee Donation	£250.00	
101134	18/06/2022	C Winter	Plants	£19.80	£19.80
101135	18/06/2022	rospa	Play area Inspection	£113.40	£113.40

It was agreed to discuss the purchase of bulbs at the next meeting.

Hawthorn Parish Council	2022 / 2023	
Business	£6,048.11	
Current	£3,988.92	
Total	£10,037.03	£10,037.03
Less u/p to date	£0.00	
Receipts To date	£10,479.61	
Payments to date	£1,343.89	
Closing balances		£19,172.75
Business	£7,696.51	
Current	£11,609.44	
Total	£19,305.95	
Less u/p to date	£133.20	£19,172.75

9.2 Quarterly estimates

The Quarterly Estimates had been circulated and were discussed.

The balances are significantly lower than previous years due to the cost of the election and by-election.

The Clerk confirmed that £1500 is now being placed in reserves each year for future elections.

RESOLVED

To approve the estimates.

10 Training

None to date.

11 Policies

11.1 To approve the Noticeboard Policy

The Clerk had circulated the draft policy which was discussed in detail.

RESOLVED

To approve the Noticeboard Policy and review in six months

11.2 To review the Health & Safety Policy

The Health and Safety Policy had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To approve the Policy

12 Current Planning Applications

The current applications / information had been forwarded from DCC. This included two amendments re reserved matter for the Garden Village.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

13 Veteran's Seat

Members discussed the request by Mr. Curran and Mr. Rowe at the June meeting, to provide a Veterans' Seat on the village Green.

Members agreed in principle to a seat / memorial but had reservations about the suggested position on the village green and the costs – particularly considering the council's balances as discussed earlier in the meeting.

RESOLVED

To write to Mr. Curran and include the following points: -

- a) **The Council agree in principle with the provision of a new seat / memorial**
- b) **Suggestions for the siting are the grassed area near the Rectory or the Churchyard**
- c) **The Council now don't have the funds available but would support all fundraising including raising funds at the council' Christmas event.**
- d) **The Council would be happy to meet with Mr. Curran and Mr. Rowe to discuss how to move this forward.**

14 Events & Information

14.1 Armed Forces Day

The Clerk reported that she had received information and photos re the event and will be included in the next Round Up.

14.2 Walking the footpaths

The Clerk reported that information will be included in the August Round Up – and stressing the need for 10 people to sign up if the event is to go ahead

14.3 Christmas Event

This is Saturday 3rd December – the Brass Band and Santa have confirmed attendance

14.4 Big Lunch 2023

Preliminary discussion re next year's event too place. It was suggested this be towards the end of June / beginning of July and include musical entertainment and Magic Mick – similar to the recent Jubilee celebrations.

RESOLVED

To receive the information and discuss in detail in September.

15 Date of the next meeting: Monday 19th September 2022

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.50 pm