

BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 17th July 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Wood Lane, Bramdean

Present: Mr M Morton (Chairman), Mr G Budd, Mrs M Bulloch, Mr A Harding, Mrs K Hawkings, Mrs B Holyome (Vice-Chairman), Mr C McCrystal, Mr R Humby (County Cllr),

Mr L Ruffell (City Cllr), Mrs A Thacker (City Cllr), Mrs R Greenwood (Clerk)

Public Session: Mr G Tindley, Mrs C Young

1. Apologies for absence

George Upex.

2. Disclosure of interests on agenda items

None.

3. Public session

Cllr Ruffell confirmed that all the rubble dumped on Bramdean Common had been removed. Cllr Thacker said WCC would undertake an Environmental Services Consultation prior to contract renewal in October 2019.

Mrs Caroline Young (Hinton Ampner) was invited to speak about traffic nuisance on the A272. Motorcycles regularly disturbed residents in the early hours although some motorcyclists were very responsible and did not intentionally create disturbance. The excessive noise was thought to be due to modified exhausts. The speed camera van was positioned to scan motor vehicles but did not address excessive speed of motorcycles. A mobile speed camera was urgently required to address this anti-social behaviour and the SDNPA should be more pro-active to achieve this.

In reply, Cllr Humby reported on a meeting with the Police, Police & Crime Commissioner and George Hollingbury MP. A pilot scheme for an average speed camera could only be launched with Police support. Positioning was critical as a power supply was needed. Advice would be taken from the New Forest National Park. Speed cameras could not read the front number plates on motorcycles which were side on, not front facing. Mrs Bulloch suggested traffic calming with wooden gates at the village boundaries as at Steep (A272). Traffic nuisance would be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Crime Statistics. April: 1 Theft (The Spinney); 1 Anti-social behaviour (Bramdean Garage).

4. Approval of minutes of Parish Council meeting – 22nd May 2017

The minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters reviewed from minutes of Parish Council meeting – 22nd May 2017

HCC would be requested to dig out the highway ditch up to Maple Cottage before Rob Turner was requested to dig out the section to the left of Maple Cottage closest to the A272. Mrs Bulloch to confirm the address for the Parish Council to write to Mr Turner.

BT had confirmed that the door of the Hinton Hill telephone box would be reinstated; it was hoped to repaint the kiosk during the summer (Clerk to send reminder if works not

completed in July). The outcome of the WCC consultation on the removal of service from BT telephone boxes across Winchester District (including Hinton Hill and Village Hall) was awaited.

6. Recreation Committee

Mrs Hawkings would continue as Chairman. The annual safety inspection report was generally very satisfactory. Mrs Hawkings would meet the owner of Myrtle Cottage, Wood Lane, to discuss removal of a dead section of Leylandii encroaching into the Parish Council's boundary fence. "No Dogs" signage would be displayed on the entrance gate to the Jubilee Recreation Ground. The Police could advise but not legally enforce the ban. As WCC was unlikely to cut back the boundary hedge from Woodlane Close to the sewage treatment works, Adrian Taylor would cut back the inside along the car park edge. The Clerk would write to the landowner to request that the field boundary was cut back.

7. Finance

7.1 Accounts

The Lloyds Bank account was £8593.34 in credit to 30th June 2017 (£8128.46 to date):

Cheques raised since last meeting

452	Playsafety Ltd playground inspection 17/18	96.60
453	Wizbit IS additions to website	90.00
454	R Greenwood 1 pay/expenses 1 April – 30 June	799.42
455	HMRC 1 re R Greenwood 1 April – 30 June	184.60
456	D J Scott battery for mower	60.28

7.2 Audit 2016/17

Seamus McLaughlin would be thanked for carrying out the internal audit (no matters outstanding). External audit began on 10th July.

8. Planning

8.1 Decisions received (circulated)

SDNP/17/01891/HOUS. Badgers Holt, Bramdean. Single rear extension, new pool room and garden room, single storey extension to existing workshop.

PC – Support

SDNP – Approve

8.2 Decisions awaited

SDNP/15/06486/FUL. Matterley Estate, Ovington. Change of use of land from agricultural to temporary mixed agricultural and summer festivals and endurance running events use, including retention of wooden structures within woodland associated with festival use.

PC – Support

SDNP – Delegated Decision

Awaited

Note: Mrs Holyome abstained from the decision-making process in her capacity as a member of SDNPA Planning Committee.

SDNP/17/02199/HOUS. Manor Farm, Bramdean. Demolition of single storey extensions to main house. New ground and first floor extension, renovation of existing outbuildings to form new annexe cottage and double garage.

PC – Support

SDNP - Awaited

Note: Mr Morton declared a personal interest and would abstain from the decision-making process.

8.3 Other matters

SDNP/16/03490/LIS. Manchester House, Bramdean. Permanent retention of temporary access and related gates and fences (created under temporary permission to remove part of boundary wall for plant access (SDNP/15/01419/LIS refers). The time limit for completion was 6 months from the date of permission, 2nd March 2017 (update on progress to be requested from applicant).

Note: Mr McCrystal declared a pecuniary interest and would abstain from the decision-making process regarding the property.

On 19th June, the tenant of 8 Hinton Hill informed the Parish Council that, having spoken to WCC Planning, an application form had been requested to apply for consent for the wooden structure erected in the garden of the property.

Note: Mr Budd declared an interest and would abstain from the decision-making process.

It was hoped that the wooden structure on the front elevation of the adjoining listed property, 7 Hinton Hill, would be moved to a less prominent position (to be kept under review).

9. Flooding Update

Mrs Holyome would confirm if the field side of the drainage pipe under A272 at Hinton crossroads was free from obstruction after the vegetation had been cut back.

Following the floods on 19th May, Ray Gardner (HCC) hoped to have grips cut on Fox Lane. The drain by The Fox would be checked for obstructions; the grips on Wood Lane would also be checked. Cutting out the existing drainage grips and removing a fallen tree blocking the bridleway on the hill above Hunters Cottage had been referred to Rights Of Way (17/7 trees still in situ).

10. Highway Report

Future requests for highways works to Ray Gardner (Assistant Highways Engineer) would be copied to Cllr Humby as Executive Member for Transport.

21228421 Footpath sign by Manor Farmhouse, Church Lane (FP 14) had fallen down. 13/6 Referred to RoW for action.

21284330 Clear footpath, Church Lane to War Memorial to 1 metre width etc resubmitted after resident struck by large mirror of vehicle whilst walking footpath. 26/5. Footpath cleared. Spoil piled up on bank. Not compacted but would be in future. 4/7 Highway ditch dug out. Spoil removed. 17/7 Footpath still not wide enough for wheelchair access; Cllr Humby requested update.

2128872 Reinststate post with warning signs for bend in road and horses & riders left hand side Wood Lane above entrance to Mariners Farm.

21296335 Tarmac missing from around edge of manhole cover opposite Courtneys, Hinton Ampner. 21/6 Passed to contractor for action.

21294054 Clear gravel from bottom of Hinton Hill. 21/6 No defect found.

PROW236704 Consider solution to make less difficult for walkers to negotiate side of entrance to FP9. 17/7 Tenant had improved access.

PROW 911060 Clear nettles and vegetation from FP11 opposite Turnpike Cottage, Hinton Ampner. 17/7 Mrs Holyome to advise Clerk if work had been done.

9/8 RoW requested to mow FP503/504 wider (3' solid gravel path to be reinstated) under HCC Priority Cutting List. 17/7 Path very overgrown.

Problems with HGV access up Broad Lane to Primrose Cottages were reported to HCC on 22nd February after three HGVs had driven off the road and got stuck in the mud of the verge (ditch side) leaving insufficient space for residents to drive past. As one resident was in poor health, access would be a major problem if an emergency vehicle was summoned.

On 16th May, Mark Housby requested the Highways Operation Team to establish ownership of the hedge from the drive to Mead Cottage to The Fox, on land acquired by HCC during WW2 to widen the road. The hedge had possibly not been registered with the Land Registry (definitive answer awaited). 9/6 Hedge inspected, did not need of cutting back. 17/7 Clerk advised footpath was impeded by stinging nettles.

A local farmer has spread dirt/spoil on fields arising from work in the Brockwood area. Ray Gardner (HCC) would inspect the cast iron road sign at Brockwood (near Inwoods School): three fingers appeared to have been cleaned; the remaining one needed cleaning.

The bin outside Hinton Ampner cemetery was finally emptied on 26th June (contractor incurred daily fine for failure to empty). Ian Burt (WCC) would arrange for a replacement 240 litre capacity green bin to be secured into ground and emptied gratis (delivery day to be confirmed) and take up residents concerns over the refuse lorry travelling at high speed down Hinton Hill with the contractor.

The Parish Council welcomed news from George Upex (NT Property Manager) that an extra sign would be installed at the bottom of Hinton Hill to deter cars from speeding back down to the A272 having been denied access to the property. The Parish Council suggested that ideally the sign should be appended to existing signage close to Primrose Lane.

Potholes marked for repair: by Woodland Gate signpost; Tithelands Lane junction with A272; north side A272 between Hinton Ampner crossroads and Hinton Lodge.

The report by Ray Gardner (HCC) following the meeting on 29th June with Mrs Hawkings and Mr Harding to discuss maintenance issues on site was discussed. Mrs Hawkings said the meeting had been very successful, the first of regular quarterly meetings between the Assistant Highway Engineer and up to two parish councillors.

Raimes placed an A board on land by the bus stop opposite Hinton Hill to advertise wine tasting at the vineyard accessed from Primrose Lane. On 6th July, it was reported that the school bus (and presumably the 67 bus) could not draw off the A272. Robert Raimes undertook to move the board to enable buses to draw off the highway as usual.

11. Bramdean Common

25/4 WCC asked to remove several piles of rubble the high hedgerow in front of Rose Cottage and The Cottage; reminded to address the rubble left of track to Breach Plain Cottage. 10/7 Resident advised that builder had removed rubble in front of Rose Cottage and The Cottage.

23/5 WCC advised two vehicles with horses arrived at common (top left) weekend of 20th-21st May.

26/5 Caravan dumped at top of common at beginning of April removed.

4/7 WCC advised that two caravans, horse box, tent and one horse arrived weekend of 1st-2nd July and of further arrivals. Mrs Annabel McLaughlin (Elm Cottage) kindly agreed to report arrivals to Barry Jordan-Davis (HCC Gypsy Liaison Officer) and deputy Nicholas Waite.

17/7 One caravan remained. Thanks were due to Mrs McLaughlin for liaising with HCC and WCC; also to Mrs Maureen Carpenter for information on vehicle movements.

The Parish Council had been advised that the WCC Traveller Development Plan Document consultation, 10th July - 4th September, did not apply to parishes in the SDNPA.

There was no further news on request from Winchester & District Athletic Club (WDAC) to hold their annual cross-country run on the common.

12. Parish Website

Wizbit had posted the WI Scrapbook 1992 and revised text on the Winchester Villages Trust, created a reciprocal link to the Village Hall website, etc (cost £75 +VAT). Wizbit would be asked to advise which new photographs were suitable for uploading and whether any existing images should be deleted; also to forward an estimate for the work.

13. Ownership of land at Hinton Ampner

Mr Morton had attended a site meeting concerning keeping the access clear to All Saints church, with bollards beyond the church gate, and parking for churchgoers next to 1 Church Cottages.

14. Defibrillator

After discussion, it was agreed that installation of a defibrillator should be a community initiative, not funded by the Parish Council. The decision would be reported in "Church & Village" together with the location of the nearest machines. Alresford Rotary would consider supporting good community projects but had taken a decision not to fund public access defibrillators. Cllr Humby would consider match funding from his Devolved Budget. It was noted that the National Trust was considering making a public access machine available on the Hinton Ampner estate.

15. Correspondence to date

On 26th May, Neville Crisp (WCC Traffic Engineer) confirmed that 30 roundels would be painted at either end of the 30 mph limit painted to reinforce the speed limit within the next two months.

16. Reports from Parish Councillors and Clerk

Evidence was submitted to the Hampshire Police & Crime Panel's Rural Crime 2017 Practice Scrutiny.

Revised drafts of the Vision Statement and Welcome Leaflet had been circulated for further comment.

Mrs Bulloch attended the HCC Passenger Transport Forum on 26th June. Bus usage in Hampshire had increased by 20% since 2007. The Bus Services Act aimed for a mixed economy of bus provision. HCC would make proposals which would be advertised for comment. Since March 2017 there had been automatic renewal of concessionary passes used in the last 12 months: holders would have to apply if they had not used their pass in that time. The majority of Stagecoach bus routes were commercially viable (no cuts anticipated). Winchester Bus Station had been bought by WCC; to be refurbished in 6-8 weeks from 10th July (buses would temporarily use The Broadway).

Mrs Bulloch completed the Winchester Rural Community Priorities Survey on behalf of the Parish Council.

17. Items to be considered for the next meeting

Affordable Housing
Defibrillator
Access to Hinton Ampner church
Vision Statement
Welcome Leaflet

18. Date of next meeting

Monday 16th October 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Bramdean.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

MM/RG