

BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 6th November 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Wood Lane, Bramdean
Present: Mr M Morton (Chairman), Mrs M Bulloch, Mrs K Hawkings, Mr A Harding, Mrs B Holyome,
Mr C McCrystal, Cllr L Ruffell (WCC), Mrs R Greenwood (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

Mr Budd (work commitment), Cllr Humby, George Upex

2. Disclosure of interests on agenda items

Mr Morton (Item 8.2)

3. Public session

Cllr Ruffell said that, as a consequence of the Government allocating £2million for new council houses, WCC would increase its stock from 300 to 600 by 2020. Action on fly tipping had resulted in prosecutions: the culprits were fined and one persistent offender was imprisoned for one year.

The Clerk would circulate the latest Crime Statistics.

4. Approval of minutes of Parish Council meeting – 17th July 2017

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

5. Matters reviewed from minutes of Parish Council meeting – 17th July 2017

HCC had been requested to complete digging out the highway ditch up to Maple Cottage. Ray Gardner (HCC) awaited confirmation as to when the contractor would be on site. Rob Turner would be asked to dig out the final section to the left of Maple Cottage once the adjoining section had been cleared.

The Hinton Hill telephone box had been repainted and the door reinstated. The outcome of the WCC consultation on removing service from BT telephone boxes across Winchester District (including Hinton Hill and Village Hall) was awaited.

The decision that installation of a defibrillator should be a community initiative, not funded by the Parish Council, was reported in the September issue of “Church & Village”.

It would be interesting to know whether residents felt that the 30 roundels painted at either end of the 30 mph limit had lessened speeding in Wood Lane.

6. Recreation Committee

The Committee was sorry to learn of the death of Audrey Blake. It was agreed that Mr Morton would write to Adrian Taylor to express appreciation of Mrs Blake’s fundraising, particularly on behalf of the Recreation Ground and the annual Children’s Christmas Party.

Both sides of the hedge from the entrance to the access track to the STP works had been cut back. WCC would be reminded to cut back the hedge bounding the STP works. Following a meeting with Tom Besly, it appeared that the dead wood had been cut and work begun on the vegetation along the Myrtle Cottage boundary. A quantity of cut dead wood hanging over the Recreation Ground boundary needed

removing. Both the Wood Lane and orchard boundaries were overgrown. Branches and vegetation had grown through the chain link fencing and some remedial work was required.

There was no evidence of timber rot or significant splitting on the Agility Trail or Junior Swing. On the Twist, the laminate was beginning to break up at the platform edges and the inner corners of the upright panels. Playdale Playgrounds had been asked to quote to replace the laminate sections. The Playground Inspection Company would carry out the 2018 safety inspection (cost £44.95 VAT exempt).

7. Finance

7.1 Accounts

The Lloyds Bank account was £11,711.46 in credit to 30th September 2017 including WCC Precept £3625.00 (£10,616.37 to date):

Cheques raised since last meeting

456	Honorarium 17/18 A Taylor	220.00
457	D J Scott battery for mower previously listed as 456	60.28
458	Wizbit Internet Services upload photos to website	42.00
459	Information Commissioner sub 17/18	35.00
460	HMRC 2 re R Greenwood 1 July – 30 Sept	184.80
461	R Greenwood 2 pay/expenses 1 July – 30 Sept	875.29

A replacement cheque would be issued to Mr Harding for £45.55 in respect of refreshments for the Annual Parish Meeting (cheque 448 dated 9.5.17 refers).

7.2 Audit 2016/17

External audit by BDH was concluded with no outstanding issues. The external auditor from 2018 would be P K F Littlejohn.

7.3 Budget for 2018/19 onwards

The surplus for 2017/18 could increase by ca £1000 if no expenditure was incurred under Flooding. Under Income for 2019/19, no allowance could be made for possible bi-annual payments from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) until further details were available. The possibility of raising the Precept to £7500 was considered. The budget would be revised for the next meeting.

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

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 - Approve

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

SDNP/17/03372/FUL. The Plantation, Bramdean Common. Change of use from existing grazing paddock to 20m x 40m riding arena.

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/17/03372/FUL. Cobblers, Hinton Ampner. Extension to rear at ground and floor, single garage to side.

PC – Support

SDNP - Awaited

SDNP/17/04172/FUL. Wolfhanger Farm, Bramdean. Construction of two new dwellings.

PC – Support

SDNP – Awaited

SDNP/17/04605/HOUS. Dean Cottage, Bramdean. Raising roof of chalet style property to provide store and half property with side extension; also carriage shed in front garden.

PC – Support

SDNP – Awaited

SDNP/17/05002/HOUS. Sheep Dip, Hinton Ampner. Detached annex for family occupation.

PC – Awaited

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, time limit for completion 6 months from 2/3/17, SDNP/15/01419/LIS refers). Applicant advised delay due to agreeing quotes. 31/8 Chairman decided fence to be retained on safety grounds until wall rebuilt. 6/11 Request update from applicant, deadline 31st December 2017. Contact WCC Enforcement regarding removal of boundary hedge below line of wall in perpetuity to prevent obstruction sight lines. 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 advised that an application form had been requested from WCC to apply for consent for the wooden structure erected in the garden of the property. 6/11 No application had been forthcoming: matter to be taken up with WCC Enforcement.

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

It was thought that the wooden structure on the front elevation of the adjoining listed property, 7 Hinton Hill, had been moved to a less prominent position (confirmation awaited).

The Parish Council supported the proposed diversion of FP 21(details circulated) in the interest of privacy and security for the owners of Elm Cottage, Bramdean Common.

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.

Ray Gardner (HCC) hoped to have grips cut on Fox Lane after the May floods (the Parish Council thought there was no room on the tarmac section) and check the drain by The Fox for obstructions; the grips on Wood Lane had been marked for cutting out. 11/10 Drains cleared from Manchester House to Woodcote Manor and back on the other side at least to Mead Cottage. No news from Rights of Way as to whether existing drainage grips had been dug out above Hunters Cottage and if the bridleway was still blocked by a fallen tree.

It was agreed to provide all Riparian Owners with a copy of the latest HCC Information Sheet.

10. Highway Report

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; 6/11 Consider again at next meeting.

21288772 Reinstate post with warning signs for bend in road and horses & riders left hand side Wood Lane above entrance to Mariners Farm. 21/7 Enquiry resolved.

21296335 Tarmac missing from around edge of manhole cover opposite Courtneys, Hinton Ampner. 28/7 Work completed.

21308163 17/8 Manhole cover for BT outside Maple Cottage, Bramdean, had dropped lower than retaining frame. 5/9 No maintenance work required.

21309237 23/8 Honey fungus and severe crown die-back on copper beech by The Fox. 10/10 Felled. HCC proposed replacement in the 2017 or 2018 winter planting season. The Parish Council was not convinced this was necessary, Mrs Bulloch to speak to Peter Boxall (The Fox) before contacting HCC.

21312075 11/9 Road breaking up outside The Old Cottage, A272, centre Bramdean, causing increased noise nuisance; potholes between central white lines. 12/9 No maintenance work required. 6/11 Still causing noise nuisance, resident to log complaint direct.

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.

Regarding access to Primrose Cottages, Ray Gardner (HCC) said Broad Lane was only 2.8 m wide; road widening was too costly. An “Unsuitable for Large Vehicles” sign could be added to existing signage. The Parish Council felt that this might be ineffective but a “Soft Verge” sign to warn drivers leaving the A272 of the potential danger could encourage them to proceed slowly. The verge should be regularly mowed. HCC should request WCC to remind the refuse contractor of the need to drive with utmost care to avoid being stuck in the mud again.

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.

One finger of the cast iron road sign at Brockwood (near Inwoods School) still needed cleaning.

On 2nd August, the bin outside Hinton Ampner cemetery was replaced with a 240 litre capacity green bin secured into ground. The bin was being emptied regularly. WCC had undertaken to take up residents concerns over the refuse lorry travelling at high speed down Hinton Hill with the contractor.

11/8 Footpath from Primrose Lane to the Old School sided out.

The National Trust had installed a sign adjacent to the existing signage at the bottom of Broad Lane directing vehicles to access the property from The Lodge (A272) and not from the top of Hinton Hill

Potholes marked for repair: by Woodland Gate signpost (Mr Morton to check); Tithelands Lane junction with A272; north side A272 between Hinton Ampner crossroads and Hinton Lodge (repaired). Potholes to be reported: from Mariners Farm, Wood Lane, right hand side, sharp edges had burst tyres on several vehicles because drivers could not avoid potholes when faced with oncoming traffic.

On 20th September, Mrs Hawkings and Mrs Bulloch met Ray Gardner (HCC) to discuss maintenance issues on site (report circulated).

The chevron sign at the bottom of Wood Lane had disappeared. The Clerk would request Neville Crisp (WCC Traffic Engineer) to arrange a replacement.

11. Bramdean Common

A query from a resident as to when the grass would be cut had been referred to WCC. The grass was thought not to have been cut to date in 2017.

12. Parish Website

Wizbit had posted eight new photographs onto the existing slider (cost £35 + VAT) to augment the existing images. The outcome was pleasing and no further alterations were needed at present.

13. Ownership of land at Hinton Ampner

Mr Morton understood the National Trust proposed installing bollards on the drive beyond the church.

14. Traffic nuisance on A272

At the HALC AGM, it was reported that HCC was prepared to consider installing speed gates at village boundaries. Mrs Holyome would forward details for circulation (level of funding to be confirmed).

West Meon Parish Council would convene a Community Action on Noise and Speed (CANS) meeting to discuss matters relating to motorcycle noise and speed on Saturday 18th November at 10.00 am in West Meon Village Hall (advertised in November issue of Church & Village). Mrs Holyome and possibly Mrs Bulloch hoped to attend; also Mrs Caroline Young (Hinton Ampner resident).

15. Parish Lengthsman

Ray Gardner had suggested the Parish Council considered joining the current scheme. On 6th October, Mike Pillans (Assistant Highways Manager East & South) advised that the scheme was fully committed and no decision made on the level of funding for next year. After consideration, it was agreed to join

the waiting list. As the Parish Council had encountered problems with the original pilot scheme, the Clerk would request feedback on the current service from Cheriton Parish Council.

16. Vision Statement

There being no further amendments, the text was adopted until further notice.

17. Welcome Leaflet

There being no further amendments, the text was adopted until further notice. The leaflet would be posted on the website. Anne Newson would receive an electronic copy for the new resident's pack.

18. Correspondence to date

Fly tipping – What is Winchester City Council doing about it?

The Parish Council would provide banking details to receive twice yearly payments from the SDNPA Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from April 2018 (details to be circulated).

19. Reports from Parish Councillors and Clerk

Mrs Bulloch completed the Winchester Rural Community Priorities Survey.

Mrs Bulloch attended the Hampshire Police & Crime Panel meeting on 6th October (report circulated).

The Clerk attended a Reception to mark HALC's 70th Anniversary on 8th October.

Mrs Holyome attended the HALC AGM on 4th November.

Mrs Holyome and Mrs Bulloch would attend the Hampshire Highways Parishes Autumn Workshop on Wednesday 13th December.

20. Items to be considered for the next meeting

Affordable Housing

Access to Hinton Ampner church

21. Date of next meeting

Monday 15th January 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Bramdean.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

MM/RG