

BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 22nd May 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Wood Lane, Bramdean

Present: Mr M Morton (Chairman), Mr G Budd, Mrs K Hawkings, Mrs B Holyome (Vice-Chairman), Mr C McCrystal, Mr L Ruffell (City Cllr), Mrs R Greenwood (Clerk)

1. Election of Chairman

Mr Morton was proposed by Mrs Holyome and seconded by Mr McCrystal and there being no other nomination was duly elected as Chairman.

2. Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman

Mr Morton made his declaration of acceptance of office.

3. Election of Vice-Chairman

Mrs Holyome was proposed by Mr Morton and seconded by Mrs Hawkings and there being no other nomination was duly elected as Vice-Chairman.

4. Apologies for absence

Mrs Bulloch (personal commitment), Mr Harding (work commitment), Cllr Humby & Cllr Thacker (WCC Overview & Scrutiny meeting)

5. Disclosure of interests on agenda items

None except those declared previously.

6. Appointment of Recreation Committee

Mr Budd, Mr Harding, Mrs Hawkings. Mr Morton thanked the committee for its excellent work.

7. Appointment of Parish Council representatives to local organisations

Mrs Holyome: Village Hall Committee, Blake's Educational Charity, Winchester Villages Trust (to 2018); Mrs Flindt, Blake's Educational Charity

8. Public session

It was noted that Cllr Humby was HCC Executive Member for Transport. Following the near miss incident involving a resident on 6th April, Cllr Ruffell would press for the spoil to be removed from the highway verge, The Old Rectory - Church Lane; also for reinstatement of the gravel path onwards to the War Memorial. Cllr Ruffell would also press WCC regarding the rubble dumped on Bramdean Common (see Item 18). WCC had advised Cllr Thacker that the derelict caravan should be gone from Bramdean Common by the weekend (see Item 18).

PS Wood had advised that Winchester District were currently investigating a series of dwelling burglaries. Residents should telephone 101 to report suspicious people or vehicles and ensure properties were secure when unoccupied. Crime Statistics. December: 2 Public order offences (Woodlane Close); January - February: 0; March: 1 Burglary (Petersfield Road, Bramdean), 1 Offence against the person (near The Spinney, Bramdean).

9. Approval of minutes of Parish Council meeting – 16th January 2017

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

10. Matters reviewed from minutes of Parish Council meeting – 16th January 2017

Mr Harding to confirm whether Rob Turner had arranged for the section of the ditch to the left of Maple Cottage closest to the A272 to be dug out.

The top left hand door catch on the Village Hall notice board had been adjusted.

The door to the Hinton Hill telephone box would be reinstated; BT hoped to repaint the kiosk during the summer (send reminder after July meeting if works not completed).

Mr Budd had replaced the missing tile on the roof of the Hinton Ampner bus shelter. The timber at the back of the shelter had been burnt (structure not compromised).

Southern Water's Water Efficiency Project was launched at Cheriton Village Hall on 30th March.

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

The following amendment was agreed to the text of the Child Protection Policy, "... all existing employees/volunteers will be screened by the Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) every 10 years."

11. Approval of minutes of Annual Parish Meeting – 24th April 2017

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

12. Matters reviewed from minutes of Annual Parish Meeting – 24th April 2017

Despite wide publicity, earlier start and finish time, and an excellent talk by John Smith, attendance was disappointing: 25 present (15 in 2016) including 10 residents, 5 visitors (Cheriton, Tichborne, Ropley); also 10 Apologies (6 in 2016). Nil response to the photography competition but "How well do you know Bramdean and Hinton Ampner?" was popular. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 25th April 2018 to avoid clashing with the WI Spring Group Meeting.

13. Recreation Committee

Equestrian Fencing & Timber Ltd, Shirrell Heath, had replaced the main gate and repaired part of the hard court perimeter fence. Concern about a dead section of Leylandii hedge along the Myrtle Cottage section of the Wood Lane boundary at the Recreation Ground (the fence had bulged outwards) would be referred to the individual property owner. The Parish Council accepted the recommendation for a "No Dogs" sign on the entrance gate into the Jubilee Recreation Ground.

14. Finance

14.1 Accounts

The Lloyds Bank account was £7340.98 in credit to 31st March 2017 (£9372.93 to date) including 50% Precept (£3625.00):

Cheques raised since last meeting

436	NATT donation to community minibus 16/17	36.00
437	Citizens Advice donation 16/17	120.00
438	Bramdean Garage top-up fuel account	50.00
439	Equestrian Fencing & Timber Ltd entrance gate to Rec	714.00
440	HMRC 4 re R Greenwood 1 Jan – 31 Mar	184.60
441	R Greenwood 4 pay/expenses 1 Jan – 31 Mar	799.99
442	HALC/NALC fees 17/18	223.00
443	HCC scan WI 1982 scrapbook to CD	93.75
444	JC Smith fee APM talk 24 April	50.00
445	M Bulloch photos for display APM 24 Apr	16.95
446	Came & Co insurance 17/18	455.80
447	HPFA sub 17/18	40.00
448	A Harding drinks APM 24 Apr	45.55
449	Bramdean PCC upkeep of churchyard 17/18	334.00
450	Hinton Ampner PCC upkeep of churchyard 17/18	194.00
451	The Church in The Woods upkeep of churchyard 17/18	140.00

14.2 Audit 2016/17

The Annual Return was approved and signed prior to internal audit by Seamus McLaughlin. The accounts would be available to the public, 5th June – 14th July (external audit to begin on 10th July).

15. Planning

15.1 Decisions received (circulated)

SDNP/16/00784/LIS. Blackhouse Farm, Hinton Ampner. Conversion of redundant farm buildings to ancillary domestic use.

PC - Support

SDNP – Approve

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 the boundary wall for plant access, SDNP/15/01419/LIS refers).

PC – Support amended proposals

SDNP – Approve

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

The time limits for the conditions attached to the above approval would be verified.

SDNP/16/05181/LIS. Hinton Ampner House. Installation of wood-burning stove and flue in tea room and potting shed.

PC – Support

SDNP – Approve

SDNP/16/05914/LIS. Bramdean Manor. Retrospective application seeking planning and listed building consent for erection of railings at Bramdean Manor (SDNP/16/00083/LB refers).

PC – Support

SDNP – Withdrawn (planning consent not required)

Note: Gates were “gold” tipped; park railings matt black throughout as suggested by Parish Council.

SDNP/17/00602/LIS. Tanners Farm, Bramdean. Insertion of chimney in roof of converted stable block.

PC – Support

SDNP – Approve

SDNP/17/01125/LIS. Porch Cottage, Bramdean. Repair to bearing end of a primary floor joist due to wet rot decay.

PC – Support

SDNP – Approve

15.2 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/17/01891/HOUS. Badgers Holt, Bramdean. Single rear extension, new pool room and garden room, single storey extension to existing workshop.

PC – Support

SDNP – Awaited

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.

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

15.3 Other matters

None.

16. Flooding Update

Mrs Holyome to confirm if the field side of the drainage pipe under A272 at Hinton crossroads remained free from obstruction following the storm on 19th May

On 3rd March, Raymond Gardner (HCC) confirmed the drains on the A272 boundary with Manchester House had been checked and were working satisfactorily.

Mrs Hawkings reported that residents removed 30 barrow loads of flints and stones which had flooded down Fox Lane in a torrent during the storm on 19th May. Hunters Cottage narrowly avoided being flooded. The Fox public house was badly affected. HCC would be requested to cut out the existing drainage grips and to remove a fallen tree blocking the bridleway on the hill above Hunters Cottage, to ensure the drain by The Fox was clear of obstructions and to check the grips on Wood Lane.

17. Highway Report

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

21230097 Clear footpath, Church Lane to War Memorial to 1 metre width. Clear spoil from highway verge which had fallen onto the footway making it too narrow for pedestrians from Old Rectory to War Memorial. 20/12 HCC asked to ensure path was cleared and confirm whether legal width was 1 metre clear access. 31/12 HCC agreed to sided out path and remove arisings. 1 metre clear access was minimum contractors permitted to leave when road works in progress. No further work required.

21284330 Clear footpath, Church Lane to War Memorial to 1 metre width etc resubmitted by resident struck by large mirror of vehicle whilst walking along footway. 17/5 Resident advised that works should have been completed by 27/4, revised deadline 26/5.

21251570 Re-plumb/repaint cast iron sign post Tithelands Lane, Woodland Gate. Work completed.

21270709 Replace tarmac around stopcock cover, bottom of Wood Lane. 30/3 Work completed.

21276783 Reinststate road sign in verge at Primrose Lane junction with A272. 15/5 Work completed.

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

PROW236704 Consider solution to make less difficult for walkers to negotiate side of entrance to FP9 (straw bales and wood across wide entrance to stop vehicle access and crop damage).

16/1 Tenant had work in hand to increase the gap to 1 metre width.

PROW 911060 Clear nettles and vegetation from FP11 opposite Turnpike Cottage, Hinton Ampner. Mrs Holyome to check whether path clear.

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

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.

The hedge from the drive to Mead Cottage to The Fox, on land acquired by HCC during WW2 to widen the road, was impeding the footpath and needed cutting back. On 2nd March, Mark Housby (HCC) said the Parish Council should verify current ownership of the hedge with the Land Registry (Parish Council liable for cost). On 16th May, Mr Housby requested the Highways Operation Team to make further enquiries to establish ownership of the hedge.

On 26th April, HCC confirmed Operation Resilience would be asked to remove three loads of dirt/spoil from road sweepers and collect numerous signs following road works in the Brockwood area. On 18th May, a local farmer was given permission to spread dirt/spoil on fields if he so wished. Raymond Gardner (Assistant Highways Engineer) would inspect the cast iron road sign at Brockwood (near Inwoods School): three fingers appeared to have been cleaned; the remaining one needed cleaning (no work had been requested).

On 18th May, Ian Burt (WCC) was asked to ensure that the bin outside Hinton Ampner cemetery was emptied on a regular basis. Residents concerns over the refuse lorry travelling at high speed down Hinton Hill would be reported to WCC.

Mr Budd would clear the gravel which had settled at the bottom of Hinton Hill.

To reduce the number of cars speeding back down to the A272 having been denied access, the National Trust would be requested to consider moving the existing coach access signage to the bottom of Hinton Hill.

Potholes to be reported: by Woodland Gate signpost; at Tithelands Lane junction with A272; northside A272 between Hinton Ampner crossroads and Hinton Lodge.

18. Bramdean Common

WCC could not authorise a demonstration of fire making. It was suggested that the applicant contacted Alresford Scout Group who were permitted built fires adjacent to the Scout Hut.

On 14th February, WCC was provided with photographs showing the extent of the rubble left of the track to Breach Plain Cottage. On 25th April, WCC was asked to remove several piles of rubble from the high hedgerow in front of Rose Cottage and The Cottage. It was understood residents had been advised that WCC had no resources for removal. Cllr Thacker had raised the matter with WCC to discourage an increase in fly tipping,

On 3rd April WCC was asked to remove a caravan which had been dumped at the top of the common. The Police had issued an official removal notice. On 22nd May, Cllr Thacker was advised that the caravan should be removed by the weekend.

Residents were invited to respond to the WCC Consultation on Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations.

A request from Winchester & District Athletic Club (WDAC) to hold their annual cross-country run on the common had been referred to WCC. WDAC would seek the approval of the Parish Council if it made a formal application to WCC. The Clerk had recommended WDAC to advise Bishop's Sutton Parish Council of its plans. The Parish Council would consider nuisance to residents from traffic, numbers of participants, etc, in relation to the proposed route.

WCC would be advised that two vehicles with horses arrived at the common (top left) the weekend of 20th-21st May.

19. Parish Website

The Hampshire Record Office had scanned "The Bramdean and Hinton Ampner WI Scrapbook 1992" (cost £93.75) to CD. Wizbit would be asked to estimate posting the scrapbook, creating a reciprocal link to the Village Hall website, uploading new photographs, etc. Parish Councillors would have an opportunity to view the new the photographs. Mrs Holyome would forward the revised text on the Winchester Villages Trust for the Welcome Leaflet and the website.

20. Ownership of land at Hinton Ampner

On 23rd January, the Parish Council was advised that affidavits had been drawn up for signature by two long standing Hinton Ampner residents; also Hinton Hill and the road was a continuation in a southerly direction. Hinton Hill and the roadway were excluded from the National Trust's deeds. Given the dates of the relevant buildings, it was likely that the title to the land now owned by the NT was carved out of the Church's title, which would make the Church's title the parent title and it would thus have retained all that was not sold on. Mr Morton advised the NT was now thinking of keeping the access clear to All Saints church, with bollards beyond the church gate, and parking for churchgoers next to 1 Church Cottages.

21. Speeding and Traffic Nuisance on A272 and A32

HCC had declined to review the six speed limits in force, West Meon Hut to Harnham Hill, Cheriton. The Parish Council would continue to press for sensible speed limits over a reasonable distance and support painting some 50 mph signage on the road surface to reduce the array of signs. George Hollingbury MP hoped to arrange the trial installation of an average speed camera at Droxford (A32). The equipment was very expensive but if proven effective might in time be extended to the A272. Mrs Holyome had nothing further to report on samples of new SDNPA village signage which might encourage drivers to reduce speed and noise when driving through villages.

22. Defibrillator

Primary Care Supplies could provide an outdoor defibrillator with voice command and heated cabinet (£1249-£1349 + VAT). It was agreed to explore possible funding from the Rotary Club and the County Councillor's Devolved Budget. George Upex (NT) would be asked whether a public access machine was available on the Hinton Ampner estate.

23. Correspondence

“Slow” markings had been painted on the tarmac on Wood Lane (either end of 30 mph limit). If these were ineffective, a different road surface and a pinch point might be considered. The Parish Council would request that 30 roundels be painted on the road surface to reinforce the 30 mph speed limit.

Details of an access problem to 4-6 Hinton Hill and a wooden structure in the garden of 8 Hinton Hill were forwarded to George Upex (NT Estate Manager). The path had been repaired to a high standard. It was agreed to advise Mr Upex that, in accordance with usual practice, the Parish Council would notify WCC Planning of the wooden structure. Mr Budd had previously declared an interest and would abstain from the decision-making process.

Royal Mail had replaced the post box in the lay-by opposite Arborbita, Hinton Ampner.

The National Trust had contacted Elliott Rowe (HCC Senior Countryside Access Ranger) regarding livestock worrying on the Hinton Ampner Estate. The situation was so serious that it was necessary to fence out a cross field path. The Parish Council was of the opinion that the problem was probably linked to record visitor numbers walking the paths rather than to local users.

24. Reports from Parish Councillors and Clerk

Mags Wylie (Senior Rural Housing Enabler) had been asked for an update on possible affordable housing in the parish.

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

On 23rd February, Pam Stevens (NATT) confirmed that two residents used the Community Minibus to shop in Petersfield; otherwise usage had declined sharply since the Good Companions disbanded.

The Welcome Leaflet was being updated.

Mrs Bulloch would represent the parish at the HCC Passenger Transport Forum on 26th June.

25. Items to be considered for the next meeting

- Affordable Housing
- Defibrillator
- Ownership of land at Hinton Ampner
- Vision Statement
- Welcome Leaflet

26. Date of next meeting

Monday 17th July 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Bramdean.

The meeting closed at 9.09 pm.

MM/RG