

## **HALE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a meeting of Hale Parish Council held at 7.40 pm on Tuesday 5 January 2016 in Hale Village Hall, Hatchet Green, Hale**

#### **Present:**

Cllr Orchard – Chairman, Cllrs Hartas, Harrington, Josling and Templeton

#### **In attendance:**

Ms S Plumb – Clerk

#### **1 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllr Aitken-Sykes

#### **2 To receive any Declarations of Interest**

None

#### **3 To consider and approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2015**

The Minutes of the meeting were read, approved by all and signed by the Chairman.

#### **4 To receive any matters raised by members of the public**

No members of the public were present. Prior to the meeting a parishioner raised the condition of the side of the road across Hale Purlieu with Cllr Templeton and stated his intention to bring the matter to the Annual Parish Meeting. HPC will refer this to HCC.

#### **5 Matters arising from the Minutes**

5.1 Land Registry application – Cllr Templeton has obtained the forms to send to the Land Registry and will liaise with Cllr Aitken-Sykes regarding their completion. The Clerk will locate any supporting documents.

5.2 Trees in the Pitt – Nik Gruber, (Senior Tree Officer, NFNPA) will meet with HPC and Frances Maynard, (Tree Warden) to discuss the management of the trees in the Pitt. Date to be arranged.

5.3 Hatchet Green Football Pitch – Craig Daters (Ranger, NFNPA North) has contacted Natural England and is awaiting further guidance on steps that may be taken to improve the condition of Hatchet Green.

5.4 Mole End Trees – Cllr Orchard carried out an initial visit to Mole End. He will revisit and speak with the parishioner concerned regarding the reported tree problem.

5.5 Licence for Hatchet Green car park – Cllr Templeton circulated a revised draft Licence for the use of the car park at Hatchet Green by Hale Primary School. Following discussion Cllr Templeton will finalise the draft to be sent to HCC.

5.6 Work to the Unadopted track - Cllr Aitken-Sykes was not present to discuss this.

5.7 Clerk's computer – the Clerk's new computer is a great improvement on the old one.

5.8 Membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks – HPC is now a member of SLCC.

5.9 Maintenance of the Cemetery – ASG have completed the work for 2015 and are to be invited to quote for the work in 2016.

5.10 Concrete on verge – a parishioner reported that concrete remains on the verge below Hale Primary School. HPC will visit the site and contact the parishioner believed to be responsible for the concrete.

5.11 Local Government Boundary Review – No comment to make.

5.12 Hale Village Hall refurbishment – HPC will send a letter supporting the hall refurbishment. The Clerk apologised for not having done so already.

5.13 Hale Purlieu Visual Impact Provision – Sarah Kelly (Landscape Officer, NFNPA) has agreed to speak at a village meeting. Date to be arranged.

5.14 Charitable Donations – the only request received in 2015 was from New Forest Disability. Cllr Orchard proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Josling and therefore **RESOLVED**: HPC will make a donation of £30 to New Forest Disability in support of its work and in recognition that it may benefit those parishioners with a disability. All agreed.

5.15 Fishponds Bottom - Lucie Cooper (Enforcement Officer, NFDC) informed HPC that the buildings at Fishponds Bottom have not changed since 2012 and were deemed immune from enforcement at that time. HPC is concerned the buildings and facilities on site have changed and will ask NFDC to retain an open file and re consider the matter.

## **6 To receive a report from County/District Cllr Heron**

County /District Cllr Heron was not present and no written report was received.

## **7 To adopt the budget and set the precept for 2016/17**

The budget for 2016/17 prepared by the Clerk was discussed. The Clerk will liaise further with ASG Maintenance regarding work needed to the cemetery path and will review the cemetery fees. HPC considered the precept request for 2016/17. No significant additional expenditure is anticipated in the coming year. Cllr Orchard proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Harrington and therefore **RESOLVED**: HPC will set a precept of £8,984.00, a 2% increase on 2015/16. All agreed.

## **8 To discuss the Annual Parish Meeting for April 2016**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in Hale Village Hall. The Clerk is to invite a speaker to attend.

## 9 Correspondence

- 9.1 A parishioner re dragons teeth outside Greenlands – 3 of the dragons teeth outside Greenlands have fallen over and been removed. HPC will contact HCC.
- 9.2 NALC re Review of Local Council Tax Support Schemes – No comment to make.
- 9.3 NALC re Community Infrastructure Review – No comment to make.
- 9.4 NALC re Sector Lead Body for External Audit – on the basis of the information currently available there is nothing to be gained from opting out of the Sector Lead Body for External Audit Scheme.
- 9.5 L Wood Countryside Access Team HCC re 2016 Cutting List – consideration was given to the footpaths requiring cutting by HCC in 2016. Cllr Harrington will draw up the final list.
- 9.6 D Vine Fordingbridge Town Council re lengthsman visits – the Lengthsman's next visit to Hale is 22.2.16. Extra days are available if required. An updated list of works will be sent to FTC and extra time requested assuming funds are available.
- 9.7 L Crouch NFNPA re Traditional Building Skills course – details of the course will be sent out on the HPC IU.
- 9.8 N Massie HCC re Neighbourhood planning – HPC historically has not had a neighbourhood plan. The village is such that little to benefit would be gained from a plan set against the time and cost involved in producing one.
- 9.9 D Lucas NFDC re Clean for the Queen – Hale is a very tidy and clean village with parishioners picking up litter when they see it. As such there is no need to take part in this project.
- 9.10 J Lynn New Forest Association re membership – after discussion Cllr Orchard proposed and Cllr Josling seconded and therefore **RESOLVED**: to renew HPC membership of the New Forest Association at £17 for the year. All agreed.

## 10 Planning Committee

- **Allwynds, Forest Road, Hale, SP6 2NR. Mr & Mrs P Williams 00986 Extensions and alterations. Case Officer: Clare Ings Observation date: 26.1.16** No further comment to make.

Tree works – Frances Maynard had attended prior to the meeting to add her comments.

- **Tree works: Case Ref: CONS/15/1240, Proposed Works:** Prune 1 x Willow tree, Prune 1 x Oak tree, Fell group Silver Birch trees. **Site Address:**The Homet, Higher End Lane, Hale, Fordingbridge, SP6 2RA. No further comment to make.
- **Tree works:** Home Farm Coppice Licence - coppicing Hookers Copse, Fox Copse, Upper Randall and Cowards Moore. HPC has no objection to the work proposed but notes that the application is incorrectly formed.

- **Tree works: Case ref:** CONS/15/1266 **Proposed works:** Prune 1 yew, 1 oak, 1 red oak **Site address:** Cuckoo Wicket, Hatchet Green, Hale, SP6 2NE. No further comment to make.
- **Tree Works: Case ref:** CONS15/1272 **Proposed works:** Fell 2 oaks, prune 1 oak **Site address:** Oaklands Farm, Hatchet Green, Hale, SP6 2NE. No further comment to make.

### 11 Representative reports

Cllr Josling – Western Escarpment meeting – discussions are ongoing regarding verge protection. A note of the meeting was read.

### 12 To consider and approve the following payments:

05.01.16	IT Shack	£250.99
05.01.16	NFDC Election costs	£133.25
05.01.16	New Forest Association Membership	£ 17.00
05.01.16	Lengthsman Expenses	£ 27.32
05.01.16	ASG Maintenance	£270.00
05.01.16	New Forest Disability	£ 30.00
24.01.16	Clerk salary	£305.80

Payments approved.

### 13 To approve the accounts for December 2015 and record the bank balances

Approved.

### 13 Any other business

Cllr Hartas reported that Mark Nobes has agreed to put himself forward as secretary to Hale Village Hall Committee.

Cllr Templeton raised the possibility of exploring with HPC the setting up of a housing trust for the village. He will consider detailing a full proposal to be discussed at a future meeting.

Cllr Harrington has reported various problems with footpaths to HCC. The Clerk will advise him of any responses.

The Clerk is to look at the cost of home printing against using facilities offered by FTC.

### 14 To note the date of the next meeting is 2 February 2016 at 7.30pm at Hale Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10pm.

Signed:  
Chairman

Date: 2 February 2016

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