



Hedgerley Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 23rd May 2024
8.00pm Memorial Hall, Hedgerley

Chairman indicated emergency exits.

In attendance Cllr. Thomas Broom (Chairman) (TB), Cllr Neil Coxhead (NC) Cllr Anthony Bremner (AB) and the Clerk (PH) Present – two members of the Public.

1. **Election of Chairman**

Thomas Broom, proposed – AB, seconded – NC

2. **Co-option of Therese Williams**

Therese signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and was welcomed as a member of Hedgerley Parish Council

3. **To approve Minutes-** Minutes approved as a true record, and signed

Community Submissions

None this meeting.

4. **Bucks Council**

TB told the meeting that with the weather having improved, more road/footway repairs were able to be carried out.

Two parts of the 'drag strip' have been attended to and the second part – drains – now happening.

Thames Water is paying.

5. **Clerks Information Items**

Burnham Beeches grazing licence

Clerk took the new licences over to the B.Beeches offices and expect to have them signed and returned next week (w/c 28.5.24)

Status of Audit

Clerk took the audit paperwork over to Chris (internal auditor) at Chalfont St. Peter PC. He has now signed off the AGAR on his part and is due for signature by HPC.

BKVC application confirmed

Entry forms sent off including a copy of the latest Magazine, and have received a confirmation.

6. **Finance –**

- Finance report – report noted, cheques signed
- To sign AGAR
- 6i – AGAR signed by TB and PH. Section 1, Annual Governance Statement 2023/24
- 6ii – Section 2, Accounting Statements 2023/24
- Church Meadows lease – update – the lease is now completed. Many thanks due to Tom Webb and Neil Coxhead for all their work on this.

- HAGS quote (playground inspection) agreed. Clerk to arrange
- Flagpole Express quote for inspection. Councillors agreed that the price was rather high. It was suggested that Clerk contacts the scouts to ask if they can sort out the flag manoeuvre which will enable the pulley to be raised and lowered.

7. **Adoption of Biodiversity Policy**

- Biodiversity plan. The Environment Act 2021 puts a duty on the Council to have a Biodiversity Policy. The aim of this policy is to work towards conserving and enhancing the biodiversity of the Council's area.
Full details of the Policy will be available on the Council's website.
Councillors agreed to adopt the Policy. NC said that he would be attending the upcoming workshop which will help in producing a plan.
- Slade Farm, Victoria agreed to arrange a litter pick. We to acknowledge receipt of the Minutes from site visit. Available on HPC website.

8. **Planning**

PL/24/O179/FA. 6 Jones Way. Decided, conditional permission
AOC/OO04/24. Slade Farm, Village Lane. Proposed ecological method statement CEMS and wetland area. Registered, pending.
PL/24/1134/FA. South View, Gregory Road. Decided, conditional permission
PL/24/1133/SA. South View, Gregory Road. Registered, pending

9. **BKVC 2024**

'To do list' – things are progressing very well and mowing has been done. Left to do is rubbing down and varnishing top noticeboard; cleaning the graffiti off the phone box and the HPC website has now included all the village societies.

10. **The future of Hedgerley Magazine**

TW said the June issue is virtually done. The Chairman said huge thanks to Tom Webb and Clare for all their hard work over the past six years.

- ## 11. **Memorial Hall**
- Clerk said that she still had the official portrait of His Majesty King Charles III and it needed to go in place in the Hall. TB said to leave it in the kitchen and he will arrange its positioning.

12. **Property**

Request from resident to have 'scrub' thinned out along their boundary.

TB to tell Clerk to reply that the holly will be trimmed back, but only by our own contractor. It had been noted on a recent visit that it was apparent that there was some activity from birds, possibly nesting. The resident will be informed when the work is to be carried out.

Glebe tree planting project update

The dedication ceremony with the daughter of Audrey Bainbridge took place on 23rd March. The information board is now in place.

This has been a well managed project, under budget and Burnham Beeches have loaned a water tank which is much appreciated.

Scouts project – Councillors agreed to this project and ask that they let us know when they will start work. It was noted that no trees were to be touched.

13. **To Review**

Standing Orders
 Financial Regulations
 Risk Assessment
 List of Assets

These were agreed to adopt

14. **Membership of HPC advisory groups**

Planning	NC, AB	Accounts	PM, PH
Property	NC	Insurance	TB
Slade Farm	All	Footpaths	MER
Playground inspection	AB	Tree Warden	BH, TB
Flag raising	Scouts		

15. **Representatives on outside organisations**

BMKALC	TB	Scouts	TB
Tracy Trust	TW	Memorial Hall	TB

16. **Meetings**

To report on – Ingrebourne site meeting 13th May – Minutes provided by Ingrebourne
To attend – ‘Achieving Biodiversity’ (NC) – Turning Policy into Action

17. **Date of next meeting**

11th July 2024

Meeting closed at 9.30