

HEPSCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 September 2017

1. Present

Philip Ashmore (Chair), Fred Dye, Carolyn Reid, Malcolm Paton, Anne Colver, Sylvia Johnson (Clerk).

Apologies

David Cowans (Vice Chair), Ken Reed, Glen Sanderson (County Councillor), PCSO Simon Beavers

Absent

John Beynon (County Councillor)

Declarations of interest

None

2. Report from Neighbourhood Policing Team

PCSO Beavers was unable to attend but sent a short report stating that an opportunist thief had attempted to steal tools from workmen on a couple of occasions. In relation to the parking issues earlier this year, no further issues have been raised to police since May.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 July and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising

CR stated that regarding the nuisance from motorcyclists, the residents had now withdrawn their complaints.

4. Update from County Councillors

No county councillors were in attendance at the meeting. GS had reported to PA that the speed reduction from Stobhill to Barmoor Bank (40 mph) may take place as early as the following week.

5. Local Transport Plan

It was agreed that the Bridge causing flooding was our main concern. SJ will send the required information to NCC. FD agreed to keep an eye on parking matters.

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<p>9. Website</p> <p>KR was unable to attend the meeting therefore no report was received. SJ had received an invoice for the annual hosting/updating fee, the total amount being £635.99. SJ agreed to compare the amount with last year's figures.</p>	SJ
<p>10. Parking/Speeding in the Village</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speeding: FD stated that there is a meeting of Speedwatch Volunteers to be held on 14 October. He hopes to be able to network with other volunteers in the area. • 20 mph in village: It was stated that this scheme is going ahead and the latest was that work was due to start in October. 	FD
<p>11. Flood Alleviation Sub Group</p> <p>MP with the Flood Group and DC/FD/AC had met with Aaron McNeil and GS on 12 September. There were concerns regarding the lack of information re dredging under the bridge and repairs to the parapet. GS had agreed to speak with Miss Huntington, (Environment Agency) on progress of the Joint Study. On 20 September Aaron McNeil and Martin King had advised that the Joint Flood Study's (EA/NCC/NWL) completion time frame would now be March 2018, 12 months later than had been originally anticipated.</p> <p>MP stated that silt is being washed down into the Burn, possibly caused by the Barratt Development and that this had been logged as a Category 2 Pollution incident.</p> <p>Discussion had taken place about a letter from Teresa Coffey (February), Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, DEFRA regarding funding available; however it has to be proved that the money is necessary and a priority.</p> <p>Repairs to Clifton Lane drainage had been completed.</p> <p>The first Community Flood Wardens meeting will be on 3 October.</p> <p>It was agreed that we need to keep chipping away, although it is time consuming and frustrating, and that the Community Flood Plan was proving to be a good piece of work. Thanks again were given to MP/CR and Otto for all their work.</p>	GS
<p>12. Hepscoth Parish Hall</p> <p>Nothing to report as KR was unable to attend the meeting.</p>	
<p>13. Financial Matters</p> <p>Monthly financial statements had been circulated to councillors with the agenda and were approved. There were 3 items above £100 and these were approved. SJ stated that the VAT reclaim had been received for £1718.84. SJ to ask the hall management committee for an invoice to reimburse the VAT paid on the chairs for the hall.</p>	SJ

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13. Correspondence

HPC have been asked by NCC to send a representative to the Joint Meeting with Town/Parish/Community Councils to be held on 9 October 2017. SJ to ask DC if he can attend on our behalf.

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14. Meetings and training attended

MP/AC had attended training on Community Led Housing, but thought that this would be of no benefit to HPC.

Meetings were attended re flooding on 12 and 20 September.

PA asked for HPC Councillors to consider CAN training for councillors/clerks. It is very good and not expensive.

15. Any other business

Stobhill Manor Playpark: DC was not in attendance but had sent a short report. We need to seek clarification from him as to progress on this matter. The annual safety inspection is due to take place soon.

DC

16. Date and Time of next Meeting

The next meeting of HPC will be held on Thursday 16 November 2017 at 6.30 pm in the Parish Hall. PA gave his apologies for the meeting in advance.

Minutes taken and prepared by:

Sylvia Johnson, Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

Signed as a true copy: