

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 07 MARCH 2019

Present: Mr John Chiverton Chairman
Mr David Goldhawk Vice Chairman
Mr Ian Fairbrother
Mr Ian Foster
Mrs Mary Mansell
Mr Terry Mayne
Mrs Jan Russell Parish Clerk
District Councillor Claire Malcomson
District councillor Clayton Wellman

Apologies: Mr Daniel Pearson and County Councillor Cooksey.

1. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 10 JANUARY 2019.

The minutes were approved, proposed by Mrs Mansell and seconded by Mr Fairbrother signed by the Chairman.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- **Recycling Centre – Ranmore Road Dorking** – It has been reported that the recycling centre will now stay open until September 2019. If it does remain open after that time it will be for recycling only. Councillor Malcomson said the actual definition of what is to be recycled has not been made clear. Councillor Wellman mentioned that Mole Valley is holding a seminar next week and recycling is one of the topics to be discussed. He said he will send information from this event to the Parish Council
- **Blocked drain – Norfolk/Warwick Road** – Mr Goldhawk said that he had been made aware that the drain was still flooding the basement of a nearby property. It was not known if Surrey County Council had been to assess the situation.
- **Hatching outside Children's Playground, Betchets Green Road** – The hatching alongside the hedge of the playground is still in need of being repainted. The Clerk will contact County Councillor Cooksey again and ask if he could arrange for this to be done.
- **Carpel House** – The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received information from Jack Straw at Mole Valley that a new Enforcement Officer had been appointed. The Chairman had emailed her to ask for an update on this property but to date had not received a reply.

3. VILLAGE HALL

Mrs Mansell informed the Council that new blinds had been fitted. Bookings could still be better. There were the regular users. Mr Fairbrother asked when the heaters for the gents' toilets were likely to be installed. Mrs Mansell confirmed that the electrician originally booked to undertake this work will install them, but a more urgent problem was with a very unpleasant smell in the toilet area. The Club has agreed to pay for a piece of equipment which should recirculate foul to fresh air. It is hoped all this work will be completed before the Veterans Annual Taxi Day.

Mr Goldhawk suggested that as there was now a regular income from the cottage, the income from letting the hall did not appear to be as essential. Mrs Mansell said that after repairs to the cottage and works in the Hall, the income from the hall hire was still required.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- MO/2018/0364 - Halls House, 4 Old School Place, Horsham Road, South Holmwood. Approved.
- MO/2018/0566 - Folly Farm, Folly Lane, South Holmwood. Erect replacement barn, C3 residential use with car barn and access. Appeal started 15 October 2018.
- MO/2018/1661 - Stable House, Anstie Grange, Betchets Green Road, South Holmwood. Creation of a natural swimming pond. Approved with conditions
- MO/2018/2037 - Anstie Farm Barn, Betchets Green Road, South Holmwood. Retention of barn conversion as built. Approved with conditions.
- MO/2018/1622 - Land adj. 6 Warwick Close, South Holmwood. Erection of 2 no. dwellings with associated parking. Refused.
- MO/2018/1968 - The Walled Garden, Horsham Road, South Holmwood. Certificate of Lawfulness to erect detached garage and hardstanding. Approved.
- MO/2019/0249 - Holmwood Post Office, 9 Warwick Road, South Holmwood. Erection of replacement fence and gate.
- MO/2018/2112 - 7 Anstie Grange, Betchets Green Road, South Holmwood. Erection of single-storey extension.
- MO/2019/0149 - Land adjacent to Bushy Croft, Horsham Road, RH5 4ET. Erection of single dwelling and detached garage.

These applications had been discussed by email prior to the meeting with the exception of the last three, MO/2019/0249; 2212 and 0149. There were no objections.

Mention was made regarding Langdale, Horsham Road, where wooden cladding was being removed and replaced with brick. The Clerk was asked to check with Mole Valley to see if planning permission was required for this work.

5. CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

Burleys had submitted an estimate for the supply and installation of two bollards on the Betchets Green side of the hedge. It was agreed that a decision on this work would be deferred until the May meeting. The Clerk will write to Burleys informing them of the Parish Council's decision and asking if the quotation would remain open until the meeting takes place.

6. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Councillors were reminded that if they were standing for election, the completed nomination forms must be returned to Mole Valley's Democratic Services department. Nominees must ring the department after 25 March 2019 to arrange an appointment to deliver the completed application.

7. CRIME STATISTICS

The Police had provided the Parish Council with crime statistics for the area during the past three months. One of the detailed crimes was about a theft in St Mary Magdalene Church.

Mr Goldhawk said that although he had been unable to attend the Rural Crime Seminar, he had received the minutes and mention had been made about the lack of police response to reported incidents. The police had insisted that all information was being monitored and that a pattern of offences was being built up.

Mrs Mansell said that there was evidence that the children's playground was now being used for drug dealing.

8. TRUSTYRES

The Parish Council had contacted Surrey County Council regarding the banner that had been erected at the entrance to the subway. The response from SCC was very disappointing as it was the understanding that Highways did not allow advertising on subways. It was discussed that if one company could advertise it would not be possible to stop others putting up their boards. Agreed that the Parish Council did not wish any businesses to advertise. The Clerk will draft a further letter to SCC advising of the Parish Council's views and asking if the matter can be looked at again. Councillor Malcomson agreed she would also email SCC expressing concern.

9. GAS MAIN UPGRADING

Mr Foster had made many enquiries with SGN regarding the proposed upgrading of the gas main that is scheduled along the A24. A notice giving further details of the work has been displayed on the Parish Council noticeboard and will be included in the Spring newsletter.

10. FINANCE

The Clerk circulated a budget analysis, giving details of all payments to date and cheques awaiting payment. The bank reconciliation statement at 29 February 2019 was £4,528.97 current account and £3,414.44 reserve account giving an estimated balance to carry forward of £7,943.41 included within is a Contingency of £3,000.

Discussion took place for a fund to be established to provide possible new equipment for the playground a decision on this will be taken at the next meeting in May.

The Clerk said that the end of year audit with internal auditors Mulberry and Company will take place in May. A definite date has not yet been confirmed.

The following cheques were passed for payment.

	Payee	Amount	Cheque	Purpose
	Holmwood Village Hall	£60.00	625	Hall Hire
	ICO	£40.00	626	ICO Registration
73448	G Burleys	£86.40	627	Repositioning Mono gate
	J Russell	£1,248.00	628	Clerk's salary
	HMRC	£312.00	629	Clerk's Income tax
	J Russell	£268.72	630	Clerk's Expenses
	Total	<u>£2,015.12</u>		

11. STEPS LEADING TO WAR MEMORIAL

Burleys had submitted a quotation for repainting the steps leading up to the war memorial. The cost of the work will be £287.00. Mr Mayne proposed and Mr Foster seconded the acceptance of this quotation.. The Clerk would inform Burleys of the Parish Council's decision.

12. UNDERPASS

Mr Goldhawk mentioned that a section of the subway had been repainted, this was where graffiti had been painted over. The Clerk will ask Surrey County Council if the whole of the underpass could be repainted.

The Clerk will also ask Surrey County Council to replace another light in the underpass which is not working.

13. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday 16 May 2019 at 7.00pm.

After the meeting Mr. Mayne informed the Council that he would not be seeking re-election as he was moving but that he would continue as Trustee for the Almshouses in Dorking. Mr. Mayne was thanked for his service to the Council and the Village and that the Council would be delighted for him to remain on the Board of Trustees at the Almshouses.