

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 JANUARY 2017

Present: Mr John Chiverton Chairman
 Mr David Goldhawk Deputy Chairman
 Mrs Mary Mansell
 Mr Ian Foster
 Mr Ian Fairbrother

Apologies were received from County Councillor Mr Stephen Cooksey District Councillors Malcolmson, Wellman, Monkman and Mrs Jan Russell (Clerk)

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The minutes were then signed as a true record of that meeting by the Chairman. This was proposed by Mr Goldhawk and seconded by Mr. Foster.

MATTERS ARISING:

- i) Cycleway. Paul Manwaring from SCC was contacted to obtain the current position regarding funds to continue clearing the proposed cycleway. A decision on a start date for these works will not be addressed until Spring 2017.
- ii) Parking Restrictions in the Parish: This matter is in the hands of SCC and MVDC and at this time no further information.

VILLAGE HALL

Mrs Mansell confirmed that Mr. Bray was in the process of obtaining a programme for reinstating the heating in the Corridor and Toilets. It is hoped to use the existing radiators and pipework. Once this work has been completed then redecoration of the Corridor will be done.

Mr. Foster suggested that perhaps draught heating could be provided at the main door in an attempt to restrict the amount of heat loss through the doors being left open. This suggestion will be passed to Mr. Bray.

The plastic soakaways have been replaced in the Gents Toilets, the existing were well past their sell by date.

Mr. Goldhawk asked if perhaps upgrading the kitchen to a kitchen that food could be prepared and cooked would enhance the bookings of the Hall. It maybe but thought to be minimal, however, again this suggestion will be passed to Mr. Bray.

Mr. Bray confirmed that the installation of a toilet upstairs in the Cottage was in hand and hopefully would be completed soon.

PLANNING

Kuoni Gardens. It was reported that work had recommenced on the site.

Devon House. No further information.

PLAYGROUND

As agreed an insurance claim has been made to partially cover the cost of replacing the damaged safety surfacing in the playground. The claim is in the sum of £544.80 and an excess of £100 is to be applied. An acknowledgement has been received and also a request for further information namely a crime report number, and also photographs of the damage. The Clerk reports that the Insurance Co already has photographs of the damage and also a copy of the Wicksteed invoice.

It was discussed that perhaps the Council should embark on a programme of upgrading all the old safety surfacing a price had been received for the area of the slide in the sum of £4,250.00 a decision on accepting this will be made at the next meeting.

The seat to the left of the slide is damaged and it is suggested that approach is made to Hearn's of Mid Holmwood and Mr. Mayne with regard to obtaining estimates for the repair.,

FINANCE

The following payments were approved:

<i>Invoice No</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Cheque No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
4299	J W Systems	£132.00	501	PC Maintenance
	British Heart Foundation	£50.00	500	Donation

Precept

In order to calculate the Precept for 2017/18, figures were presented to Council showing the basic costs to run the council, and discussion took place on the likely additional expenditure which the Council will have to make over the year this will include the upgrading of the safety surfacing at the playground. An estimate for the area at the slide in the sum of £4,250.00 has been received. After discussion it was suggested that Council request a Precept of £11,500 from MVDC. This was proposed by Mr Goldhawk and seconded by Mr Foster. All in favour.

Auditor: An Auditor has been approved namely Mr. Mark Mulberry and his likely cost will be £150.00.

A24 SAFETY MEASURES

The Council expressed concern at the continuing accidents on the A24. Not all accidents are due to speed but at times carelessness.

BARRIERS IN SUBWAY.

A letter had been received from SCC reiterating their decision not to install barriers at the entrances to the underpass. The Council expressed their disappointment at this decision.

HEARTSTART

A donation of £50 had been sent to the British Heart Foundation and a letter of thanks received.

GRANDON LODGE

As discussed at the last meeting, the Clerk has contacted MVDC and asked for the Enforcement Officer to visit Grandon Lodge with the Parish Council Chairman. MVDC is currently recruiting for this post and so the Clerk will make a further request early in 2017.

PAYPHONE

No further information relating to the removal of the payphone at the corner of Warwick Close.

PSCO PAT BROOKER

PSCO Pat Brooker is taking up a new position within the Surrey Police Force and therefore will not now be the PSCO for Holmwood Parish. A card to be sent to Pat expressing the Council's thanks for her help in the past and wishing her well in her new position.

BETCHETS GREEN ROAD

On the 3rd January a car skidded into the railings at the pond in Betchets Green Road, the National Trust are dealing with this matter.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This will take place at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 28th February, 2017, in the Committee Room (upstairs) at the Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Mansell for acting as Clerk.