

HAYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday 7th December 2016 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, HAYFIELD

Present

Cllrs: Derek Clarke (in the Chair), Dave Toft, Jackie Wilson, Mike Dean, Martin Jones, Eva Lawson, David Gates, Graham Hadfield

In attendance

Clerk: Julie Gough, Responsible Finance Officer: Keith Bevins; and one member of the public.

At the start of the meeting, David Ash made a presentation on behalf of the Royal British Legion regarding a potential commemorative event in 2018. It was resolved that the Events subcommittee would convene and discuss this event.

Councillor Derek Clarke welcomed to the meeting, two new councillors: Graham Hadfield and David Gates.

1107. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Peter Easter and Lisa Bevins

1108. Declaration of members' interests

Cllr Jones is an allotment tenant

1109. Dispensation from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

None

1110. Any items on the agenda to be taken with the public excluded

None

1111. Standing item

None

1112. Public speaking. Members of the public raised the following points

- Tree lighting and bonfire / fireworks events were very good and very popular
- Pavement on Kinder Road has been patched up badly. Request for HPC to ask Highways Authority why it has not been repaired properly
- Request for HPC to add to list of village grot spots: Valley Road, bus station, Conservative Club garden, Sett Valley Trail.

1113. Minutes of meetings

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 7th September, 5th October and 2nd November were approved. It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Meetings held on 23rd November were approved.

1114. Planning

HPK/2016/0609 Ridge Top Farm, Ridge Top Lane

It was resolved that the clerk request the caravan is moved out of sight.

1115. Chair's announcements

- Letter received by Cllr Lawson from Andrew Bingham re: phone box on Kinder Road. It was resolved that the clerk write to HPBC, Paul McDonald at BT and copy Andrew Bingham, objecting again to the removal of the phone box reiterating that it is the first reliable contact with emergency services for anyone descending from Kinder Scout. Action: Clerk / RFO to find costs of phone box refurbishment
- The fireworks event went well and there have been positive comments on the village facebook page
- There was good attendance at the Remembrance Day parade and service. The event on Armistice Day was also well attended and the school children were very well behaved.
- Thanks to Keith and Lisa and the Christmas committee for arranging the Christmas tree lights and switch on event
- The event for the appointment of the new vicar at St Matthews Church was very interesting.
- Having been approached by the Civic Trust and Sustainable Hayfield, Cllr Clarke suggested we have a village clean up event in the Spring and provide refreshments at the scout hut and/or the village hall for volunteers to work in teams to clean up the village grot spots. Action: add clean up event to Events subcommittee agenda.
- As it is now six months since the appointment of the Clerk / RFO it was resolved that the appointments committee meet with the Clerk / RFO to review progress and report back to the February HPC meeting.

1116. Clerk's report

- Grounds maintenance team have repointed the paving stones by the cenotaph. The bollards by the side of the Royal Hotel will be repainted in the Spring
- Response from Royal Mail which states that our area 'does not warrant the installation of a new post-box at this time as there are boxes on Swallow House Lane, New Mills Road and Kinder Road, also the village shop which is where the Post Office is now located is open 8am-9pm to accept letters and parcels'.
- DCC Safe Roads Partnership have provided notices to prevent parking which obstructs the end of Valley Road and Highgate Road.
- We are exploring alternative (cheaper) electricity suppliers.
- We submitted a comment to HPBC re: error on the drawing of the boundary line on plans for 1 New Mills Road
- We submitted a report to DCC and PDNPA planning departments re: telephone boxes. The consultation finishes in January.
- We are in the process of getting quotes for a structural survey of bridge at the skate park.
- All grit bins have at least some grit in them. Redmores are to quote for this year's supply.
- We are in the process of getting quotes for the fence and gate repairs at Old School Field.
- Clerk and RFO are not available for the next CiLCA training dates in January and February so we will book onto the next available course.
- Action: Clerk / RFO to establish who owns triangle of land by river under bypass in order to resolve issue of the wall which is being dismantled.

1117. Correspondence for information – noted

1118. Royal British Legion 2018 centenary event

It was resolved that the event be added to the Events subcommittee meeting agenda and that other organisations should also be invited to attend. Cllrs Clarke, Toft, Dean and Jones requested to be on the subcommittee.

1119. Tourism leaflet

It was resolved that the RLT subcommittee review the content of the leaflet and arrange for it to be reprinted, with new events and dates. The Village television series photographs on the front should be replaced with other images eg. The Snake Path. Action: Cllr Jones to provide the contact details of the previous graphic designer to the Clerk.

1120. 1220th anniversary of Snake Path

This event will take place on Saturday 27th May 2017, bank holiday art weekend. An exhibition, a band, guided walks are planned by Peak and Northern Footpaths Society and involvement from the schools.

It was stressed that PNFS came into being in order to make the legal case for the Snake Path and the event underlines the long and close relationship of outdoor activities with Hayfield – the Gateway to Kinder.

The council restated its support for the event and resolved that it would be added to the Events subcommittee meeting agenda and that Cllr Toft would lead this item on behalf of HPC.

1121. Bench at cenotaph

Cllr Easter provided information that the family would now like a plaque rather than a bench but HPC need more information before a decision can be made. Action: Cllr Easter to provide more information re: proposed size, location and content of plaque.

1122. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Wilson proposed that we circulate a one-topic newsletter to every household in the parish in January with information about a potential Neighbourhood Plan. Action: Cllr to circulate draft newsletter and all councillors to respond to the Clerk with suggested amends by no later than 18th December 2016. Clerk to report back at January HPC meeting.

1123. Affordable housing

No progress

1124. Issues relating to rat infestation at Fishers' Bridge

It was resolved that this item and the layout of the area (location of bench, bin with lid and grit bin) be discussed at the Recreation, Leisure and Tourism subcommittee with a report back to the HPC meeting in January with recommendations.

1125. Arden House doctors surgery (to close in March 2017)

Concern was expressed for the elderly in the village who use the surgery, and the pharmacy who would lose business over it. Action: Clerk / RFO to write on behalf of HPC expressing regret that the surgery is to close.

1126. Vexatious complaints procedure

It was resolved that the Standing Orders subcommittee should reconvene to discuss this issue and make a recommendation as to whether to adopt a vexatious complaints procedure for HPC.

1127. Committee and other reports

- a. **Little Hayfield** – trees at the bottom of Clough Lane no longer require action. The pollarding and coppicing of some trees will take place in January, by SNS.
- b. **Allotment Society** – nothing to report
- c. **Traffic management sub committee** – nothing to report
- d. **Pump Park sub committee** – nothing to report. Action: Clerk/RFO to submit the Pump Park funding application and progress the discussions on footpath 44.
- e. **Events sub committee** – no meeting.

1128. Reports from representatives on outside bodies

- a. **Hayfield Educational Charity** – not met
- b. **Hayfield Community Sports Club** – nothing to report
- c. **Village Hall** – the children’s party was successful though with less children than previous years.
- d. **Arden Quarry** – the next meeting is Tuesday 13 December. Action: Clerk / RFO to advertise the phone number for people to report smells.
- e. **Hayfield Quarry Liaison Group** – next meeting is in March 2017
- f. **Community Orchard Project** – pruning will start in February. Three cankerous trees have been removed

1129. Finance

A mid-year financial report was circulated to Councillors, as follows:

Council to consider and approve November expenditure

• Caretaker – wages & expenses	£300.60
• Jackie Wilson – exps (office heater)	£39.95
• Elite Industrial – hi-vis jackets	£63.83
• Clerk – expenses	£44.94
• Clerk – wages	£533.90
• Wild about Gardens – contract gardening	£495.00
• Unit One – Fire eater	£174.00
• Peter Lawson – Christmas tree cutting	£160.00
• Fireworks Crazy Ltd – fireworks	£500.00
• Carham Gardens – contract gardening	£719.30

Total expenditure £3031.52 (inclusive of £133.58 VAT)

Direct Debits

None

Income during October

£196.46 from the bonfire collection.

Short Notice Expenditure for approval this meeting

• HMRC period 8 tax & nics	£133.60
• May Queen S137 grant (refreshments)	£100.00
• Keith Bevins – Cenotaph tree purchase	£40.00
• Thornsett Band S137 grant (Christmas)	£70.00
• Trees at Inglenook	£380.00

Finance Information

Income to 30/11/16	£74001.66
Expenditure to 30/11/16	£28679.68
Bank balance at 30/11/16	£128289.33
Forecast year-end reserve	£30816.69

Next meeting: Wednesday 4th January 2017