

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Hartley Wintney Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 6th January 2020 in the Lady Kaye Meeting Room

Present: Cllr Chris Farrance (Chair), Cllr Stuart Elborn, Cllr Peter Gee, Cllr Roger Robertson, Cllr Tony Woods Cllr Sarah Craig and Cllr Fiona Sutton.

In attendance: Karyn Reid (Executive Clerk), Sarah Daly (Deputy Clerk), District Councillor Tim Southern (left at 9.00pm), County Cllr David Simpson and 3 members of the public (2 left at 7.53pm).

Abbreviations used in these minutes:

Cllr ~ Councillor

HCC ~ Hampshire County Council

HDC ~ Hart District Council

HWPC ~ Hartley Wintney Parish Council

NHP ~ Neighbourhood Plan

HAO ~ Horticulture and Amenities Officer

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127. OPEN FORUM

The meeting started at 7.30pm.

Kelvin Fay introduced himself as the Vice Chair of the Over 55s Forum. HWPC was asked what measures could be put in place to support elderly residents during the temporary closure of OneStop. A concern was raised about accessing cash to go shopping and lack of a facility for drawing pensions. The bakery will be selling newspapers during the closure. Some suggestions put forward were:

Possible use of a mobile banking van

More scheduled trips to Morrisons and The Meadows to go shopping

Approaching local businesses to open on Sundays and Mondays

Cllr Farrance requested item 19/20PC 139 be discussed after item 19/20PC 130.

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128. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Becky Moss, Diana Harvey, Steve Airton, Ian Wilson and Dorothy Harvey, plus District Councillors Anne Crampton and Spencer Farmer.

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129. DISPENSATIONS UNDER S33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT (2011)

A dispensation for all Councillors to enable participation on agenda item 19/20PC 134 iii) Approval of 2020/2021 Precept Request, where they would otherwise have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest was confirmed to be effective until the end of March 2020 by the Executive Clerk.

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130. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations made by members of any personal, prejudicial or non-prejudicial interests of any agenda item. Members with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, unless a dispensation has been granted, will be required to withdraw when Council discusses & votes on the matter.

No interests were declared.

Item 19/20PC 139 was discussed next.

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131. WARD MEMBERS REPORT

This item was discussed after item 19/20PC 139.

District Cllr Southern reported on the following matters -

Hattons Pond – Estimated cost of works is more than £17,000. The contamination of the pond is mainly from copper. Licenses are needed to dispose of the waste using a specialised company. Cllr Farrance requested a meeting with District Cllr Southern and HDC representatives to get a better understanding of the issues.

ACTION: District Cllr Southern to arrange a meeting.

Green Lane - Yellow lines will be put down before the end of March 2020.

County Cllr Simpson reported on the following matters -

M3 Services – the access gate has gone missing. People are accessing this cut through to use the fast food outlets and then dropping litter along Pale Lane. The service station has a contractual agreement to install gates there and have been reminded of this.

HW Fire Station – retained firefighters came under attack recently when called out to a job in the village. The local police had to intervene.

Tip – funds have been put forward and it is hoped that the current tip at Hares Lane can be moved to the 4th arm of the A30 roundabout. County Cllr Simpson suggested the current tip site be put forward to the Rural Exception Scheme.

ACTION: Executive Clerk to add this to the next Planning Committee agenda.

Cllr Farrance requested some data regarding the Number 7 bus service to ascertain why there is no subsidy.

ACTION: County Cllr Simpson to follow up.

Cllr Farrance flagged up the outdated information in the District Councillors village noticeboard.

ACTION: District Cllr Southern to follow up.

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132. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cllr Elborn proposed approval of the minutes of the Full Council meeting on 2nd December 2019; seconded by Cllr Woods.

AGREED by all.

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133. ACTIONS LOG, CLERK'S REPORT & DEPUTY CLERK'S REPORT

The Community Bus service continued over Christmas and New Year. Passenger numbers were very low on the commuter service, particularly on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. The Executive Clerk suggested considering whether the commuter service runs over the same two-week period this year.

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134. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE – review & approval of following:

i) Income & expenditure, cashbooks & bank reconciliations for November 2019

Cllr Craig proposed approval of the income & expenditure, cashbooks & bank reconciliations for November 2019; seconded by seconded by Cllr Elborn.

AGREED by all.

ii) Payments listings

Cllr Woods proposed approval of the payments listings; seconded by Cllr Elborn.

AGREED by all.

iii) Approval of 2020/2021 Precept Request

Cllr Gee reported that Finance Committee had reviewed the £25,000 deficit in the draft budget. Some revenue costs have been transferred into capital costs. The draft budget now shows a deficit below £10,000. Finance Committee put forward a recommendation to Full Council to approve the draft budget and make no change to the precept.

Addendum: Precept agreed to remain as previous year at £212,299.

6 FOR, 1 AGAINST.

Cllr Farrance thanked all committees for their work on the budget.

iv) Review and approve additional Mower for Cricket Club £7,500

The decision was postponed on the basis that contractors still need to be used to maintain the pitches due to some issues that have arisen on site.

v) Consider Car Park charges

No further information has been received from HDC.

vi) Bank balances at 30.11.19

Cllr Elborn proposed approval of the bank balances at 30.11.19; seconded by Cllr Gee.

AGREED by all.

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CURRENT PLANNING & LICENSING APPLICATIONS

Case: 19/02674/FUL

Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to old green keeper store for additional buggy bays and bricking up of one door, erection of a single storey detached storage building and erection of protective netting

Location: Hartley Wintney Golf Club, London Road, Hartley Wintney RG27 8PT

Response Date: 7th January 2020

NO OBJECTION

Case: 19/02665/AMCON

Proposal: Variation of Condition 9 attached to Planning Permission 05/00263/COU dated 14/07/2005 to vary the wording of the condition

Location: White Lion Antiques, Hartford Bridge, London Road, Hartley Wintney RG27 8AE

Response Date: 7th January 2020

OBJECTION - The 2005 application (05/00263) was for a change of use to part private residential and part retaining existing A3 use. By way of information no application can be found for change of use to retail A1 which is required under the listed building status.

Since 2005 the White Lion has become a thriving retail and tea room/restaurant facility, all of which has significantly increased the amount of parking required. Should permission be granted for this condition to be lifted and subsequent development take place, the loss of parking space in the area could create overflow parking which would by necessity spread onto the adjoining highway. This would be wholly inappropriate given the level of traffic, the nature of the vehicles using Hares Lane and the proximity of the car park entrance to the junction with the A30 and would conflict totally with the original reasoning behind the setting of the condition.

By removing Condition 9 the LPA would be opening the door to development of any description on this land. It is difficult to imagine to what use the car park could be put other than to some sort of development whether residential, business or retail. All these categories would be harmful to the character of the Hartfordbridge Conservation Area, and the heritage asset of the Grade II listed buildings at Hare's Farm and of course The White Lion building itself.

There is currently an enforcement order in place on a retail business situated in the car park area and if the condition were to be removed, no doubt this would quickly become a permanent fixture with the possibility of more to follow. This would be detrimental to the area and could be regarded as planning by stealth.

In 2014 planning permission (14/03030/MAJOR) was sought to build a care village for the over 55s on land opposite the White Lion. The site included the area currently under discussion. Permission was refused for various reasons including the principle of development which stated that this site, situated as it is in the open countryside is unsuitable for development. Quotes below from the Refusal Report: The proposed development would constitute inappropriate development in this open countryside location, outside of the settlement boundaries of Hartfordbridge and Hartley Wintney. The proposed

development would result in substantial harm to heritage assets, comprising the Hartley Wintney Conservation Area and the Grade II statutory listed buildings at Hare's Farm, which would not be outweighed by the public benefits of the proposal.

The application went to appeal but the developers subsequently withdrew.

Earlier this year the Hartley Wintney Neighbourhood Plan was 'made' at referendum and endorsed by Hart District Council at cabinet. This means that it is a material consideration in any matters of planning. Objective 9, Policy 7 cites View C ' the view approaching Hartley Wintney from Star Hill along the A30 as a distinctive site to be protected. These views are not to be obscured from public vantage points whether approaching or leaving the settlement. This is in line with the criteria in Hart's own saved policies. Any variation to the condition in question would therefore contradict this policy and the Neighbourhood Plan.

All the above considerations demonstrate that there can be no reason for the LPA to lift the Condition, that there are too many disincentives which are not outweighed by any possible benefits. We would therefore ask the LPA to safeguard this site from development and leave the Condition in place.

Case: 19/02570/ADV

Proposal Display of one externally illuminated fascia sign, one non illuminated fascia sign and two vinyl graphic signs

Location: One Stop Community Stores Ltd, High Street, Hartley Wintney RG27 8NZ

Response Date: 15th January 2020

OBJECTION - The Shop is located within the Village Centre Conservation Area and the Hartley Wintney Neighbourhood Plan's Design Guide states the following;

Development and changes should make a positive contribution towards the distinctive character and form of the village as a whole and relate to the site and surroundings

Use continuous frontages as far as possible, by keeping to a common building Developers should demonstrate how any proposed development complements and enhances the character, form and qualities of this area of Hartley Wintney.

The design and accompanying drawings should provide sufficient detail for proposals to be properly understood

Materials used should complement the architectural character and village quality of historic Hartley Wintney and be the same as originally used for any repairs or alterations. The use of synthetic materials for non wooden joinery and windows and fibreglass for the use of chimneys, pots and faux stone detailing should be avoided.

Hartley Wintney Parish Council OBJECTS to the current design on the grounds that it is cluttered and considered detrimental to the character and appearance of the Village Centre Conservation Area and does not follow the Neighbourhood Design Guide.

It is recommended that the panels should be all at the same level, top and bottom to give a flow to the design, the top logo display should be one continuous strip with a common muted background colour in keeping with other shop fronts.

An example of an acceptable design can be found at Wanstead Tesco where a continuous sign on a natural coloured background is displayed.

Case: 19/02716/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of land from amenity to residential

Location: 37 Franklin Avenue, Hartley Wintney RG27 8SQ

Response Date: 15th January 2020

NO OBJECTION with comments; Hartley Wintney Parish Council have No Objections to this application however it is suggested for further clarity on the responsibility of grounds maintenance for the land bordering Franklin Avenue continuing on toward Bracknell Lane. Will this be under the remit of HDC?

Case: 19/02772/AMCON

Proposal: Variation of Condition 8 (restricting use to 40 days per calendar year) and removal of condition 9 (restricting use to 2 days per calendar month May-October) attached to planning permission HDC/21916 dated 12/04/1994 to increase the permitted use from 40 days per calendar year to 80 days per calendar year

Location: Camberley Kart Club, Blackbushe Airport, London Road, Blackwater.

Response Date: 16th January 2020

OBJECTION There is considerable objection to this application which Hartley Wintney Councillors support. The main thrust of the objections seems to be the increased levels of both noise and air pollution which would be caused by doubling the number of days usage in the year. This is an area where people like to walk and enjoy the open air, particularly in the area of Castle Bottom which is a known wildlife habitat and the impact on this area is unknown. BCA has raised the problems of security and highways on days when the Kart Club is using the site. We would question why various other consultees have not been approached ' Highways, Yateley Common Management Committee, English Nature and Hampshire Wildlife Trust and would ask in addition that a wildlife habitat assessment be undertaken before a decision is made.

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136. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Farrance requested all Parish Councillors stay after the meeting to discuss staffing matters.

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137. PARISH COUNCILLOR MATTERS, WARD MEMBERS REPORT & TRAINING FEEDBACK

Cllr Peter Gee – the HAO was recognised as doing a good job around the village. Two areas that need attention are – the path tracking to the Pedestrian controlled crossing in front of the war memorial and the grassed area near Weatherby Gardens coming along west to the Reading Road.

Cllr Fiona Sutton – Photographs of the walkways on the heath have been taken – some boardwalks are in urgent need of repair.

ACTION: District Cllr Southern to follow up with HDC.

Cllr Stuart Elborn – asked whether there was a long-term plan to combat flooding on Taplins Lane. This is an ongoing problem caused by the river overflowing. The junction of Dilly Lane and Church Lane is also prone to flooding.

Cllr Tony Woods – fallen leaves are causing a hazard on the walkway from the carpark into the village.

ACTION: Executive Clerk to follow up.

The compost toilet has been installed at St Mary's Churchyard. Cllr Woods thanked the Deputy Clerk for organising the works.

Cllr Roger Robertson – Bracknell Lane is still flooding despite the drains being rodded. The culvert has two right angle bends which causes the problem. HCC need to replace this

There are several areas on the High Street where unsightly weeds are growing.

ACTION: Executive Clerk to follow up.

Executive Clerk – the roof of Victoria Hall was damaged over the Christmas period by people stealing lead flashing.

County Cllr Simpson – there is an open meeting on January 16th from 3 – 7.30pm at Bramshill House to view the proposed plans.

District Cllr Southern left at 9.00pm.

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138. COMMITTEE MINUTES & UPDATE

- i) Planning Committee – draft minutes from meeting 9th December 2019
- ii) Finance Committee – draft minutes from meeting on 16th December 2019

All minutes were received.

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139. CORRESPONDENCE

This was discussed after item 19/20PC 130.

OneStop will close for refurbishment on 31st January and reopen on the 19th February. Rotary have emailed HWPC offering support during this time. Closure of the Post Office is a concern for elderly residents needing to draw pensions.

Several ideas were put forward:

- Potential access to a mobile Post Office van
- Could the NatWest mobile bank visit
- Speak to Chris Cornwell regarding volunteer drivers to transport vulnerable people – volunteers are already checked and carry out this service
- Speak to Graham Gillies about volunteer drivers using the Rosie minibus to transport residents to Hook Post Office and then on to Tesco for shopping
- Ask Hook Post Office what times they tend to be busy and avoid these
- HWPC to publicise and centrally co-ordinate any measures put into place so there is no duplication
- Use the Community Bus to provide extra services
- Promote services in key locations and on social media from the beginning of the week commencing 13th January

Cllr Farrance agreed to progress the suggestions on behalf of HWPC.

ACTION: Cllr Farrance to follow up

2 members of the public left at 7.53pm.

Item 19/20PC 131 was discussed next.

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140. DATES OF MEETINGS

Dates of meeting were agreed for the coming month:

Planning & Infrastructure Committee 7.00pm – Thursday 16th January 2020

Environment & Amenities Committee 7.00pm – Monday 20th January 2020

Policy Committee 10.00am - Thursday 23rd January 2020

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.02pm

.....Chairman

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Appendices

- Actions log
- Executive Clerk's report
- Deputy Clerk's report
- Monthly Finance documents
- Payments Listing