

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Hartley Wintney Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 7th December 2020 to which Councillors are summoned to attend by video conferencing via Microsoft Teams.

Present: Cllr Chris Farrance (Chair), Cllr Diana Harvey, Cllr Steve Airton, Cllr Sarah Craig, Cllr Stuart Elborn, Cllr Dorothy Harvey, Cllr Roger Robertson, Cllr Ian Wilson, Cllr Becky Moss, Cllr Fiona Sutton and Cllr Peter Gee

In attendance: Karyn Reid (Executive Clerk), Sarah Daly (Deputy Clerk), Julian Martin (Horticulture and Amenities Officer), Megan Spiers (Support and Communications Officer), District Councillors Tim Southern and Anne Crampton plus one member of the public.

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40. OPEN FORUM

No members of the public were present.

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41. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies were received from County Cllr David Simpson and District Cllr Spencer Farmer.

No interests were declared.

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42. WARD MEMBERS REPORT

District Cllr Crampton reported that the HDC budget will be in deficit. Council Tax is predicted to go up, but some restraint has been requested. Hart Voluntary Action (HVA) has £40,000 of grants available for small projects and support activities in the district – the focus being parishes. District Cllr Crampton recommended that HWPC speak to HVA regarding possible grants. Electric vehicle charging points were to be installed in all council owned car parks. However, a survey has found that they are not used enough to provide a return for HDC. If HWPC wants to install charging points, this should be pursued but most people charge their vehicles at home and only tend to use charging points on long journeys.

District Cllr Southern reported that there had been a meeting with HDC representatives and the owners of The Lamb. The current situation has been escalated with the HDC Head of Place. Any update will be passed to the Executive Clerk for circulation.

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43 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cllr Dorothy Harvey proposed approval of the main & confidential minutes of the Full Council meeting on 2nd November 2020; seconded by Cllr Wilson.

AGREED by all.

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44. ACTIONS LOG & PARISH OFFICE REPORT

19/20PC 211 – this matter is ongoing

20/21PC 33 – the new HWPC committee membership has been circulated. Cllr Diana Harvey also requested the list of HWPC representatives on various groups/matters of interest be circulated.

ACTION: Executive Clerk to circulate updated list of HWPC representatives.

20/21PC 37 – Cllr Robertson reported that the Heritage Society view is that the naming of Hartley Row was done in the proper manner and that there is little that can be done now. They suggested the placement of a noticeboard at the entrance to the development with the history of Hartley Row. No further action was felt necessary. Cllr Robertson will draft a letter to the director of the developers to request that 'Row' is dropped from the name so that it reads 'Hartley Park'.

ACTION: Cllr Robertson to draft a letter regarding the name of Hartley Row Park and circulate to the Executive Clerk.

There was no Parish Office report. Instead, the Executive Clerk will draft a summary of achievements of HWPC over the past 12 months to circulate to Parish and District Councillors and to put on the HWPC website. The Parish Office will close at 1pm on Friday 18th December for the Christmas break.

ACTION: Executive Clerk to produce and circulate a summary of HWPC achievements over the past 12 months.

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45. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE

i) Income & expenditure, bank reconciliation & cashbook reports for October 2020

Cllr Gee proposed approval of the income & expenditure, bank reconciliation & cashbook reports for October 2020; seconded by Cllr Dorothy Harvey.

AGREED by all.

ii) Payments listings

Cllr Wilson proposed approval of the payments listing; seconded by Cllr Gee.

AGREED by all.

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46. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Case: 20/02712/HOU

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension

Location: 2 Verandah Cottages, Cricketers Green, Hartley Wintney, Hook RG27 8QE

NO OBJECTION

Case: 20/02706/HOU

Proposal: Erection of two storey rear extension following demolition of existing

Location: Grooms Cottage, West Green Road, Hartley Wintney, Hook RG27 8JW

NO OBJECTION but Councillors would support the request of the Ecology Officer requesting that a survey be carried out by a licensed bat ecologist.

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47. 2021/2022 BUDGET

Cllr Farrance invited Committee Chairs to summarise their part of the budget. Overall, there is currently a £47,000 overspend, based on the current precept. Cllr Robertson felt that HWPC should not ask for an increase to the precept due to current circumstances. The precept should be kept the same and with the budget in deficit due to substantial reserves and a probable underspend.

Cllr Farrance requested a vote for no increase in the precept for 2021/2022.

ALL IN FAVOUR.

Cllr Farrance asked whether the £47,000 deficit should be accepted or reduced – either by during the meeting or by deferring to the next Finance Committee.

Councillors accepted the £47,000 deficit and Finance Committee were tasked with assessing whether any budget lines could be reduced. Once this review is complete, the draft 2021/2022 budget will be tabled at Full Council in January for approval.

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48. COMMITTEE MINUTES & UPDATE INC. WORKING GROUPS

Councillors received approved minutes from Committees since last meeting.

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49. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS, PARISH COUNCILLOR MATTERS & TRAINING FEEDBACK

Cllr Farrance – the Executive and Deputy Clerk were noted for their work in organising the upcoming Late Night Christmas Shopping event. All Councillors were urged to attend.

Cllr Dorothy Harvey – there have been lots of comments from people to say that they are grateful for the Christmas trees and Snow Windows.

Cllr Sutton – there have been several complaints regarding the surgery and people not getting the care that they should. Dead rabbits have been spotted up on the heath and there is an ongoing need for an extra dog poo bin.

Cllr Wilson – endorsed the good feeling around the village for the Christmas trees and Snow Windows.

Cllr Gee – Victoria Hall is up and running again. Some performances are scheduled before Christmas.

Cllr Elborn – requested an update on the Taplins Farm planning application as this has been withdrawn and it is an issue of concern for residents on St Mary's Park. Cllr Diana Harvey had no further update and Cllr Airtton suggested convening a meeting to look at a map of the area and ascertain how the application might work with St Mary's Park.

Cllr Robertson – noted some issues with people having difficulty finding the St Mary's Park playing field. Some travel from a wide radius to play at the new venue and end up driving around the development to locate the field. The following potential solutions were noted:

Tag the St Mary's Park sports field on Google
Have signposts on the A30 and on Dilly Lane
Upload a location map on the HWPC website so sports coaches can refer away teams to it

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The 2021 Calendar was received.

The meeting closed at 8.57pm.

Appendices

- Actions log
- Monthly finance documents
- Draft budget 2021/22
- 2021 calendar of meetings

*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*