

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Hartley Wintney Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 7th February 2022 to which Councillors were summoned to attend.

Members of the public were advised to only attend this meeting via the online link.

PRESENT: Cllr Chris Farrance (Chairman), Cllr Stuart Elborn, Cllr Diana Harvey, Cllr Richard Dodds, Cllr Steve Airton.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Becky Moss (via online link), Cllr Roger Robertson (via online link- left the meeting at 19.57), HDC Cllr Anne Crampton, HCC Cllr Tim Davies, Karyn Reid (Executive Clerk) and Helen King (SCO).

20/21PC 80. OPEN FORUM

Residents made a joint representation regarding the cancellation of the No.7 Tiger Bus. Concerns raised included the overall impact of climate change impinging on the village. It was suggested that a community climate change working party could be formed which includes public transport as a key concern as well creating a sustainable transport pledge that people can sign up to. They also suggested that the Community Bus should be as a separate entity, such as a trust or a company, to free the Parish Council to take other initiatives such as taking an overall view of transport, whilst seeding other transport opportunities.

20/21PC 81. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Janaka Alwis, Cllr Chris Cornwall, Cllr Peter Gee, HDC Cllr Spencer Farmer and HDC Cllr Tim Southern.

20/21PC 82. DISPENSATIONS & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Executive Clerk previously granted dispensation to all members for business conducted within Full Council meetings until 31st March 2022.

No Declarations of interest were made.

20/21PC 83. WARD MEMBERS REPORT

HDC Cllr Anne Crampton updated the Council on the following matters;

Cllr Crampton has been contacted by a resident group regarding wild flower seeding. She has put them in touch with the HDC countryside services to discuss further.

Cllr Crampton advised that she has been liaising between residents and Vivid housing as some residents are concerned that they are not getting the garden maintenance they are expecting, since it has been outsourced to a company called Lotus.

Cllr Crampton advised that Cllr Farmer has received complaints from local businesses about how the Fleet Road closure is affecting their business.

Cllr Crampton advised that the HDC budget meeting is scheduled for the end of February, stating that they are going for a council tax rise of 2.99% or £5, whichever is the greater. The government have announced a £150 rebate for council tax in band A-D properties, with some discretionary rebates for properties falling outside of these bands.

There is no update on the ponds and commons strategy.

The Grey House School planning application will be reviewed during the HDC planning meeting this week. They are proposing to grant approval.

Taplins Farm - Photo's from neighbouring residents have been sent to HDC enforcement who are currently dealing with it. The enforcement officer has returned from annual leave today so will be able to provide an update shortly.

White Lion sheds- Cllr Southern has been dealing with this with enforcement, there is no current update.

HCC Cllr Tim Davies updated the Council on the following matters;

Fleet Road closure– Cllr Davies is hoping that it will be open by the end of February for cars, controlled by traffic lights.

No.7 Bus- Many resident complaints have been made to Reading buses regarding the cancellation. Heckfield, Mattingley and Wokingham Parish Councils have also made complaints. Some money has been released from the Central Government to maintain bus services during Covid-19 and Reading buses are in receipt of this. Their website still states that this is a service suspension rather than a permanent termination.

A planning application has been submitted to HDC in relation to the roundabout on the A327/A30 intersection. That will stop people having to drive down to Blackbushe airport to come back on themselves to travel towards Fleet.

The Household waste site is planned to be relocated to a new road, which will assist with accessibility of the site.

There was a rural crime seminar last week, it largely focused on fly tipping and theft of batteries which are used for electric fencing. The Sergeant at Yateley communicated to Cllr Davies that there has been an outbreak of organised crime targeting the theft of BMW and Mercedes cars along the A30 corridor. The organised criminal gang are known to often be coming into the area on the first week of the month. Rural crime in Hart is significantly down on last year, largely because criminal activity has been displaced across the county border into Surrey.

20/21PC 84. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, ACTIONS LOG & PARISH OFFICE REPORT

Cllr Dodds proposed approval of the minutes and actions log of the Full Council meeting on 10th January 2022, Seconded by Cllr Elborn. **AGREED by all.** Cllr Farrance signed the minutes as a complete and accurate record.

The Cllrs reviewed the actions log. The Executive Clerk noted that a face-to-face meeting has been requested with HDC Countryside Manager regarding the Ponds and Commons strategy, and that the Countryside Team had confirmed that vegetation works at Hatton's Pond will be taking place over the next few weeks.

Cllr Farrance noted that he has had some push back from Whitewater Health and was recommended to go through the PPG. The Cllrs discussed that it has been communicated via Contact magazine that there has been a new Practice Manager recruited.

Action: Executive Clerk to diarise a meeting for 3 months time and ask the PPG to keep us informed of any changes. Collaborate with Hook PC to discuss their thoughts and concerns.

Initial discussions regarding the Community Bus marketing plans have started between Cllr Farrance, the Executive Clerk and the SCO, and a community bus survey is now in progress.

Cllr Farrance has raised concerns regarding planning response times and the ponds and commons strategy during a recent meeting with local Parish and District Councillors, however he wishes to keep action 20/21 PC 77 on the actions list.

Cllr Farrance noted that he has written to MP Ranil Jayawardena and Cllr Rob Humby regarding the Tiger bus cancellation and we had received a response from Cllr Humby. Cllr Humby noted that there is no requirement for bus operators to consult or share any information prior to the application to the traffic commissioners. Once an application has been submitted it is then in the public domain. Cllr Farrance's view is that it is not the role of the Parish Council to stand in, in place of the commercial bus operators. Reading Buses have not divulged what the economic number of passengers required to run the service is. Cllr

Farrance expressed his opinion that the Community Bus needs to be the priority of HWPC. He wishes to propose a community bus survey, in order to understand who could be using the bus that is not currently using it. The survey would also gauge the residents understanding of the current routes and capabilities of the bus as well as capture resident's desirable destinations. The survey will also allow us to get a sense of appetite for a community climate change working party.

20/21PC 85. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE – review & approval of following:

- i) To approve Payments listing (attached)

The Council reviewed the payments listing. The Executive Clerk noted that there are two additional costs that have come in since the payments listing was published; £420 for the playground brochure and £324 for staff safeguarding training. Subject to the two additional costs being added, Cllr Harvey proposed approval of the Payments listing, seconded by Cllr Dodds. **AGREED by all.**

- ii) To receive income and expenditure, cashbooks and bank reconciliations for December 2021 (attached)

Cllr Farrance noted that the Council have received the income and expenditure, cashbooks and bank reconciliations for December 2021.

20/21PC 86. PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

- i) Jubilee fields / 5G Pitch

Cllr Airton gave a summary of the proposal by HWJFC to establish a 5G pitch within Hartley Wintney, with 50% funding available from the Football Foundation. HWFC and HWJFC are very keen for this to progress, with the next step being that a location needs to be confirmed. The expected costs are approx. £500,000 if put on the existing HWFC grounds and approx. £1,000,000 if located elsewhere in the village. A previous feasibility study run by HWPC ruled out the slopey pitch as a potential location due to it being too small for the full sized pitch footprint. It is expected to be 80% utilised by HWFC. Other location options that could be considered are Greenfields Junior School and the LPC. Cllr Airton confirmed that he will discuss further with HWJFC and HWFC.

ACTION: Cllr Airton to arrange meeting with HWJFC and HWFC to further discuss 5G football pitch opportunity.

20/21PC 87. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH COUNCILLOR MATTERS

Cllr Farrance noted that there have been two expressions of interest for the Councillor vacancies, both of whom he will be meeting to discuss further. The Executive Clerk noted that she is awaiting confirmation from HDC as to whether we can co-opt Cllr Craig's position. Upon receiving this confirmation, we can put a closing date for the application on the website and in the Contact magazine.

The Councillors discussed the requirement of attendance at meetings, with Cllr Farrance encouraging all to attend in person. Voting rights are waived and statutory attendance is not counted if joining the meeting remotely. The Executive Clerk noted that current legal guidance is that if you join the meeting remotely you are not able to make representations. The Cllrs discussed that out of courtesy, permission should be requested to join a meeting remotely.

ACTION: Cllr Farrance to write to all councillors to confirm the expectations for attendance at meetings.

Cllr Harvey queried plans for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee and suggested the planting of an Oak tree to mark the occasion. The Executive Clerk noted that the first events working party meeting was very successful and the group will be meeting again on 15th February to further discuss plans.

The Cllrs discussed that a calendar of events with specific resourcing and overhead costs will be beneficial for the committee to review for discussion. Cllr Farrance noted that he would like to discuss this further with the office team outside of the Full Council meeting.

20/21PC 88. COMMITTEE MINUTES & UPDATE INC. WORKING GROUPS

i) Community Hub - No update.

ii) Committee meetings – to receive approved minutes

There were no minutes of committee meetings to be reviewed.

20/21PC 89. CORRESPONDENCE & DATES OF MEETINGS

The Executive Clerk shared an email from a resident regarding the impact of heavy goods lorries travelling through the Village along the A30. Cllr Elborn advised that it is possible to hire sensors that monitor vehicle axle length, to review and record traffic over a set amount of time. Cllr Crampton said such a survey had been undertaken by Eversley in relation to the traffic volumes generated by new housing developments. If we were to undertake such a survey it should wait until the Fleet Road is re-opened.

The Executive Clerk explained that the positions of the poles to be used for SIDs along Bracknell Lane have been changed, so we are awaiting final approval to proceed with the installation.

- Planning Committee – Monday 14th February 2022 at 7.00pm
- Finance Committee – Monday 21st February 2022 at 7.00pm
- Environment & Amenities Committee – Monday 28th February 2022 at 7.00pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.42pm

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Appendices

- Actions Log
- Parish Office Report
- Payments Listing
- Cashbook reports December 21

Abbreviations used in these minutes: Cllr ~ Councillor. HCC ~ Hampshire County Council. HDC ~ Hart District Council. HWPC ~ Hartley Wintney Parish Council. LPC ~ Lucy Pygott Centre. HWFC – Hartley Wintney Football Club. HWJFC – Hartley Wintney Junior Football Club.