Minutes of the Council Meeting of Hartley Wintney Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday, 3rd April 2023 to which Councillors were summoned to attend, at the Lucy Pygott Centre.

PRESENT: Cllr Richard Dodds (Chairman), Cllr Steve Airton, Cllr Chris Cornwell, Cllr Chris Farrance and Cllr Nick Cooper, Cllr Roger Robertson, Cllr Diana Harvey and Cllr Peter Gee

IN ATTENDANCE: Karyn Reid (Executive Clerk), District Cllr Tim Southern, District Cllr Spencer Farmer and County Cllr Tim Davies

22/23PC 91. OPEN FORUM

No members of the public were present.

22/23PC 92. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Clir Stuart Elborn, Clir Stuart Ovenden and Clir Becky Moss.

22/23PC 93. DISPENSATIONS UNDER S33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT (2011) & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Dispensations were previously granted by the Executive Clerk until May 2023. No interests were declared.

22/23PC 94. WARD MEMBERS REPORT

Items noted from the Ward Members Report included;

HCC / C.Cllr Davies -

Nothing to report on 20 is Plenty Scheme however working towards a solution for speeds outside Rifle Range Farm development on Fleet Road.

Man-hole/drain covers have been replaced in Mount Pleasant

HCC had noted flood issues in the following locations, Cricket Green, Mount Pleasant, Bottle Lane and were putting together a works plan for clearance to the culverts.

Cllr Dodds noted that there had been work to the ditches along Oakland Terrace, C.Cllr confirmed this and that Cricket Green / York Lane was also on the schedule of works.

C.Cllr Davies also noted that he had been in discussion with H.Highways regarding the paths and Phoenix Green and Murrell Green.

D.Cllr Southern noted that West Green Road culverts also needed works as the flooding in this area was severe. C.Cllr Davies to chase HH.

HDC / D.Cllr Southern -

Noted that there was no further action at present for Bulls Yard Farm as it was not proven to be transgressing planning policy. D.Cllr Southern suggested HWPC contact the Environmental Agency if they had concerns of possible contaminants / pollution on the site.

D.Clir Southern also noted that he had been approached by HW residents questioning the increase in Parish Precept and suggested HWPC publicise why etc for more transparency. After a brief discussion, it was noted by Clir Dodds that whilst the increase and a statement was currently on our website and had been since January, he would draft a more detailed summary and publish for residents.

ACTION; CIIr Dodds to draft a summary of Precept increase, with CIIr Gee support to be published on website and FB.

Cllr Dodds requested for the meeting to move on at this point. D.Cllr Farmer confirmed he had no updates.

22/23PC 95. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, ACTIONS LOG & PARISH OFFICE REPORT

Clir Cornwell proposed approval of the minutes of the Full Council meeting on 27th February 2023, seconded by Clir Harvey. **AGREED by all.**

Items noted from the Action Log included;

HDC Management / Engagement Plan – Cllr Cornwell informed all that he would write to HDC Countryside Manager to set up a meeting now that the HW Ranger was in post, suggesting that they attend HW Full Council meeting for June and then E&A Meetings thereafter.

The Parish Office report was received and no queries were raised.

22/23PC 96. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE

i) Payment listings

Clir Robertson proposed approval of the payments listing; seconded by Clir Gee. AGREED by all.

22/23PC 97. PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

i) Update on Coronation Plans(attached)

The Executive Clerk reiterated the plans to date for the Coronation Weekend. It was **AGREED** for additional promotion in the May Contact edition.

ACTION; Executive Clerk to include poster or additional promotion in May Contact edition.

ii)Receive update on Ponds project

Cllr Cornwell circulated an update (no.3) on progress and plans to date regarding the ponds, confirming that due to nesting birds season and the timeframe in which to obtain all the required permissions, works are likely to take place in Autumn. The Executive Clerk confirmed that they would still be working on this now and that it would be a priority project as **AGREED** in last meeting.

Cllr Cornwell requested permission from members to provide the same update, minus financials, to the HW Historical Society AGM on 10th May 2023. All members **AGREED**.

Cllr Robertson requested the direct support of D.Cllrs Southern and Farmer to help push the lease for the ponds through so works can commence as required. A deadline date was **AGREED** of 1st September 2023, for this lease to be seen, approved and signed in order to complete the project this year.

iii) Discuss and review re-Wilding plans (attached)

A report with maps was circulated to all members prior to the meeting with a proposal for wilding to continue, albeit in a slightly varied locations, for this year. It was noted that a representative from the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Trust had visited the site and noted the benefits of the wilding and uncovered ancient meadowland on site, which they would be keen to encourage in the coming years with the wilding project.

A discussion took place with all members, with D.Cllrs participating. The following concerns / points were raised; Contact with The Churches Conservation Trust was key prior to any agreement from HWPC, concerns over the varied plans to move the wilding into areas where ashes interments were still taking place and family members were still active in the Village visiting graves. The need for further consultation and more public awareness of the possible plans. That whilst there is value in encouraging the ancient meadowland, the function of the grounds currently is as a 'working burial grounds'.

Whether HWPC accepts wilding at the Burial Grounds in principle and the detail is worked out after further consideration and consultation with stakeholders.

There was a heated debate on this sensitive topic resulting in the Chairman firmly requesting D.Cllr Southern to refrain from participating in the HWPC discussion. D.Cllr Southern left the meeting at 8.45pm.

Cllr Farrance noted that the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Trust representative and local resident expert were both presenting at the HW Climate Action meeting on 20th April and he would suggest speaking at the HW APM on 17th May 2023.

It was **AGREED** that HWPC was in support of the principle of wilding however our usual cutting schedule would resume until further consultation had taken place.

ACTION; Executive Clerk to continue to speak with stakeholders for input. Cllr Farrance to suggest attendance at HW APM.

iv) Receive Committee approved minutes and/or update (circulated)

The approved minutes from meetings that took place in February & March were received.

22/23PC 98. CHAIRMANS ANNOUCEMENTS & PARISH COUNCILLOR MATTERS

Cllr Robertson requested an update on Phoenix Green Bin, Executive Clerk confirmed she was waiting on Contractor for date to install.

Cllr Cornwell noted the major planning application at Grange Farm and suggested HWPC publicise it for resident benefit. The Executive Clerk confirmed that she had drafted an item already in preparation for the Planning Meeting.

ACTION; Executive Clerk to publicise the planning application for Grange Farm.

Cllr Harvey noted to all that she had attended a recent meeting of the Blackbushe Consultative Committee. The airfield was gradually recovering and business was improving with small profits being made. A historical aircraft has been carefully transported to the airfield with the intention of repair / renovation (Vickers Viking Plane circa 1945)

The de-registering of common land is still ongoing. Cllr Harvey also noted that she would attend the next HDTAPC meeting on 18th April, where it was expected for the Chief Executive of HDC to present and take questions. Cllr Harvey also noted that the trees in the High Street looked greatly improved.

Cllr Farrance reminded all that the HW Climate Action meeting would be taking place on 20th April at St Johns Church. Although he would be stepping down Cllr Farrance confirmed that he would remain involved for now to see how the project progresses.

Clir Farrance will also remain part of the HW Conservation Area Review WP. The last version of this document was submitted to HDC for an independent consultant to review. Feedback has been received and Clir Farrance has suggested that a meeting with the WP and Consultant would be beneficial before meeting again with HDC.

Council Members noted Cllr Farrance's intent to step down and thanked him for his support and many contributions to HWPC.

Cllr Airton informed all that HCC had approved the planning request for floodlights to be installed at HW Tennis Club/court. Works will be taking place during school holidays.

Cllr Airton also noted that the first meeting of the HW Croquet Club would also be meeting on 20th April, with the intent to start running and playing at LPC very soon.

Cllr Cooper informed all that he met with two Consultants to discuss various proposals on the Public Toilets. The project will be managed under Planning Committee for now.

22/23PC 98. CORRESPONDENCE & DATES OF MEETINGS

It was noted that the following meetings were taking place in April;
Planning Committee – Monday 17th April 2023 at 7.00pm
E&A Committee – Monday 24th April 2023 at 7.00pm

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all participants at the meeting and closed the meeting 9.29pm.

SEKun Chairman 9/5/23. Date

Appendices

- · Ward Members Report
- Actions Log
- · Parish Office Report
- Payments Listing
- Coronation Events Summary
- Summary Pond Project v3
- Wilding Project Proposal

Abbreviations used in these minutes: Cllr ~ Councillor, HCC ~ Hampshire County Council, HDC ~ Hart District Council, HWPC ~ Hartley Wintney Parish Council, LPC ~ Lucy Pygott Centre, FOGO ~ Friends of Green Oaks

WARD / COUNTY MEMBER ACTIONS

09.04.22 20/21PC 108 & 22/23PC 58.	<u>P</u>	20 IS PLENTY SCHEME HCC Cllr Davies to reflect the request for a 20mph blanket speed limit on all appropriate roads in the Parish	ONGOING
06.06.22 22/23PC 18.	2	REGULAR MEETING SET UP HH / HDC / HWPC	ONGOING
03.10.22 22/23PC 49 & 22/23PC 58	ር	CRICKET GREEN LANE / FLEET ROAD SPEEDING TRAFFIC Extend 30MPH past development on Fleet Road and past the bend on A323. Safety concerns due to drivers speeding up on the bend of Cricket Green Lane as leaving Village creating hazards to junction	
07.11.22 22/23PC 58.	<u></u>	POOR CONDITION OF ROADS THROUGHOUT VILLAGE ESP. BRACKNELL LANE / FLEET ROAD	
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06.02.23 22/23PC 78.	TS	BLOCKED DITCHES AT OAKLANDS TERRACE / CRICKET GREEN	
	TS	BULLS YARD FARM – ENFOREMENT	

Actions Log - Full Council

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PARISH COUNCIL ACTIONS

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06.06.22 22/23PC 19	KR/LW/CC	KR/LW/CC Continue discussion between HWPC, HDC Clirs and HDC Countryside Team regarding a sensible and appropriate plan of action for the common land area. MANAGEMENT PLAN	APRIL 23
07.11.22 22/23PC 59.	XX	Training dates for W/C 21/11 and 28/11 to be circulated to the Councillors.	RECIRCULATE NEW DATES
09.01.23 22/23PC 69.	RR	Scan PG Survey documents and circulate to Clirs	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A
22/23 PC 73.	KR	Investigate parking solutions of end bay with HDC.	10010001
06.02.23 22/23PC 81	PO	Publish details / plans for Fireworks once confirmed	Organism .
22/23PC 82	X	Planning Committee to discuss parking arrangements at Duck Pond Walk	COMPLETED

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Date: 03 April 2023 Title: Full Council Report From: Executive Clerk

To: Hartley Wintney Parish Council

Finance Officer

As confirmed by email, Darleia Oliveiro was successfully recruited on 7th March 2023 and has been working through an intense training programme to support with LPC accounts, asset management and Year End Audit.

Office works - Office Closure

The works are ongoing with replacement doors and painting being undertaken during the Easter holidays. As such the office will be closed to face to face visitors from Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April, however staff are available via phone and email (other than bank holidays where the office will be closed).

Events

Youth Films

WEDNESDAY 5th APRIL – WAKANDA FOREVER Youth Film 6.30pm at Victoria Hall

THURSDAY 6th APRIL – STRANGE WORLD Youth Film 10.30am at Victoria Hall

Community Bus - Hook Parish Council

The Executive Clerk and Community Bus Administrator met with representatives from Hook Parish Council to discuss the current public transportation needs in Hook and how the Community Bus could work to support this. Funding would be available to us in lieu of agreed service provisions. They were advised to send out a survey to all residents to try and gauge the need and desire for additional services, as well as re-advertising the current service provision.

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Community Events & Awards Working Group Meeting held via an online Teams meeting on Thursday 16th March 2023 at 7pm.

In attendance:

HWPC: Karyn Reid (Executive Clerk), Sarah Daly (Deputy Clerk) and Darleia Oliveiro (Finance Officer)

• Friends of Green Oaks: Gwen Jones

The Over 55's Forum/Forget me not café/The Community Hub: Dorothy Harvey

HW Guides: Jill BurtonHW Scouts: Lee CollinsHart Rotary: Steve Watling

Trudy Rankin: St John's Church

Local resident: Maggie E

HWPC are currently organising:

Coronation decorations – lamp post plaques and flags on poles, to be displayed along the main High Street/start of London Road up to Victoria Hall, and up to Baldwin Close on the Fleet Road

Big Screen event – on Central Common to live stream the Coronation on Saturday 6th May and the concert on Sunday 7th May. Both days will be informal and not too resource heavy. A screen has been hired, trailer toilets and an accessible unit, plus adequate first aid provision. People will be encouraged to bring along a picnic particularly on the Sunday as part of the Big Lunch if they aren't holding a street party. A programme for the weekend will be promoted nearer the time when the BBC releases more information.

The Big Help Out – is being promoted on Monday 8th May. There are no specific plans yet although Central Common will need a group of volunteers to litter pick following the Big Screen event. Local residents/groups/organisations will be encouraged to get involved whether it is by litter picking, cleaning road signs, tidying up the area where they live etc. This could be a good opportunity for Guides/Scouts etc to get involved. Rotary has already expressed an interest in getting involved with a litter pick.

Friends of Green Oaks could tie something in with the schools Respect Values – asking parents/carers/pupils to sign up and post evidence on their school SeeSaw account so they can get a special badge.

HW Guides could do something and then meet up with others at the end of the activity. Rotary felt it was important to meet up at a central point and do something socially at the end. Central Common will be free and clear on the Monday. HWPC could support plans as there aren't the resources to organise another event. HW Guides could run some games alongside the tea tent and advertise this to parents/carers. Other groups could have some stalls too. Possible timings of 9.30am to 12 noon were noted.

Friends of Green Oaks are looking into organising a Great British Bake Off on Friday 5th May and possibly Proms in the Playground with strawberries, cream and Prosecco.

St Johns Church will be doing a service on the morning of Sunday 7th May and there was discussion about Scouts and Guides providing flag bearers.

Rotary offered support with stewarding, giving out equipment, litter picking and possibly helping install road pins/netting around the perimeter of Central Common before the Big Screen event.

Guides may be able to help put bunting around the white railings surrounding Hatten's Pond and could do something crafty as well to tie in with a normal Guides meeting.

DH — asked about grants for street parties. Hart District Councillors have a pot of £1000 for the whole ward. KR has the application forms for these. There are two options — HWPC could pass on the information to individuals and they apply or HWPC may be able to apply for a pot that is then distributed to applicants. KR will contact the Hart District Councillors to discuss.

Oakwood and Greenfields would like grant funding for some decorations if possible.

HWPC will be contacting the retailers to find out what they are planning. One idea suggested was to approach food outlets and see whether they would like to offer picnics/meal deals etc. SD and DH will liaise outside of the meeting about approaching retailers.

Next meeting – it was agreed for any communication to continue over email with a possible follow up Teams meeting two weeks before the Coronation weekend.

NOTE - Please pencil in Thursday 20th April at 7pm for a follow up Teams meeting - TBC

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Ponds Update to Parish Council Meeting 3 April 2023

At the Full Council Meeting on 30 February the Executive Clerk said that, even if the remedial work could not commence on 27 March, it was vital for all the detailed work to be undertaken now, because of her other work priorities in the coming months.

Hart District Council (HDC) has raised the valid point that the concentration of toxic metals in Hatten's Pond may have increased since the original analysis was undertaken and depending on what is present there now, it might not be possible for us to move and deposit the spoil as planned. The Executive Clerk is arranging new sampling and analysis. In addition, it is felt necessary to undertake an Environment Impact Assessment for Dilly Lane Pond to avoid being criticised or fined by the Environment Agency and the Executive Clerk will seek one. The Executive Clerk will also advise the Environment Agency of the work at Causeway Farm Pond, because the overflow links into a water course.

Based on quotations received at today's prices the work would have cost £37,000. In addition, the Hatten's Pond silt analysis and the Dilly Lane Pond Environment Impact Assessment are likely to cost £5,000 and lastly the Dilly Lane road closure notice and management will cost around £2,500. So all in, we are currently talking about £44,500. This compares with the quotation of £74,000 obtained from River and Canal Services Limited last September, which assumed that Thackham's Lane Pond would be done as well within the overall quote of £87,000 and this excludes the £7,500 of additional costs previously referred to. The substantial saving that we will make arises from us being able to secure good prices for the individual aspects of the work and with Roger Robertson and I being site managers, assisted by volunteers controlling traffic and cleaning the roads adjacent to the ponds.

We have yet to receive a draft lease from HDC, nor what their proposed Memorandum of Understating would say, which would allow us to take over management of the agreed areas, in advance of the lease being signed. In this interim period, we understand that HDC will prune the large weeping willow and may undertake other cutting back of trees and foliage at Causeway Farm Pond, all at their cost.

We will continue to press HDC for a draft lease. However, because of ecological reasons the work cannot now be undertaken until the autumn or early winter. Wishing to avoid Dilly Lane being closed during term time, which would mean a significant detour for the school bus, we are currently looking for the fortnight's work to commence on either 23 October or 11 December.

Chris Cornwell Chairman of E&A Committee 30 March 2023

'Wilding' proposals for the Churchyard of 'Old' St Mary's in 2023

[NB: The terminology of this note refers to 'churchyard'; it is now apparent that from a PC perspective it is a 'burial ground'.]

The Why

The survey carried out in 2022 by Susan Simmonds from HIWWT shows that the churchyard is a remnant of ancient meadowland. Only fragments of meadows now remain in the UK, and this churchyard is probably the richest example in the Parish. Such diversity should be continued and encouraged for the enjoyment of all and as a source for natural expansion.

The rich spread of flora is magnet for a good mix of insects (as long as the plants are allowed to flower), and insects are a vital component of soil improvement and of plant fertilisation.

All of which goes to sustaining biodiversity (albeit on a small scale) and contributing to an environment which can adequately respond to the challenge of climate change and providing mental well-being to us humans.

The What

The following uses the areas as defined in the HWPC map of 'St Mary's Burial Ground' dated 2020.

Carry out normal ongoing maintenance for the whole of the churchyard, except allow the natural flora to flower and set seed in the following areas, as shown on the plan provided.

- 1. From Mar-June leave Area F unmown.
- 2. From Mar to Aug leave Area E and part of Area D unmown.
- 3. Mow and keep mown narrow meandering paths through Areas E and D to enable visitors to appreciate the diversity of flowers and insects.
- 4. Apply minimum cutting on the paths, certainly no weed-killer, so that they look attractive and still supply safe access.
- 5. Apply a 'light-touch' regime to the south-west part of Area G under the oak trees.
- 6. Put up suitably worded notices at the entrances to the Churchyard explaining why some parts are being wilded, and that after flowering and seeding all the vegetation will be cut back down to neat uniformity for autumn and winter.

In addition, I shall carry out regular monitoring of the flora and report back (to the PC?) at the end of the season.

JRC 13/01/23, with amendments added 31/03/23



Wilding and Rewilding - the difference

Wilding means allowing the plants in a specific plot or area to grow uncultivated, either as natives or escapes or introduced. This is done to encourage insects and other wildlife and to provide a pleasant place for people.

Rewilding is the restoration of an area of land to its (original) natural uncultivated state. Rewilding, or re-wilding, activities are conservation efforts aimed at protecting natural processes and wilderness areas. Rewilding is a form of ecological restoration with an emphasis on recreating an area's "natural uncultivated state" in a way that becomes self-sustaining.

Wilding can be done on an area of land as small as a garden, and can show results within a few months; **rewilding** works only on areas in which natural ecosystem process can operate, and can take years to take effect.

Rewilding is a progressive approach to conservation. It's about letting nature take care of itself, enabling natural processes to shape land and sea, to repair damaged ecosystems and restore degraded landscapes. Through rewilding, wildlife's natural rhythms create wilder, more biodiverse habitats.

The shorthand definition of Rewilding is the "3 C's"--conservation of Cores, Corridors, and Carnivores. That vision is of dynamic but stable self-regulating and self-sustaining ecosystems with near pre-human levels of species diversity.

Both wilding and rewilding can be divided into (i) nature-led or (ii) intervention-based initiative and action. Nature-led (re)wilding is somewhat passive, but it might also involve active rewilding such as when fencing, planting trees and (re)introducing specific mammals. Both wilding and rewilding are driven by a dominating belief that the natural world has a 'right to life'.

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Alternative (and perhaps less helpful) language uses the word "Greening". **Greening** is the process of transforming living environments, and also artifacts such as a space, a lifestyle or a brand image, into a more environmentally friendly version (i.e. 'greening your home' or 'greening your office').

The greening of a person or organization means that **the person or organization is becoming more aware of environmental issues**. This awareness can cover matters related to both the impact of climate change and the impacts of biodiversity loss – the two of which may or may not be connected. 'Greening' suggests that the awareness becomes an urge to take action.

JRC January 2023

