

Minutes of the Meeting of South Warnborough Parish Council
The Ridley Hall
Monday 5th July 2021

Present Cllrs Lady Belinda Hall (Chair), Edward Clark (Vice Chair), Gavin McBride (Vice Chair) and Stephen Highley

In Attendance Susan Richardson (Clerk & RFO)

Also Present HDC Cllr John Kennett and 2 members of the public

20/21 Introduction

The Chairman warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting.

21/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Steve Spreadborough, HCC Cllr Jonathan Glen and HDC Cllrs Ken Crookes and Chris Dorn.

22/22 Declarations of Interest

District Councillor John Kennett declared a personal interest in 26/21(d) & (e).

23/21 Public Participation - Two members of the public attended the meeting to raise concerns relating to the latest planning application at Humbly Grove, 26/21(a).

24/21 Approval of Minutes from Parish Council Meetings 22nd April and 4th May

It was resolved to approve the minutes from the Parish Council meetings on Thursday 22nd April and Tuesday 4th May.

25/21 Financial Update

(a) It was resolved to defer bank reconciliations until the next meeting due to lack of access.

(b) It was resolved to approve the payments below.

<u>Retrospective Payments to be authorised on 5th July 2021</u>	£
Do The Numbers (Internal Auditor YE 31 st March 2021)	200.00
Tufton Warren LLP	250.00
Southern Electric	158.73
Webdirection (SWAGA) - May	1.50
Webdirection (SWAGA) - June	1.50
Chris Preston (SID Batteries)	149.99
Elizabeth Ford (Colin Hearsey's leaving gift)	50.00
E Ford - Salary May	455.00
S Richardson - Salary May	336.00
Elizabeth Ford (Expenses)	70.18
Swadling Garden	384.00
Susan Richardson - Salary June	455.00

<u>Retrospective Receipts to be acknowledged on 5th July 2021</u>	
HMRC VAT Refund	532.85

<u>Payments to be authorised on 5th July 2021</u>	£
Playsafety Limited (Annual safety report)	103.20
Susan Richardson (HP Laptop)	809.99
Belinda Hall (Elizabeth Ford's leaving gift)	138.00

26/21 To consider the following planning applications

(a) 21/01231/FUL Humbly Grove, Alton for demolition of existing buildings and erection of a dwelling and detached garage with habitable accommodation at first floor, associated access, parking, turning, landscaping and private amenity space. **It was resolved** to submit an objection as the minor changes, over the original application 21/03071/FUL, fell short of addressing earlier concerns. **Post Meeting Note:** The application has been withdrawn.

(b) 21/01222/FUL Hazelfield Kennels, Alton Road for erection of a two-storey side extension to The Barn. **It was resolved** to submit a comment of no objection.

(c) 21/01410/HOU Amberley, Lees Hill for erection of an outbuilding. Members felt that not enough information had been provided to allow a considered discussion and decision. **It was agreed** that the Clerk should contact the assigned HDC case officer raising these concerns. **Post Meeting Note:** The application has been withdrawn.

(d) 21/01463/LBC South Warnborough Lodge, Lees Hill for replacement roof tiles on detached garage. **It was resolved** to submit a comment of no objection.

(e) 21/01462/LBC South Warnborough Lodge, Lees Hill to replace sashes in three windows on the SE elevation and one window in SE elevation. **It was resolved** to submit a comment of no objection.

(f) 21/01742/CA The Lime House, Gaston Lane Sorbus and variegated Acer see 18/01767/CA have grown since last work and need trimming again. **It was resolved** to submit a comment of no objection to this tree work.

27/21 Projects Update

(a) Playground - Contractors have been on site since Monday 5th preparing and dismantling, before new equipment delivery on the 12th. A notice was put on the village Facebook page and Parish Magazine updating residents and advising of limited access during the period of clearing and installation. Eibe Play will put up the necessary health and safety measures around the construction site, so please take note of those, and bear with us if there are any interruptions to normal village life caused by traffic due to deliveries etc.

Our expectation is that for the four or so weeks that the SWAGA field will be closed during July for the construction works, we will still be able to keep the MUGA (the hard surfaced Multi Use Games Area) open for you all to use.

The PC had applied for a grant from Veolia to help with funding the new playground, and to also enable the building of a tarmac area and new fencing around the SWAGA. Unfortunately, we were not successful in being given a grant.

Construction will be in 2 phases. The first phase is the playground area only, and providing further money comes available, ideally through a sponsor, Phase 2 further develops the tarmac area and fencing. The playground is a great space for all families to enjoy and the new equipment and works will be a worthy enhancement to the village.

(b) Village Gates - **It was agreed** to request a change to the design previously chosen for the village entrance gates along the B3349. The preferred gates will allow for village name signs to be attached. The PC now awaits the design and estimates from HCC design engineers.

(c) Defibrillator - The Clerk confirmed that the defibrillator, housed on the wall to the left of the Village Shop is not registered with Southern Central Ambulance Service. **It was agreed** to complete the registration, check the expiry date of the pads within the device and put a reminder within the parish magazine of its location. **It was also agreed** to investigate available funding to purchase an additional defibrillator to house more centrally within the village.

28/21 Ridley's Piece Parking Update

On 3rd June, the PC received confirmation that, the Ridley's Piece highway together with surrounding land, footpaths and land currently housing a large oak tree, are all owned by Vivid. This information was provided by HDC and confirmed by Vivid. The PC made contact with the Neighbourhood Officer who confirmed that **(a)** the potholes within Ridley's

Piece road surface were to be treated as a priority. **(b)** Vivid do not get involved with parking issues unless designated parking spaces are being occupied by others. **(c)** Funding is not available to consider lighting of the footpath leading down onto Gaston Lane. The PC also raised the issue of parking and the possibility of providing some off-road parking. **It was AGREED** that the PC would contact Vivid to obtain an update before sharing the information with all residents.

29/21 Website

The Clerk advised that the current parish council website does not comply with The Public Sector Bodies (Website & Mobile Applications) (No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018. The Clerk has undergone some training, with Roger Withnell of Upperbridge, and now has access to the back office of the website. She has reached out to various village bodies listed under the 'Activities' tab to ensure all information is up to date. The upgrading of the website to ensure compliance has been requested at a cost of £30.00. An Accessibility Statement will be added to the website once the work has been undertaken and compliance confirmed.

30/21 County Councillor's Report

Cllr Glen was unable to attend tonight's meeting sending his apologies. He advised that the Alton Energy Recovery Facility on land off the A31 Nr. Holybourne, Alton will be discussed in the HCC Regulatory Committee on Wednesday 28th July. The site meeting had taken place earlier today.

31/21 District Councillor's Report

Hart DC Kennett reported on Hart DC planning matters:-

- Several members of staff had left or were due to leave
- He expects the Cholsey Farm solar farm application to be considered in August, noting that it was unlikely Hart DC would object to all solar farm applications under consideration.

HDC has so far awarded £3,250 in grants to local community groups under a grant scheme set up for those providing emergency response services during the Covid-19 pandemic. Funding is intended to help groups support members of the community experiencing practical difficulties a

32/21 Any Other Business

(a) B3349 Bus Shelter - It was agreed to revisit the proposed bus shelter project. Cllr McBride to share information collated with the new Clerk.

(b) Lengthsman - SWPC has a total of 55.5 hours of lengthsman labour for 2021/22.

It was agreed that, following installation of the playground, SWPC members will compile a list of any repairs identified suitable for the lengthsman to undertake.

(c) HDAPTC Meeting - The next HDAPTC meeting scheduled for 13th July will be held remotely.

(d) Lees Hill - HCC Highways Operation Centre contacted the PC on 20 June requesting that overgrown vegetation, Lees Hill/Gaston Lane encroaching onto the public highway be cutback within 21 days. **Post Meeting Note:** Following further investigation, HCC apologised for sending out their 'standard' letter as it does not explain adequately the issue/context of the hedge. There is no issue with vegetation encroaching the highway as initially stated. HCC are working with BT Openreach who have identified that they need to replace the telegraph pole that has become buried within the hedge. It is acknowledged that the PC include some maintenance, to this area, within their Ground Maintenance Contract with Swadling Gardens but not the roadside of the hedge.

(e) Footpath 1 - A MOP raised concerns of vegetation overgrowth along Footpath hindering clear Access (brambles, nettles). **Post Meeting Note:** Footpath 1 has been cleared.

33/21 To confirm date and location of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 6th September 2021 @ 7.30 p.m. in Ridley's Hall.