

HAMBRIDGE & WESTPORT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11th JULY 2016 @ 8pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Simon Denley (Chairman), David Cload, Brian Flack and Paul Masters. District Cllr Sue Steele was also in attendance.

165). **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

166). **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence had been received from Cllr Richard Maidment.

167). **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 13th JUNE 2016**

The Minutes of the meeting, having been circulated, were approved on the proposition of Cllr Brian Flack, seconded by Cllr David Cload and signed by the Chairman.

168). **MATTERS ARISING**

a). **Footpath from the Primary School to the Church – update**

There was nothing further to report at the present time.

b). **Dog & Litter Bins**

- i). The Clerk drew attention to an email received from Jennifer Brandt dated 3rd July in which reference was made to the registration of complaint re. lack of provision of information. This email had been circulated to the councillors for information. Cllr Simon Denley had replied on the 4th July, as follows:-

“You should have received some acknowledgement of receipt of your email posted 16th May & if this is not the case, then I apologise.

If you have any concerns regarding Parish Council actions you are most welcome to attend any of the monthly meetings where you will have an opportunity to put forward any views or issues for consideration. My understanding of the ‘process’ to which you refer is I believe the process by which the District Council determine the quantity of bins & organising/agreeing the emptying of these bins.

If you wish to discuss any of your concerns further, then we would be happy to do so at the next Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 11th July at 8.00 p.m.”

c). **Provision of a Defibrillator – update**

Cllr Simon Denley advised that we have received the cabinet which had been delivered to the Primary School. He had attended the Recreation Committee Meeting last week to get confirmation that they are satisfied with the siting of the Defibrillator at the entrance to the Village Hall and it was hoped to install it next week. There might be a problem with the electrics because there does not appear to be a socket but, we should be able to get around this problem.

d). **Westmoor Lane – update**

Although they had advised that the necessary works will be carried out in the current financial year, the Highways Department have not given a date when this work will be started. They have erected improved signage. The Clerk would endeavour to ascertain when the work would commence.

- e). **Allotments – update**
Mike Evans said that he had featured this item in the Newsletter. He had heard nothing back from Yarlington Homes and as far as he was concerned, that was it for the moment.
- f). **Footpaths L9/22 and L9/24 – update**
Mike Evans said that he had been trying to arrange a meeting with the footpaths representative and had chased this up. He had received an email advising that Les would not be returning to work for some weeks and that they could only address high priority work because they were short staffed. While they appreciated that this issue may be causing some difficulty for local users, resolving it will take some time and resource. They needed to check forward planning documents, carry out land owner searches and liaise with all affected parties to try and provide an alternative route for the footpaths. As this was a fairly historic construction it was hoped to progress it in the late autumn or when he returns to work. He had replied that, as this had been looked at five or six years ago, what had been the result and why had nothing been done about it. Cllr Simon Denley said that, in the circumstances, we would leave further discussion of this item until the autumn.

169). **FINANCE REPORT**

a). **Accounts for payment**

The following accounts were approved for payment on the proposition of Cllr Paul Masters, seconded by Cllr Brian Flack.

Mike Evans Associates – July Newsletter	£ 34.88
Mike Evans Associates– Supply of Litter Bin	£ 51.49
Clerk – Wages Month 3	£ 54.74
Max von Tyszka - Grassing Cutting	£440.00
Hambridge & Westport Recreation Trust – Rent	£144.00
HMRC – PAYE – Months 1/3	£ 40.80

b). **War Memorial Maintenance Grant Application – update**

Mike Evans said that our application was now going forward and the final decision should be advised in about a week. We should know by the end of the month and it was felt that we would get a grant.

c). **Smaller Authorities Transparency Fund Grant – update**

The Clerk confirmed that the sum of £2,429.14 had now been received into our Current Account and was available to use.

Adjournment to Allow Public Comment

Mike Evans said that it was his intention to organise a Christmas Street Party with people bringing their own food again. There was the Nursing Home tea this month and then a lunch at the Lion & Lamb in August.

There had been complaints about the overgrown hedging on the Village Green which was making it difficult for pedestrians. David Cload would contact Richard Coombes.

Cllr Paul Masters had been asked to bring up the question of the flashing light for traffic travelling from the Westport direction being extremely overgrown by the adjacent trees which was preventing it from operating efficiently. The Clerk would contact County Highways.

170). **REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

District Cllr Sue Steele referred to the fact about villages like Barrington deciding that they wanted to have their Pub as an asset. If it was ever decided to close the Pub, the village then try and keep it. She had expressed the view that if people want to keep their Pub, they had to go and drink in it. It would make it difficult for the landlord because it would take about six months while the village decide whether they can raise the money or not. The District Council was busy going through a

transformation at the moment and we want to know exactly what is proposed because they have four billion pounds and we want to know they are spending it correctly. The question of saving Area North was another concern because there have been changes made and Charlotte Jones has become part of the transformation team. Cllr Sue Steele would be meeting with the Chairman of Area North tomorrow and try to make sure that we have our finger on the pulse because if it all goes back to the centre, Yeovil town will get it all.

171). **LAW & ORDER**

a). **Police UK Crime Report May 2016**

On or near the B3168 - Violence & Sexual Offence – under investigation

b). **Report from PC Toni Lines for June 2016**

A report had not been received.

172). **PLANNING REPORT**

a) **Applications Received**

No. 16/02591/LBC

Form new doorway to garden and extend terrace. The Old School House, Hambridge, Langport.

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council had no objections to raise in respect of this application.

No. 16/02895/FUL

Erection of a storage shed. Paddock View, Hawkers Lane, Hambridge, Langport.

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council had no objections to raise in respect of this application.

173). **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence had been emailed to the councillors for information

a). All change: New Strategic Partnership Arrangements for South Somerset.

b). Somerset Rivers Authority Newsletter

c). SSDC – Rural Housing Action Plan Consultation

District Cllr Sue Steele said that she had complained about this because it does not really tell you what it is that they want you to say because it is consultation. She understood that they will be sending out a list of things for the councillors to look at and see if they would be affected by any of them.

d). SALC – Planning Training

e). SCC - Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2016

f). Nominations for the Chairman's Award for service to the community – SCC

Possible recipients' were suggested and Mike Evans would complete the necessary paperwork when a decision had been reached.

g). Complaint received from Emma Martin

Cllr Simon Denley had received a complaint advising that Westport residents had not been informed about the Lewis waterworks that started last year and enquired when the mess in the compound at Westport would be removed. Generators had driven the residents mad all last summer at bedtime and through the night and they had been given no warning, She also enquired when dog bins would be made available in Westport and whether there would be any consideration given to the provision of pavements in Westport.

Cllr Simon Denley had replied in detail to the various points raised by Emma Martin and advised that Westport was well represented on the Parish Council by Cllrs David Cload and Richard Maidment. He invited her to attend the July meeting if she wished to discuss her concerns further and had received a reply advising that she had taken the opportunity to express her views and knew who to call upon should any further issues arise.

174). **ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

- a). Footpath from the Primary School to the Church – update
- b). Dog & Litter Bins – update
- c). Provision of Defibrillator - update
- d). Westmoor Lane – update

CHAIRMAN_____DATE_____