



MINUTES OF MEETING
15th November 2016, 7:30pm Rathbone Pavilion

Councillors Present:

Geoff Chapman (GC) (Chairman), Mark Dinning (MD), Sally Evans (SE), Judith McGinley (JM), Sara Thomas (ST), Cllr Anna McNair Scott (AMS) and Rosemary Coulter (Clerk)
(AMS left the meeting after item 5)

**Actions
for**

1. Apologies for Absence:

Peter Waggett, Adele Stevenson, Cllr Rob Golding

2. Declarations of Interest:

None

3. Meeting open to the Public:

No attendees

4. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2016 were accepted as an accurate record.

5. Matters Arising:

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2016 have been corrected.

Defibrillator Signage – Cheryl still not back at work yet

Cherry tree at Haddef still to be felled.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange.

Clerk

Traffic Issues

A letter has been written to Cllr Anna McNair Scott outlining the traffic issues discussed at the last meeting with figures showing Personal Injury Road Accidents 2005-15.

With a view to organising a community event to determine resident's views on traffic issues in and around the village, GC has contacted

- Local PSO, who is willing to come to an evening event if he's on duty.
- Traffic & Safety Team, HCC and is still awaiting a response.

The Parish Council is keen for the community to lead decisions about traffic issues in the village and are not sure that everyone is in agreement with a 20mph speed limit.

ACTION: GC to continue to try and contact the Traffic and Safety Team

Parish Council will consider organising a community event in the New Year.

**GC
All**

AMS fed back on correspondence she has received from Mandy Ware, Team Leader, Traffic and Safety (New Forest, Test Valley, Eastleigh, Basingstoke & Deane), Hampshire County Council, as follows:

- A30 Stockbridge Road – the request for a speed limit does not meet the current policy and prioritisation principles and, therefore, further consideration of this cannot be considered. There is scope to apply warning signs and road markings with the 'slow' message for the junction. If the area has a local name then name signing can help in drawing drivers attention to a place where there are residential properties. HCC will consider inclusion of this issue in the 2017/18 Traffic Management Programme.
- The recent fatal accident at the junction of the A30/A33 has been the subject of an investigation by the Casualty Reduction Partnership (CRP), which consists of officers from HCC, BDBC, and Hampshire Constabulary. The 5 year personal injury accident (PIA) history was examined and a site visit undertaken. This location would not have reached Safety Engineering's usual intervention level for casualty reduction measures, which is 4 or more injury accidents at a single location over a 5 year period, which is reduced to 3 where accidents with a similar pattern have occurred or serious injuries are involved.

The site visit was held on 01.11.16 and the CRP examined the whole junction and considered many factors, including signing, lining, the road layout, the road surface and sight lines at each give way line. Although the road layout is not ideal, it has performed relatively satisfactorily with regard to the level of PIA's and could not justify what would be a large remodelling scheme when compared to other sites in the County. Several measures were agreed at the site visit including improvements to the advanced give way sign on the A30, installing square posts for the give way signs closest to Flowerpot Cottages to ensure they maintain the correct position, and improving the sightline under the large directional sign for the give way for southbound traffic. Vegetation will be

trimmed back wherever possible on the approach to and surrounding the junction. The number of PIA's will be monitored through the CRP Programme for the next five years to ensure the junction is working successfully.

SE commented that it was unfortunate the site visit did not include any Parish Councillors to give a local perspective to the issue.

- The current position with 20mph limits in Hampshire is that HCC has progressed a pilot programme of 20mph speed limits in some residential and village centre areas with the aim of reducing the traffic impact. The areas were all areas where the traffic speeds were already quite low and where a higher volume of pedestrian and cyclist traffic is likely and may potentially increase in future. The pilot speed limits were subject to extensive consultation and traffic surveys prior to their implementation and will undergo local consultation and survey now completed. This will shape future HCC policy on 20mph speed limits. Any future 20mph speed limits will be subject to criteria and policy requirements, Highways service priorities and the availability of sufficient resources/funding. There are no plans to consider further 20mph speed limits to extend this pilot programme prior to the completion of the evaluation and the results are expected around Spring 2017.
- HCC is now able to offer community funded traffic management measures. The principles of this new initiative are set within the new Traffic Management service and enables Parish Councils or community groups to fund minor and straightforward traffic management measures, recognising that measures that are a low priority for HCC funding and resource, may be of high value to the community. The scope of this includes village gateway enhancements, signing, road marking, informal pedestrian crossing points, advisory 20mph at school sites, enhanced village name signs, sign rationalisation and declutter, bollards to prevent overrun, finger post signs, safety wheelie bin stickers, etc. There is no scope to include measures that require major engineering solutions or changes to the traffic regulation due to the complexities surrounding the making of the legal order. In terms of funding, participating Parish and Town Councils will be expected to fund the whole cost of the works, the design and implementation fees; and make a contribution towards the ongoing maintenance of the measures depending on the type of measure implemented. HCC would be happy to provide the Parish Council with more details.

General discussion following this feedback

AMS stated that central Government funding has been reduced and will continue to reduce in future. She is prepared to continue to try and do something on these traffic issues and will do her best to get the issues on the 2017-18 traffic management plan. She asked if we have we done traffic counts?

Councillors reported that some traffic counts were done when the extension to the crematorium was considered. Wheelie bin stickers are already around the village.

GC stated that we will have a think about what further we can do.

6. Hampshire Highways and Traffic

Survey completed. Clerk to complete online version.

Clerk

7. HALC AGM

This was held in Hartley Witney on 22.10.16. GC attended.

Consisted of a number of presentations, as follows:

- Recruitment of Councillors – need to be representative of the population, have a higher profile, meet with electors, let electors know what the Council does, etc.
Discussed need to hold a meeting with electors and include other interested groups, such as the Village Trust. New Residents Meetings have been held in the past and it was felt that it would be time to arrange another meeting like this, with all village organisations represented, but open to all residents.
ACTION: Plan to arrange a meeting in the New Year.
- Councillor Commission – this is an organisation that works to try and inform policy makers and Central Government about what local councillors do on a daily basis.
- Future of Local Government in Hampshire – included a proposal for a new Hampshire town and parish fund. A report about this is going to council in December. GC is not sure if we'll just get funds or whether we need to apply.
- Crowdfunder - a way for the community to raise.
- Proposed Parish Capping consultation – debate. Central Government is proposing to cap potential increases to the precept. At the moment, this applies to larger councils only, so North Waltham is not affected. However, this may be applied to all councils in future. The Chair of HALC has sent a letter to his MP and suggested that other local councils do the same.
- **ACTION:** Write similar letter to MP

All

GC/Clerk

8. Current Planning Applications:

B/F	16/00950/HSE	Wheatsheaf Garage House, Popham Lane, NW Construction of new residential access.	Undecided
	15/04503/OUT	Honsome Fields Trenchard Lane Dummer Hampshire Outline application to include access to be considered, for up to 750 residential units with a mix of units, and a neighbourhood centre including principal community centre, private children's nursery, local retail facilities, indoor sports hall and three form entry primary school and ancillary development	Undecided
	16/01999/Ful	The Sun Inn, Winchester Road, North Waltham Erection of two storey rear extension to create 20 letting rooms with associated internal alterations. Erection of a single storey kitchen extension and replacement function room with staff flat over. Extension to car park with associated landscape works	Approved
	16/03303/FUL	Claydown Farm Fox Lane North Waltham RG25 2BE Construction of 30kWp Ground Mount Solar Array	Undecided
New	16/03906/HSE	19 St Michaels Close, North Waltham, RG25 2BP New front porch, new render to elevations, replacement windows and doors and internal alterations following the removal of an existing rear conservatory	Undecided

9. Planning Compliance Issues:

None

10. Financial Receipts:

None

11. Financial Payments

Payment of the following cheques were approved at the meeting:

NAME OF PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL AMOUNT
Rosemary Coulter	Salary and home working allowance	£148.76
Rosemary Coulter	Purchase of printer cartridge and paper (stationery)	£23.68

All payments were proposed GC and seconded by ST with unanimous agreement from the rest of council.

12. Budget for 2017-2018

A proposed budget for 2017-18 was available and discussed.

Issues:

- Clerk's salary and home working allowance needs correcting.
- Clerk's allowance for Broadband was removed and the figure for telephone allowance adjusted.
- Chairs's Allowance discussed as this is rarely used. Decided to use this to provide a Poppy Wreath for the War Memorial each year.
- The line for Petty Cash was removed as this no longer exists.
- A budget was included for Pond Maintenance, in addition to the budget for Pond Renewal.
- A line for general village maintenance was added.
- The sum for training was discussed.
- **ACTION:** Clerk to review training available and suggest reasonable figure for this budget.

Clerk

ACTION: Update budget sheet for to discuss further and agree at next meeting.

GC/Clerk

GC questioned whether Parish Council should financially support the production and distribution of the Parish Magazine to ALL households in the village as this could be a way of wider engagement of residents. Some councillors felt that if residents did not already subscribe to the Parish Magazine, they may disregard



a 'free' copy and therefore still remain disengaged. It was generally felt that a flyer to every household outlining the advantages of receiving the Parish Magazine.

ACTION: GC to discuss further with Julie Hugman, Editor.

GC

13. Highways / Village Appearance

- **Drains** – these were reported to HCC on 24.10.16. According to HCC website, works on these were completed on 07.11.16, whereby the contractor made safe or repaired the problem. Councillors felt this was not the case.
ACTION: Re-report the problem of drains full of debris and in need of clearing to prevent flooding during Autumn/Winter (include photographs).
- **Village Entrance Gate** maintenance – Clerk has received an email from Nick Tilley offering to 'adopt' the gate by the Church on Waltham Lane (Overton road). The Clerk has accepted and thanked Mr Tilley for this offer on behalf of the Council. Mr Tilley has advised that, on coming into the village towards the Church, there is an overhanging tree branch that does visually impair the left hand sign. He feels it needs cutting back, but would like advice.
ACTION: GC to look at tree branch and advise.
- **Roads and Traffic Issues** (not dealt with in item 5) – the potholes and poor road surface on Waltham Road between North Waltham and Steventon, and on Fox Lane, North Waltham, were reported to HCC on 24.10.16. According to HCC website, these have been inspected and require action. They have been passed to the contractor and are normally processed with 2 months.

Clerk

GC

14. Correspondence:

- Email from Nick Tilley re: village gate on Waltham Road – see item 13.
- Email from Barbara Bedford, Oakley & Deane Parish Council, asking if we had Litter Wardens to empty bins, or whether BDBC do this, and if so, what is the service like? All bins in North Waltham are emptied by BDBC. Uncertain as to how often this is done, but do not have a problem with overflowing bins.
ACTION: Respond to Barbara Bedford
- Email from Hampshire Pride outlining their new initiatives to support LGBT people and their families. Council declined offer of a Rainbow flag as we have no flagpole to fly it from.
- Email from Cuckoo Meadow Preschool to apologise for not clearing the room for the last Parish Council meeting. They are now aware of the regular dates of this meeting.

Clerk

15. Councillors' Announcements:

None

16. Items for Parish Magazine

The following items need to be included in next month's parish magazine:

- Planning applications
- Thank Malcom Knight and Richard Tanner for helping with litter pick and the tidying of St Michael's Close. State that we will try to give more notice next time.
- Thank Nick Tilley for 'adopting' a village gate and ask if anyone would like to adopt another gate.
- Pond planting will take place in the Spring. Thank those who have already offered to help and ask if anyone else would like to help, saying we will be in touch soon to let them know the details.
- Send best wishes for Christmas and thanks for support throughout the year.

17. Date of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th December 2016 at 7.30pm.

Signed Date