# Draft minutes of the Hale Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20th July 2021 at 7.00pm in Hale Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs Breedon, Gemmell (Chair), Kyle, Lavis and Vickery

**In attendance**: Cllr Edward Heron and 1 parishioner.

The meeting was recorded by Cllr Gemmell.

**21.113 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**: **-** Cllr Harrison and Mrs Amanda Johnson (Clerk). It was pointed out that Mrs Johnson was unwell and so Cllr Lavis took minutes and prepared an initial draft.

**21.114 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS** - To receive declarations of interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and to agree any dispensation requests. None received.

**21.115 REPORT BY COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR EDWARD HERON**.
Councillor Heron is relinquishing his NPA duties to concentrate on his District Council duties having taken on the role of Chair of NFDC. He answered questions and remained in attendance until item 21.122

**21.116 MINUTES**
21.116.1 To consider and resolve to approve the minutes of the Hale Parish Council meetings held on 1st June 2021.
It was proposed by Cllr Lavis, seconded by Cllr Kyle and **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1st June with one amendment – 21.100 should read £25,000 not £2500.
21.116.2 Note matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.
**Trees at village hall–** Clerk to notify of NFDC action at next meeting.
**Mid-term survey** – Councillors agreed by majority that a survey of parishioners on the performance of the current Council was helpful. The clerk to notify how best to facilitate survey at next meeting
**Woodfalls Cross** – The clerk has contacted Highways regarding the possible installation of a pedestrian warning sign and is awaiting further response.
**Forest Road Speeding Issues** – Cllr Heron reported that the installation of average speed cameras along Roger Penny Way and Forest Road (new HPC additional requirement) is supported by all bodies with the exception of the police who are concerned about having the capacity to process the data. Cllr Heron is lobbying the new police commissioner. The cost of the scheme will be approximately £250,000. Cllr Heron advised that it would be beneficial if HPC financially supported the feasibility survey and he will provide HPC with further information.
**Ladies Mile Road Surface –** The clerk has written to all the parties involved and is awaiting replies.
**Hatchet Green sign –** A new **"** Residents parking no access" sign has been installed by the Lengthsman. Cllr Vickery proposed a vote of thanks to the makers of the sign.

**21.117 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - Members of the public are invited to address the council on agenda matters or raise any matters not otherwise on the agenda.

***Cllr Gemmell opened the meeting to members of the public.***

Stephen Roper addressed the meeting explaining the Hale Social Committees proposal to hold an event to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee in May 2022. This would take the form of a "Last night of the proms" event on Hatchet Green in the evening.

*The proposal was generally well supported by Councillors. It was suggested that a fete is held in the afternoon of the proposed evening event to involve the children and young adults of the village and which may get the support of the school. Social Committee to report back to HPC in due course. School to be approached. Councillors agreed to assist funding the initiative.*

***Cllr Gemmell closed the meeting to members of the public.***

**21.118 TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS.**

APPLICATION NUMBER: 21/00524 /FULL
ADDRESS: Oaklea, Hatchet Green, Hale, SP6 2NP
PROPOSAL: Hay Barn
CASE OFFICER: Clare Ings

It was unanimously agreed to recommend option 4 –**REFUSAL** - due to the reasons outlined in the report from Cllr Lavis. Cllrs also agreed that it is not sustainable to transport hay from two separate locations to Hale.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 21/00583/FULL
ADDRESS: Pippins, Hale Road, Hale, Fordingbridge, SP6 2NW
PROPOSAL: Single storey infill extension; timber cladding.
CASE OFFICER: Ann Braid

Cllr unanimously agreed to recommend option 3 -**PERMISSION** - due to the reasons outlined in Cllr Breedons report.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 21/00290/FULL
ADDRESS: The Knoll, Hale Purlieu, Hale, Fordingbridge, SP6 2NN
PROPOSAL: Replace existing first floor clay tile hanging with timber cladding
CASE OFFICER: Claire Woolf

Due to the consultation date this decision was made by email with Cllrs unanimously agreeing Option 1 – PERMISSION but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

**To be noted**
APPLICATION NUMBER: 21/00604
ADDRESS: Hedgerows, Lodge Drove, Woodfalls, Salisbury SP5 2NH
PROPOSAL : Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for existing use of a building as a dwelling house.
CASE OFFICER: Clare Ings

This planning application falls within Wiltshire but borders HPC and directly affects a Hale Parishioner , after discussion it was agreed by a majority of 4 votes to 1 to recommend option 2 – **REFUSAL** but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers. This decision will be conveyed to the NPA although there is no formal requirement to do so.

**21.119 HARRYS MEADOW –** Update regarding pop-up campsite.

Much discussion took place and concerns were raised that the owner/operator may not have complied with principles of mitigation. Cllr Heron was helpful in his advice regarding the wider context and the direction this issue will take from June 2022. It was **RESOLVED** that HPC will write formally to the NPA with our concerns and ask for the current status on various matters and actions taken. Cllr Lavis to draft letter for Clerk's action.

Cllr Heron also pointed out that Govt Ministers were indicating a law change whereby the "28 day rule" might be permanently extended to 56 days. There is strong opposition to this from National Parks. Chair to draft letter to Sir Desmond Swayne (local MP) voicing concerns.

**21.120 STANDARDS COMMITTEE –** To receive a report on the Standards Committee held on 17th June.

Cllr Kyle reported on the findings of the closed meeting of the standards committee held on June 17th. It was determined that no breach of the code of conduct had taken place by any councillors in respect to all issues raised by the complainant. The clerk will write to the complainant and highlight that the resignation letter was treated as a complaint.
It was also noted that, in relation to a complaint to the monitoring officer against Cllr Gemmell, the monitoring officer has written to HPC stating that to investigate further would be a disproportionate use of public funds and no further action will be taken.

**21.121 AFFORDABLE HOUSING –** Discussion on whether to revisit the HARAH report.

After lengthy discussion on the matter it was **RESOLVED** to record the following statement:

*"The 2017 HARAH report was a snapshot from 2017 and was superseded by the NFDC Housing Strategy Officers comments to the NPA Planning Committee in May 2021. The HARAH report is now regarded as being out of date."*

During the discussion it was also determined that the HPC "housing conditions document" is long overdue and will be placed as a future agenda item.

**21.122 HALE AND WOODGREEN PARISH MAGAZINE** - Proposal to restart the Hale and Woodgreen Community and Parish Magazine.

The printed copies of the Parish Magazine ceased after the Dec 2020 edition. There have been changes to the organising committee and there is a proposal to have an online version and a printed version delivered free to each address in both Parishes – requiring substantial fundraising. Whilst HPC support the restarting of the Parish magazine would prefer online publishing and targeted printed copies rather than blanket distribution of paper copies to all residents. A more modern approach could include the provision of touch screens in the foyer of both village halls with links to local websites.

NFDC have a waste reduction grant available and a move to a predominantly online version could fall within this grant's remit. Clerk to arrange a meeting between Council Chair and Newsletter committee to discuss the way forward.

**21.123 BROADBAND UPDATE -** To receive a progress update on the BT Openreach project

John Mangan has kindly continued to liaise with BT Openreach. There is a discrepancy in the sums sought by BT to upgrade broadband speeds in each village with Woodgreen residents expected to contribute £650 but Hale residents expected to find £2000 – after grants. Hale PC to encourage more Parishioners to express an "intention to sign up" in order to gain a better understanding of the level of desire for an upgrade within Hale. Hopefully the unit price will fall from the very high level quoted.

**21.124 PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS –** To discuss village celebrations June 2022.

See item 21.117

**21.125 CEMETERY UPDATE –** Report from course attended and update on volunteer work and maintenance.

Clerk to advise at next meeting.

**21.126 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE INSURANCE RENEWAL**

The policy is on a 3 year fixed price contract. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to continue.

**21.127 POLICIES - TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE PUBLICTION SCHEME.**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the publication scheme which will be updated on the website.

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The accounts had not been prepared for the meeting due to the Clerks illness and will be approved at the September meeting.

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**21.129 MONTHLY PAYMENTS** - To approve the following payments**:**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments.

Payments to be made:

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| 24.06.21 | A.Johnson – Salary | Standing Order | |
| 24.06.21 | A.Johnson – back dated pay for salary increase | Bank Transfer | 36.40 |
| 20.06.21 | Cutting Edge - June cemetery cuts | Bank Transfer | 170.00 |
| 20.06.21 | Jeff Butt & Co – Audit Fees | Bank transfer | 255.00 |
| 20.07.21 | Came and Company – Insurance Renewal | Bank transfer | 338.40 |
| 07.07.21 | Fordingbridge Town Council – Lenghtsman expenses | Bank transfer | 14.34 |
| 10.07.21 | NLALC – Cemetery compliance course | Bank transfer | 80 .00 |
| 20.07.21 | Cutting Edge – July cemetery cuts | Bank transfer | 170.00 |
| 24.07.21 | A. Johnson – Salary | Standing Order | |

**21.130 CORRESPONDENCE** - To consider correspondence received before 25/05/2021 and any urgent correspondence received after the agenda was finalised not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.
Letter from parishioner regarding speeding on Tethering Drove discussed at length.
Hale PC to inform HCC of the incident and request a static traffic survey of Tethering Drove to establish evidence of speeding and distribution of traffic throughout the day. Once evidence gained, then residents of Tethering Drove to be approached with a view to asking their opinions on various strategies.

HPC Clerk to write to parishioner with our proposed action.

**21.131 . ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
Tree planning submissions:
Moodys Plot, CONS/21/0376 To prune one oak and fell one un-named tree - Defer to NPA for decision
The Nook , CONS/21/03/0373 To fell one larch and one conifer - Unanimous approval**.**

**21.132 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday 7th 2021 at 7pm in Hale Village Hall