HALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Hale Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 4 April 2017 in Hale Village Hall, Hatchet Green, Hale

Present:
Cllr Lucas– Chairman, Cllrs Aitken-Sykes, Harrington, Mangan and Templeton

In attendance:
Ms S Plumb – Clerk
Mrs P Downard

1 To receive apologies for absence – apologies received from Cllr Hartas – approved.

2 To receive any Declarations of Interest – none

3 To consider and approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2017 - the Minutes of the meeting were read, approved by all and signed by the Chairman.

4 To receive any matters raised by members of the public –

- a resident of Hatchet Close concerned that he (and other residents) had not been contacted as part of HPC's earlier consideration of the pony feeding and mess in the Close. He wishes to balance the debate and confirms he (and he believes others) did not and do not have any issues with the situation. Members noted that at the March meeting HPC resolved (and it continues to hold the view) that it has no jurisdiction to deal with pony feeding or pony waste. In those circumstances it was and is not necessary or appropriate for HPC to investigate further. The feeding is a matter for the Verderers. The cleanliness of the street is a matter for NFDC. Further, the commoner has contacted HPC to explain that she only feeds her ponies on her land and, at the request of the Verderers, is voluntarily undertaking daily cleaning of the road. HPC understands the issue of the pony feeding and mess in the Close has been resolved satisfactorily.
- A parishioner regarding the installation of high speed broadband in Hale. This is one of the matters included in the Parish Plan Questionnaire. Further consideration will be given once the responses are analysed .

5 To receive a report from the Tree Warden – nothing to report and in the circumstances did not attend the meeting.

6 To consider long term repairs to the car park and approve a temporary solution – Paula Downard has looked into long term solutions for repairing the car park surface and showed a sample of the type of surface that maybe used. She is in contact with Natural England and will complete the necessary paperwork. Mrs Downard will also contact HCC regarding the road repairs needed to compliment the work to car park. Members favour the scheme put forward by Mrs Downard who kindly offered to obtain 3 quotes for the work. Once to hand HPC will investigate funding sources as it will not be possible to pay for the repairs entirely from Council funds. In the meantime Cllr Aitken-Sykes will look into the cost of temporary repairs to the worst areas. Members thanked Mrs Downard for her work.

8.10 pm Mrs Downard left the meeting.

7 To receive an update on the Parish Plan – Cllr Lucas confirmed the letter preceding the Parish Plan Questionnaire has been delivered to every house in Hale and some completed questionnaires have been received. There will be a presentation at the Annual Parish Assembly on 25 April and after that the working party will follow up to ensure as many questionnaires as possible are completed. The questionnaire is now on HPC's website.

8 To consider the management of land for which the Parish Council has responsibility – for reasons of finance HPC has historically been reactive in dealing with the land which it manages. Going forward, and informed partly in due course by the Parish Plan Questionnaire responses, HPC would like to have a strategic management plan for the land which can then be budgeted for.

9 To receive a report from County/District Cllr Heron – County/District Cllr Heron was not present and no written report had been received.

10 To receive the Clerk's report –

1. Dog waste on the Green – The Clerk has put 4 temporary signs attached to the cricket railings asking owners to clear up dog waste. The NFNPA Rangers will attend the area to speak to users of the Green about dog waste and parking on the verges. A view will then be taken as to whether permanent signs are needed.
2. Cemetery – Cutting Edge carried out the first cut of the grass. The path will require attention as the weeds continue to grow.
3. Annual Parish Assembly – arrangements are well in hand for the Annual Parish Assembly on 25 April.
4. Bank Mandate – all additional signatories have been approved.
5. CiLCA – no progress due to taking holiday and financial year end work.

11 Correspondence

i. 02.02.17 – NFNPA – re call for Brownfield sites – none in Hale
ii. 13.03.17 – A Sindell, Royal British Legion – re work for a parishioner – more detail required before HPC can consider permission
iii. 14.04.17 – B Murray, Civic Voice – re Housing White Paper – no HPC response
iv. 25.03.17 – A Pasmore, Verderers Court – re verge damage – Clerk to respond explaining aim to have a strategic management plan in future
v. S27.03.17 – S Kelly, NFNPA – re revised Local Distinctiveness Plan – in the new form this is not relevant to Hale.

12 To consider any matter referred by the Planning Committee – none.

13 To receive a report from Councillors on meetings attended - none

14 To consider and approve the following payments –

04.04.17 Cutting Edge	£ 80.00
04.04.17 HMRC (PAYE)	£ 44.60
24.04.17 Clerk Salary	£380.20

Cllr Lucas proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Mangan and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the above payments be approved. All agreed.

15 To approve the year end accounts for 2016/2017 and to record the bank balances- Cllr Harrington proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Aitken-Sykes and therefore **RESOLVED:** that HPC year end accounts for 2016/17 be approved. The accounts were signed by the Chairman and the Responsible Finance Officer.

16 Any other business –

- Cllr Templeton has drafted a letter the Land Registry regarding HPC's request to register title to the Green currently on hold pending enquiries of HALC as to whether other Parish Councils have successfully done this.
- Email from a parishioner concerning the sycamore seedlings in the woods next to the village hall. These are poisonous to ponies, the Lengthsman will be asked to remove them on his next visit.

17 To note the date of the Annual Parish Assembly is 25 April 2017 at 7.30pm at Hale Village Hall.

18 To note the date of the next meeting is Tuesday 4 April 2017 at 7.30pm at Hale Village Hall

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed: Date: 2 May 2017
Chairman

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