

Hamstead Marshall Parish Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, March 17th, 2014 in the village hall.

Present:

Cllr John Handy
Cllr Stuart Morton
Cllr Peter Benest
Cllr Jon Phillips
Sarah Bosley, parish clerk
District cllr Andrew Rowles
1 member of the public

48. Accepted apologies

District cllr Anthony Stansfeld

49. Declarations of Interest

None

50. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 20th January, 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed.

51. Matters arising

None

52: Planning Applications

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
13/03174/COMI ND	Enborne Equestrian Centre, Hamstead Marshall	Demolition of greenhouses and polytunnel and construction of wooden stable yard with 20 stables, tack room and feed room	No objections, but feel it appropriate that the centre improves the access track for neighbouring cottage
14/00490/FUL	White Hart Inn, Hamstead Marshall	Removal of condition 2 of 12/03021	No objections
14/00450/AGRIC	Land adjacent to 23 Hamstead Marshall	Use of access road by agricultural vehicles	No objections
14/00481/COMI ND	Elm Farm, Hamstead Marshall	Demolition of cattle building and replace with new building with photo voltaic roof	No objections

13/03077/COND 1	East Gate Cottage, Hamstead Marshall	Approval of details reserved by a number of conditions in 13/00935/HOUSE	No objections
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Planning Decisions

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
13/03138/FUL	Telecomms mast, Hamstead Marshall	Removal and replacement of antennas and cabinets	Approved
13/01991/CERT P	East Gate Cottage, Hamstead Marshall	Minor alterations to existing dwelling including addition of three rooflights, enlargement of windows and addition of windows to cottage	Refused

53. Financial matters

Proposed by cllr Handy and seconded by cllr Morton. It was resolved to approve the following payments:

Payee	Description	Amount
Sarah Bosley	Salary for March	£124.80
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HMRC	Quarterly tax	£93.60

The clerk also informed councillors that WBC had decided to pass on the Council Tax Support Grant it receives from government. It will be phased out over three years. Next tax year Hamstead Marshall will receive £25.31.

54. Any other business

Hungerford PCSO Joanna King sent apologies for not attending and the following report:

“The month has been very quiet across the area. We have had a couple of reported incidents of break-ins to outbuildings on large estates/ farms but these have been the other side of the A4.

As the weather has started to improve and the fields are drying out we are expecting to see a rise in hare-coursing and poaching offences. March has historically been the peak month for these offences so the advice we are giving to those living in the rural communities is below: Hare coursing and poaching is a huge problem for our local farms and large estates. The vehicles used by those involved cause damage to sown fields, gates and fences.

If you see persons in the fields, usually in a line with lurcher type dogs or these dogs chasing hares call 999.

During the day if you see vehicles in the fields, or at night headlights in the fields call 999. Useful information to pass to Police - the vehicle registration number, its make, model and colour. If possible the direction of travel, how many people you have seen, and what you actually witnessed.”

Cllr Benest also showed councillors a card of thanks from Gordon Fisher for the leaving gift of a digital radio from the councillors.

Ash Tree Grove resident Anne Budd attended the meeting and told councillors she would like to attend meetings regularly and work with the council where needed and when possible. She asked if there was an update on the Superfast Broadband Project, as she is a Digital Champion. Clerk informed her that the latest information (September 2013) was that 100% of Hamstead Marshall will get up to 2Mbits (basic broadband) and just 2% (3 properties) should receive 24Mbits (superfast broadband). The project will take place in five stages, due to start in December 2013. Hamstead Marshall was scheduled to receive broadband upgrades in phases 1 and 5.

Clerk also informed councillors of a Citizens Advice Bureau leaflet on flooding advice and a Building Stronger Communities Conference, taking place at Newbury College, on Saturday April 5th, 2014.

55. Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 8.50pm. The next meeting is the annual parish meeting on Tuesday, March 20th, 2014.

Date:

Signed:

Print name: