

Hamstead Marshall Parish Council

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, September 15th, 2014 in the village hall.

Present:

Cllr John Handy
Cllr Jon Phillips
Cllr Stuart Morton
Cllr Peter Benest
Cllr Anne Budd
District cllr Anthony Stansfeld
Sarah Bosley, parish clerk

29. Accepted apologies

District Councillor Andrew Rowles

30. Declarations of Interest

None

31. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on July 21st, 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed.

32. Matters arising

None

33. Flood plans

The clerk reported that she had received the plans from WBC after its investigations into the flooding earlier in the year. The plans show a number of things are recommended to alleviate the problems in Hamstead Marshall, particularly around Ash Tree Grove.

Cllr Budd noted that the drains do become blocked with silt too often and she regularly monitors the ones in the direct vicinity. She has noted one further up the hill from the village hall. The clerk will report to WBC.

34. Planning

It was reported that the appeal for Rickety Gate has been allowed and planning permission granted. There are a number of conditions to be adhered to. The inspector didn't think any material harm would come to the AONB, as the location is only just inside the AONB, or to the natural tranquility of the area.

The preferred option for Travelling Showpeople document, created by WBC, has been out for consultation. One site is in Enborne, close to the HM border.

A discussion took place about the issues and it was noted that the parish council had submitted an objection to WBC ahead of the deadline that has already passed. The objection is attached to these minutes.

Anthony Stansfeld will find out what the process is now and report back to the parish council.

35. Relief in Need Charity

The charity was discussed by councillors now that Gordon Fisher has left. A number of alternatives were put forward, including making it so all councillors automatically become trustees, or transferring the land to the parish council.

Clerk to discuss all options with the Charity Commission ahead of the next meeting.

A Trustees meeting must now be held, ahead of the next parish council meeting, to formally set up a new mandate.

36. Village Agents

Cllr Budd reported that she had met the coordinator for the Village Agent scheme. Cllr Budd doesn't think it would be compatible with HM, but suggested inviting the coordinator along to a meeting in early spring before the council makes a final decision.

37. Accounts

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

Payee	Description	Amount
HMRC	Quarterly tax (532)	£110.40
Sarah Bosley	Salary for September (533)	£136
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Clerk reported that the Annual Return had come back and there were no comments.

38. Any other business

None

39. Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 9.10pm. The next meeting is on Monday, November 17th, 2014.

Date:

Signed:

Print name: