

## **HARBLEDOWN AND ROUGH COMMON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at Rough Common Village Hall

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014

All Planning Applications received since the last Parish Council meeting were on display from 7.30 p.m.

Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

### **Present**

**Councillors J Larkinson (Chairman), A Cain, J Conway, S Denham, J Edis, B Golding, W Gregory, R Perham, B Shire, Canterbury City Councillor M Dixey, D Frost Clerk (and 1 member of the public present)**

### **76/14 Confirmation of Summons**

All Councillors had received their summons to attend this meeting and the public notices had been served correctly.

### **77/14 Alterations to the Register of Councillors' Interests and Declaration of Interest on Items on the Agenda**

There were no alterations to the Register of Councillors' Interests.

### **78/14 Apologies for Absence.**

Councillor Wright (Holiday and Kent County Councillor John Simmonds (Holiday)

### **79/14 Approval of Minutes**

It was proposed by Councillor Golding and seconded by Councillor Shire that the Minutes of the meeting held on 29th September 2014 be signed as correct.

### **80/14 Matters Arising.**

Councillor Golding reported that she had contacted Serco to request them to add the ABC steps to their excessive littering spots list.

**At this point the Chairman asked whether any resident of the Parish wished to address the Council or ask any question about any agenda item. Councillor Larkinson reported that Councillor Gregory has decided to resign from the Parish Council with immediate effect. Councillor Larkinson praised the work and dedication of Wendy Gregory to the Parish Council, and said that she would be sorely missed.**

### **81/14 Planning applications.**

**The following planning application was received. It was resolved that no objection be raised to this application**

**CA/14/02041/FUL 30 Churchwood Close, Rough Common.**

Single-storey extension to dwelling.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Finance**

The Clerk reported that the St Michael's Church Hall Treasurer has submitted an application to Canterbury City Council for funding for 2015-2016 through the Single Grants Gateway Process.

### **Open Spaces and Allotments**

#### **Open Spaces**

Councillor Conway reported that Councillor Shire has raised the possibility of making a bid from the Phillips Fund in respect of Neal's Place Meadow. Councillor Conway said that a site meeting would be necessary before the management plan for the meadow was finalised, and it was agreed that Councillor Shire would make the application when this had been achieved.

The Clerk reported that the lease for Neal's Place Meadow is still waiting to be engrossed by Canterbury City Council and Canterbury City Councillor Michael Dixey contacted the City Council, and it is anticipated that completion will take place next week.

#### **Allotments:**

There was not any report.

## **82/14 Reports of Councillors with Portfolios**

### **Footpaths:**

Councillor Golding gave her report:

Improvements to the North Downs way footpath CB521 below Golden Hill continue. Mr Finn has been dismayed by rough use of footpath CB485 as vehicles have rutted the surface by using it during heavy rain. He has taken issue with the contractor.

A regular path user has complained of torn-off barbed wire lying in the path where it may become a danger to dogs. An injury to her dog from barbed wire causing veterinary surgery had occurred previously in No mans Orchard, and this has made her aware of the hazard.

A resident of the parish has pointed out a possible hazard to pedestrians passing over the rail footbridge known locally as the ABC steps, because there is no available handrail. The Clerk reported this to Network Rail under reference 141001-000099.

**Tree Matters:**

Councillor Shire said that she had visited “Newlands”. Dead trees have been cut down. The maple on The Green, Rough Common Road is going to be cut down to a metre in height by Highways, and will be eventually removed and replaced.

The silver birch in Palmars Cross Hill has snapped in the recent high winds.

**Highways:**

Councillor Gregory has reported that the speed indicator in Rough Common Road has been examined and it is understood that the equipment is nearing the end of its working life. This will be removed in December and replaced, if necessary by Highways.

Highways have said that the proposed new pavement in Rough Common Road, is still being delayed because of legal reasons and that it may be delayed until Easter 2015. If the pavement is not completed in the near future there is a danger that we will lose the funding for the project. Councillor Gregory is trying to get contact details so that she can write to stress the importance of this pavement to Rough Common.

Councillor Gregory and the Clerk have been trying to contact Brian Baker of Serco regarding the cleaning and painting of the bus shelter in Rough Common Road, and the cleaning of the bus shelter in Harbledown.

**Park and Ride:**

Councillor Larkinson said that it was important that the City Council prioritises the building of the off slip from the A2 from Faversham to Wincheap. Traffic could then take this route into Canterbury or an enlarged Park & Ride site at Wincheap. This would be the final nail in

the coffin of the Harbledown Park and Ride proposal and ease the pressure of traffic and rat runs in Upper Harbledown and Harbledown. Councillor Larkinson put these points forward at the Joint Transportation Board meeting and Jeremy Baker at two Canterbury City Council meetings.

**Newsletter:**

There was no report.

**83/14** Reports of Councillor representatives

**No Man's Orchard:**

The new orchard leaflet has been published.

The next meeting of the committee will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

**Police Liaison:**

Councillor Edis reported that the PCSO has recently observed traffic from the Oakwood Lodge layby and was surprised at the speed of the passing traffic. The PCSO intends to return to this spot more often so that passing motorists can see his presence, and hopefully help reduce speeding.

The PCSO will be holding further surgeries and the times, locations and posters will be available to Councillor next week.

**Rough Common Village Hall:**

There was no report

**KALC:**

**84/14** **Update status on other items:**

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**85/14** **Correspondence:**

The digest had been circulated and was available for Councillors to read.

**86/14** **Finance and Accounts for Payment:** It was resolved to accept the accounts for payment. Proposed by Councillor Denham and seconded by Councillor Shire.

**87/14** **Future Issues:**  
**Council Membership.**  
**St Mary's Hall, Upper Harbledown.**

**Allocation of Funds.  
St Dunstan's Regeneration Scheme.  
Standing Orders.**

**The next meeting will take place on 24th November Village Hall,  
commencing 7.30 pm. Planning Applications will be on display from  
7.15 pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

## Harbledown and Rough Common Parish Council

### Schedule of Authorised Payments 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

	Chq	£
D R Frost Salary & Expenses Oct 14	358	533.05
Serco Litter bin emptying	359	25.72
Kent Surrey & Sussex Ambulance Trust	360	100.00
CPRE Subscription	361	36.00
St Michael's Harbledown. Deposit War Memorial Garden	362	846.30
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HMRC PAYE Month 7 October 2014		159.00
Total Payments		<hr/> 1700.07
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