
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, May the 8th 2018.

Present:	In attendance:	Apologies:
Cllr. Gemma Hounsell	PC Andy Reid	Cllr. Nick White
Cllr. John Jervoise	PC Paul Freeman	Cllr. Bob Ives
Cllr Gareth Davies (Acting Chairman)	Cllr Anna McNair-Scott	
David Freer (Clerk)	Cllr Mark Ruffell	
	Six residents	

*Notes in **bold** are actions for the HPC or members of the community

1. Police updates – PC Andrew Reid/Traffic officer
 - Report from PC Reid attached
 - Traffic officer report from PC Paul Freeman
 - PC Freeman made a short presentation covering the following points:
 - > Previous allocation of time policing high risk routes has been reduced, the service is very stretched.
 - > Difficult to know what to do to help with the reduced resources; one thing we have been doing is being a visible presence;
 - > aware of illegal exhaust fittings, sometimes hard to enforce;
 - > *It is vitally important that people in the village keep reporting traffic nuisance, police need evidence to justify allocation of resources
 - > PC Freeman is also in the process of speaking to DVSA to set up an operation to check road worthiness
 - > **HPC should send email to the DVSA to lobby them to help.**
 - > **Add to Facebook that callers should make sure to ask for a reference number.**
 - > **After (not while) there has been police activity on the A339 villagers should post on Facebook to raise visibility of Traffic Police in the area**
 - > **HPC to see if PC Freeman can come to future meetings and communicate more with us about their activity**
2. Roads and Traffic – Rod Bolt:
 - In response to Rod Bolt's update on Roads and Traffic PC Freeman shared his opinion that the speed warning signs [Repeaters] work, so we should lobby to get them back**
3. Cllr McNair Scott
 - Cllr McNair Scott gave a short presentation, highlights included:
 - > Recent Council tax rises, first rise in a few years, 5.99% after 5 year freeze were a result of £219million lost Government funding since 2010/11
 - > Council still need to save another £140million by 2020.
 - > Total Council budget is £2billion.
 - > There is particular pressure on social care
 - Cllr Mark Ruffell joined the meeting and gave a short presentation with the following key points:
 - > Festival Place in Basingstoke has been doing extremely well, and ranks very high nationally
 - > Council have approved the redevelopment of Basingstoke Leisure Centre, with further plans to build a designer outlet (different than Festival Place).

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- > Worrying news, boundary commission plans as they stand at the moment will reduce the number of councillors. This will result in councillors north and south of the A339 (thus with different priorities) representing Herriard together.
 - 4. Herriard Housing project update – Cllrs Jervoise/Davies and Andrew Simpson
Andrew Simpson (taken over from Leanne Smith at WInchester Housing Trust) update:
 - Believe we now have agreement on all planning matters
 - Will move onto legal departments to draw up agreements
 - Planning hoped for by mid-June
 - 2 open market houses
 - + 9 social housing units
 - No definitive dates, but would like to start development in Autumn 2018, development finishing 2019
 - People interested in renting should know that they need to be on Basingstoke’s Housing register
 - All affordable units will be allocated by reference to local connection rules
 - Cllr. Mark Ruffell would like to share/advertise the scheme with other local parish councils
 - 5. Church reordering - John Raymond
 - > Presented plans
 - > Started with need for toilets, then realised other works/improvements should be done at the same time
 - > Make St Mary’s a building that can be used by the community for other things
 - > Will have the moveable chairs (like Odiham)
 - > A history of the church was circulated
 - > **It was suggested that an exhibition of Herriard developments (church & village housing) should be run at some point over coming months**
 - 6. Planning:
 - 17/03487/FUL - Moto MSA at M6 junction 6 (HPC objection) - awaiting decision by B&DBC
 - 17/04033/FUL - Herriard affordable housing scheme - awaiting decision by B&DBC
 - 7. Cllr. Davies would circulate his Chairman’s report after the meeting (attached below)

Next meeting in September.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

The following procedural matters were agreed later by the Parish Councillors..

- 8. Minutes of the PC meeting held on 26th February 2018 Agreed and signed as a true record.
- 9. Cllr Davies, the Chairman for 2017/18, having indicated his willingness to serve for a second year was proposed as Chairman for 2017/18 by Cllr Gemma Hounsell and seconded by Cllr Nick White. Cllrs Jervoise and Ives confirmed their support for Cllr Davies as Chairman, whose election was therefore unanimously approved.

Appendix 1: Police report

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REPORTED CRIME 2015	13
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REPORTED CRIME 2017	12

A reduction of reported crime in this parish after recent increases. The twelve reported offences were: a theft of a digger from the side of the A339 valued at £42,000, we also had a theft of an air vent from a vintage tractor, and two other thefts, one of goods and one of heating oil. Other crimes included a man arrested after being stopped regarding his standard of driving and produced a counterfeit driving licence. Five criminal damage reports came in, three related to crops damaged by poachers, a pheasant feeder which was shot at by a high powered rifle, and damage to a windscreen of a car parked in the village. A man was arrested for possession of class A drugs again after being stopped on the A339 and a report of harassment was also received.

Other incidents in the parish were as in previous years predominately A339 connected. We had reported **eight injury road traffic incidents, (three on the A339, one in Bushywarren Lane and four in The Avenue), we also had twelve damage only RTI's, (five on the A339, five on The Avenue and two in Bushywarren Lane).** Other A339 related incidents included, a road rage allegation, three reports of dangerous driving, a report of a van trying to overtake an ambulance with blue lights on travelling to an emergency, six broken down vehicles including a tractor. We also had a report of a horsebox driving at 5 mph which was also stopped and found to be in order. We had six reports of possible drink / drunk drivers, two fallen tree's two injured deer and one deer related RTI.

The problem of motorcycle nuisance on the A339 resulted in fifty five complaints in 2016, but decreased to thirteen in 2017. In February 2017 a public meeting was held with Inspector Hughes of the Roads Policing Unit at Whitchurch to several local residents here in The Royal British Legion to give an update on this problem. Consequently both traffic officers and I when not committed elsewhere, spent time by static and patrolling the A339. The Roads Policing Unit (RPU) had dedicated officers patrolling this road at the most likely times that nuisance would be caused and I am aware that Police motorcyclists were used and on occasions a plain police traffic motorcycle was used and with several riders being stopped and some reported for traffic offences. PC FREEMAN will speak further of this shortly

Other incidents away from the A339 including where officers found a suicidal female from another force area in Bushywarren Lane, she was taken to hospital. We had complaints regarding dogs in the Sports Ground which I am working with the Parish Council to deal with, a concern for welfare for a child in his pyjamas in Back Lane and of a vagrant laying in the verge near the A339. We had reports of suspicious lights seen panning across fields (poaching) and a suspicious car seen in the village. A report of illegal hunting was received and has been dealt with no further action taken, and a domestic dispute was reported. A report of youth inhaling gas was received from the Sports Ground but left the area.

In October I had an excellent meeting with the NHW Co-ordinator for Herriard and the Chairman of the Parish Council regarding the expansion of the NHW and crime prevention within the parish.

I also had the pleasure in attending the annual village fête.

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2 reports of possible drink drivers, a report of a suspicious HGV seen at 0040 in Back Lane, all in order delivering plainings from MW work. Found ponies, two damage only road traffic incidents both

in the Avenue, a dangerous driving allegation on the A339, a false burglar alarm at the Sports Ground, a theft of an agricultural vehicle which was found to be in order. During the snow we had a concern for a local resident who was taken to hospital and an offer for three 4x4 vehicles for emergency services use.

Calls regarding motorcycle nuisance on the A339.

Crime in 2018 – 6 to date 2 same period in 2017 - criminal damage, theft and public order at a building site in the village. Criminal damage to crops and gate locks by poachers and a theft from a parked car in Bagmore lane.

Sincere thanks to the Parish Council and Chairman in particular and Becky from the NHW and Ian from the Parish Magazine.

Appendix 2: Chairman's report

I took over as Chair of Herriard Parish Council last year after the death of our previous Chair Cllr Mike Branigan. We all owe Mike a huge debt of gratitude for the work he did with the Parish Council which has benefitted all of us the village in many ways. He is sadly missed.

The Parish Council has spent an immense amount of time and effort over the last year progressing the Herriard Affordable Housing scheme. There have been lengthy negotiations with B&DBC to ensure that the scheme delivers the homes for local people that residents called for. This process is now complete and we are hopeful that we will receive formal planning consent by the end of June. I would like to thank Andrew Simpson the new CEO of our Rural Housing partner Winchester Housing Trust and his predecessor Leanne Smith for their tireless work on the project. Thanks are also due to John Jervoise and the Herriard Estates - without their support and work this project would not exist.

Along with many other Rural parishes we have been campaigning to maintain the effectiveness of our rural Policing in the wake of continuing budget cuts. It is frustrating that we have not yet been successful in finding ways to do this that have been supported by Hampshire's Police and Crime Commissioner - but we will continue to press for a solution.

I think every Parish Council meeting over the last several years has included discussion on traffic and road issues. We have been successful in lobbying for a number of speed restrictions and other measures though these do not yet cover all the areas that common-sense says should be controlled. Rod Bolt has been invaluable in helping the Parish Council pursue these initiatives and we will continue to be tenacious in looking for ways to improve road Safety.

Along with Parishes in the Meon Valley, a great deal of effort has been expended in trying to find ways to stop abuse of our roads by a minority of motorbike riders. We are grateful for the support of PC Andy Reid and Hampshire Traffic division for their efforts to deal with this. This is a country-wide problem and there is no quick fix. There are technologies that can help and laws that can be used to prosecute but both require resources that are not abundantly available. We will continue to work with Hampshire Constabulary to look for new ways to deal with this problem.

The Parish Council continues to manage Herriard Green and as the site draws towards its 10th anniversary the amount of maintenance work is growing. We are grateful to Andy Casey for his sterling work as groundsman.

Andy also monitors the weekly safety reports produced for the Play Area by B&DBC. As the scale of maintenance works to the Play Area escalate we want to start planning to assemble a team that can guide the future of this facility. If anyone would like to join that team - please talk to any of the Parish Councillors or David Freer our Clerk.

The paths at Herriard Green are also at a point where refurbishment is needed and Cllr Ives is working on a scheme that, funds allowing, will include additional drainage and new surfacing.

Much but not all of Herriard now has access to improved FTTC (fibre to the cabinet) broadband service. A new fibre cabinet has recently been commissioned on the edge of Ellisfield which opens up some possibility of providing better service to Herriard Grange and the new cabinet which will serve The Avenue is installed but has not yet gone live. We're continuing to work with B&DBC and HCC to try find ways of reaching the other residents who do not have FTTC service. We also plan to investigate options for promoting FTTP (fibre to the premises) services although currently the costs of this might only be viable for businesses with high speed data requirements. Parish Councils along with all other organisations that hold personal data have to ensure compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) that come into force at the end of May. Parishes are also required to comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code for Local Government. Rather than see these new requirements as a burden we are using them to motivate a raft of changes that we intend will improve visibility of Parish Council activity and provide clarity on each Councillors areas of interest and responsibility. Central to this programme, David Freer, our Clerk, is managing the development of a new Parish website which will go live in the Summer.

Along with dealing with the many adhoc issues that will arise during the year, we are going to have a lot to do. We are very grateful to the band of volunteers that has gradually expanded to support Parish Councillors in their work and I would like to thank all of of them. I would also encourage anyone who is willing to help the Parish Council and the Village to please talk to any of your Councillors or David Freer our Clerk - you can help us make a difference.

Thank you.

Gareth Davies
Chair - Herriard Parish Council