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**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 7th September 2020, from 6pm**

Present:	In attendance:	Apologies:
Cllr. Gemma Hounsell	n/a	Cllr. Bob Ives
Cllr. John Jervoise		Rod Bolt
Cllr Gareth Davies		
Cllr. Gill Hill		
David Freer		

For the first time since February the Herriard Parish Council convened in person for its Autumn meeting (in a socially distanced fashion in the garden of Kennel Cottage, Herriard). We discussed the agenda and questions gathered from the community over the preceding week, just in time before it got too cold.

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

1. Apologies received as noted above.
2. Cllr Jervoise declared an interest in matters involving Herriard Estates
3. Minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 11th May were agreed and signed as a true record.
4. External reports *Police report (PC Andy Reid)*  
– *Report attached as an appendix*
5. External reports *Dog owners liaison group*  
– *Not received, but it was discussed that we would reprint the Dog Owners Code of Conduct posters for the Green*
6. External reports *Traffic*  
– *Loan of Council traffic warning sign to be placed on A339 - thanks to Rod Bolt for organising*  
– *Local residents raised discussion about sound barriers on A339, HPC agreed to ask them to proceed and find out more information about any local government support.*
7. Chair report - Cllr Davies  
– *Report attached as an appendix*
8. Community Liaison report - Cllr Hounsell  
– Church services at St. Mary's are back on following the first Covid-19 lockdown
9. Village comms/Sustainability report – Cllr Hill  
– *Report attached as an appendix*
10. Property and Policing report - Cllr Jervoise  
– *Village housing scheme in advanced discussions with Housing Association but still issues to be resolved..*
11. Matters not dealt with elsewhere (including Chair report)  
– *Phone kiosk (HPC would like to thank Nick White for his refurbishment work on the village phone kiosk)*  
– *Fly tipping. Residents urged to report any fly tipping via the B&DC portal*
12. Parish Council Financial summary – Attached as an appendix

Next meeting: (Lockdown permitting) Monday, December 7th 2020, RBLH 7.30pm.  
Meeting closed at 19.58pm



**Appendix 1: Police report**

**Police Report from PC Andy Reid from 07/09/2020**

- 28.08 Criminal damage to crops – Lee Farm
- 23.08 Dumped lead found off The Avenue
- 18.08 Damage only road traffic incident A339 The Avenue junction with 339
- 18.07 Motorcycle nuisance
- 28.06 Motorcycle nuisance
- 24.06 Three vehicle damage road traffic incident A339
- 17.06 Tree across A339
- 14.06 Motorcycle nuisance
- 13.06 Two elderly females walking along the A339



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## **Appendix 2: Chairman's report - September 2020**

### **Policing**

A group representing the Alton Rural Parishes and led by Sir Charles Cockburn, has like us, been pressing for action on rural crime and speeding. As we already know, Hampshire Constabulary cite resource scarcity as the reason more can't be done. Between us we have discovered that Hampshire Constabulary has been independently assessed as being underfunded by £45m pa (my emails of June 29th) and July 10th). Additionally, according to the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee report on the Future of Policing "The current model for police funding is not fit for purpose..... " Our Police and Crime Commissioner claims to have been lobbying central government to correct this but as yet with no positive outcome.

On top of the funding issue, Hampshire Constabulary's top four stated priorities are: domestic violence, drugs, fraud and modern slavery - rural policing is not one of the four even though 85% of Hampshire is rural. Perhaps less surprisingly, traffic policing also doesn't feature and has seen particularly severe resource cuts.

Against this background, it seems to me now that our efforts to press for action at local levels are not likely to succeed.

Charles Cockburn has suggested a Hampshire Campaign for Rural Policing (including of our roads) and I would propose that we support this initiative. *I will circulate a draft of the campaign's aims and strategy separately for comments but please note it is not for circulation outside HPC at the moment.*

Ranil Jayawardena MP is already aware of our efforts and part of the action plan will be to write to all the MPs representing rural constituencies in Hampshire asking them to put pressure on Home Office Ministers to commit to a full review of the police funding formula and to make an interim payment to cover the £45m missing from HC's budget. In tandem, we need to motivate our rural parish neighbours to unite in putting pressure on our Chief Constable and PCC to increase rural police funding allocation.

On traffic policing, I've continued to try to get hold of a copy of the DfT's concluding report on roadside noise measurement and have asked Baroness Vere if we may have one along with an update on how the DfT now intends to use the findings to tackle the issue of noisy vehicles. Her department has promised a response "within 20 working days" - so, middle of this month.

Having spoken to the Chair of Corhampton Parish Council, the Meon Valley Parishes are similarly waiting for the outcome of the noise enforcement investigation.

However, for the reasons set out above, it's pretty clear to me that the problem is much broader than can possibly be solved by a decision on new noise detection equipment alone. Additional funding will be needed and traffic policing, like rural policing, will need to be given a higher priority.

### **King John's Lane signage**

B&DBC Specialist Services have suggested a site meeting to resolve the positioning error and discuss more appropriate "conservation" styling. Officer availability is limited for the next couple of weeks but we hope to meet later in September.

### **Finance and Audit**

The audit for 2019/2020 was completed and signed off on June 23rd - documents are available on the Parish website.. Our thanks to Jun Thrussell for carrying out the internal audit checks for us. A summary of Parish income and expenditure to 03/09/2020 is attached.



### **Herriard Green**

Thanks to David, Andy Casey, Paul Hill, Kevin Thrussell, Bennetl Clean and B&DBC the Play area was reopened for August 10th and is operating well. HVC are kindly covering the additional Covid 19 expenses.

Grounds maintenance works by Dave Ball at Herriard Green and the village pond is being done regularly and well. Richard Falconer is periodically inspecting fence rails and replacing as required. Gate closures currently need maintenance and some might need replacement.

Kevin Thrussell and his whole family offered to refurbish the bench seats in the meadow and completed this during the summer. Very many thanks to them all.

Work to investigate the drainage in the lower part of the meadow is underway and the excavations should be back-filled shortly. The cost of these works has been considerable - grateful thanks are due to Herriard Estates and HVC.

Bob Ives has undertaken to top the meadows this year but leaving some parts longer. I have suggested that we should also consider creating some wild-flower areas (to be discussed on 7/9/2020)

### **Wessex Internet.**

Wessex Internet suffered an outage affecting Shalden/Lasham and Herriard on August 31st at 12.53 with the service being restored at 17.50. The failure was caused by a fault on the main fibre feed into the Point of Presence near the Golden Pot. Although service was restored well within their standard service level expectation of 8 hours they fully understand that any outage causes problems and "..... we have discussed how the outage was dealt with and have determined what could be done to improve the support process going forward."

### **Cil**

We should have funding available from eth Eldersfield Green development this month. Perhaps understandably, B&DBC seem to be somewhat behind with CIL administration, but Mark Lambert - Design Environment and Infrastructure Manager has promised to try to get us an update before our meeting next week.

### **Planning**

Fieldmouse House alterations: no objection  
St Mary's Church alterations: support  
Moto Sevice area: second strong objection lodged.

### **Upper Swallick Garden Community.**

Details of the development have been carried on the Herriard PC website with links from Facebook and many Herriard residents say they have already signed the STaHND petition. I have asked Cllr Mark Ruffell for his guidance on optimal timing to submit a formal HPC response based on surveyed village opinion.

*Gareth Davies Chair - Herriard Parish Council*



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### **Appendix 3: Sustainability report, Cllr Hill (11/05/2020)**

#### **Village Comms**

Website updates completed to date:

- Uploaded new photos to media section to be added to various pages.
- Covid notice on Local Groups page
- WI edited text
- RBL/ex services-edited text
- New page- Greening Herriard added, added logo, piece added about Sustainable energy, Phase 1 of Greening Campaign
- Public Rights of way in and around Herriard (map to follow showing routes)

Still to do:

- A page on Agriculture and Sustainable farming (Will Cheyney, Joe Ives).
- Parish Council- how you can get involved
- Map added to Public Rights of Way.
- Reorder the groups in Local Groups
- Add Herriard Green
- Add more of the photos from the media library to the Home Page of rolling images.

We are still looking for voluntary support from local people with IT skills to help us in improving and updating the Village Website. Once these latest additions have been made this won't be time consuming.

#### **Greening Herriard**

I have a small team of 2- Katie Freer and Chris Davies plus 1 child and support on the side-lines offered from Sandy Casey, Fiona Ives, Helen Chatfield. We have met and discussed the next step which is the imminent vote on Facebook poll 11-18 Sept. Each household votes for 2 of the challenges. Councillors asked to join in the vote and to contact friends, neighbours and Leaders to ask them to join in the vote. I have emailed as many businesses as possible with information about the Campaign and the vote.

19th Sept 10-2 at Village Green- Katie is opening her refills shop and we will be fundraising to help with printing costs. PC asked to support this.

We will display the result of the vote at this event and on the website and Facebook page. It will also go in October Parish mag.

The Launch of the Challenges will take place on or around Oct 31st when the Challenge cards are distributed. The Greening Campaign suggests we invite families and young people to make scarecrows that highlight a challenge to save CO2.

#### **The Local Electricity Bill**

I wish to propose a motion for the Parish Council to support the Local Electricity Bill and to write to our MP to tell him we support it. It is to be reintroduced in the H of C on 11 Sept. The Bill is co-sponsored by a cross-party group of MPs.

Renewables currently only 11% of all UK electricity use. Renewable generation needs right policy and regulatory frameworks in place. Opportunity for Green energy to be the lead. The result of this bill would be building new community scale infrastructure, selling to local people via a local licenced energy supplier company. It would lead to



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stronger local economies, local jobs paid by local customers, benefit to transition to sustainable energy, improved air quality, nation's energy supply less dependent on imports.

***Council Draft Resolution***

That Herriard Parish Council

(i) notes that the Local Electricity Bill

aims to address the current situation, whereby the very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,

if made law, would make these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation and empower councils, together with their communities, to sell locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and

would result in revenues received by councils or community organisations that chose to set up local renewable electricity companies, which could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities;

(ii) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, supported by a cross-party group of 187 MPs; and

(iii) further resolves to write to the local MP asking them to support the Bill in Parliament and to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or [info@powerforpeople.org.uk](mailto:info@powerforpeople.org.uk)) expressing its support.

Comments: The Parish Council agreed to support the bill in its goal to make local communities sustainable.

**Road Signage**

Rod Bolt has liaised with Adrian Morgan (Snr Engineer B & D) about the speed indicator loan scheme. A SID will be loaned for a temporary period between 8th Sept to 22nd Sept and placed approx. 100m south of the crossroads facing north.

Should we wish to make use of a sign for longer or at several sites they have signs which parish/town councils rent at £90 for two weeks or £160 for four.

In response to concerns from a family in Herriard with children getting off the school bus and crossing the A339 (at the Church and the crossroads) in the afternoon, I have written to Amery Hill and Stagecoach but had no response. I also wrote to Mandy Ware, team leader HCC who sent me Policy and Guidance for Parish Councils purchasing temporary speed signing.

Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) Permanent VAS's are sited according to Department for Transport only at locations with a history of road casualty collisions such as at bends or junctions as part of Hampshire County Council's Safer Roads programmes.

***Option to purchase a SID***

Mobile signs come in two forms, the speed indicator device (SID) which displays the speed

of approaching vehicles, and the Speed Limit Reminder sign (SLR) which displays the speed limit of the road.



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Mobile speed warning signs can be used at sites where speed is a concern even though there may not be a history of crashes. However, research has shown that their effectiveness reduces over time, with little or no speed reduction after about two weeks at any one location.

Provided the Parish Council has employed the services of a competent person or contractor and has appropriate third-party insurance, they may manage the deployments themselves. These facilities will be available to Parish Councils in Hampshire on a self-financing basis. Once established, the management and finance of the SLR/SID will be the responsibility of the Parish Councils. Parish Councils will be required to enter into a licence agreement with Hampshire County Council.

The SLR will ideally be placed at any one given location for 2 weeks but in any event, a placement should not exceed 3 weeks to retain the maximum effectiveness of the SLR in managing speed. The SLR should not return to the same site for a minimum of 8 weeks. Three sites are needed to comply with the conditions set out in the licence agreement and a suitable operative would need to be found to move the signs, change the battery and charge the battery.

Costs: A quote from a recommended Company who manufactures SIDs- Westcote, charges between £2625 and £2800 excluding VAT per sign.

The portable Mini-SID has a battery life of approximately 3 - 4 weeks before needing a battery swap. (all dependant on traffic volumes).

The costs for installation by HCC of 3 no SLR/SID posts would be £762.68 (includes a £250 application fee).

***Total costs for 1 x SID £3360 inc VAT and posts £762 = £4122 + ongoing operative charges.***

Comments:

- The PC does not have sufficient funds to purchase a SID but we agreed to look into seeking grants to help fund the purchase.
- Cllr Hill to look into solar powered portable signs.
- It was also suggested that a subcommittee of interested parties, such as parents of children who use the Stagecoach bus, Councillors and other locals who are concerned about issues around the A339 is formed to support the PC.
- David informed Councillors that Bentworth school bought a minibus to run children from outlying villages to St Marys Bentworth and it might be worth contacting Amery. A minibus could detour to parts of the village that a Stagecoach bus couldn't. Cllr Hill to write again to Amery Hill.
- The Parish Council remains concerned for the safety of local children crossing the road.



**Appendix 4: Financial summary**

Herriard Parish Council Income and Expenditure 1/4/2020 to 31/3/2021			
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<b>Payments</b>			
Date	Chq		Total
07/04/2020	UNity Bank BP	Richard Falconer	£80.00
08/04/2020	UNity Bank BP	Zurich Ins	£840.05
17/04/2020	UNity Bank BP	Go cardless	£42.95
24/04/2020	UNity Bank BP	Jessica White – Copywriting services for Welcome Leaflet	£80.00
11/05/2020	UNity Bank BP	D Freer Clerks expenses	£200.00
11/05/2020	UNity Bank BP	HALC Affiliation fees	£167.49
11/05/2020	UNity Bank BP	WEL Medical, defibrillator	£1,500.00
12/05/2020	UNity Bank BP	Dave Ball Mowing	£200.00
15/05/2020	UNity Bank BP	Go cardless	£42.95
26/05/2020	UNity Bank BP	Terena Plowright	£50.00
29/05/2020	UNity Bank BP	K&N Surfacing Ltd	£26,880.00
10/06/2020	UNity Bank BP	Gareth Davies	£76.87
15/06/2020	UNity Bank BP	Norman Goodyear - new drainage grip Nashes Green	£45.00
17/06/2020	UNity Bank BP	Go cardless	£42.95
30/06/2020	UNity Bank BP	Bank Charges	£18.00
16/07/2020	UNity Bank BP	Go cardless	£42.95
17/09/2020	UNity Bank BP	Go cardless	£42.95
18/09/2020	UNity Bank BP	Knight Carpentry - Pavilion guttering repairs	£282.00
30/09/2020	UNity Bank BP	Bennett's Home Shine - Play area cleaning	£260.00
30/09/2020	UNity Bank BP	BHM Electrical Services - Pavilion lighting upgrades	£3,558.00
01/09/2020	UNity Bank BP	Web Directions – Playground Covid signs	£63.29
		<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£34,516.05</b>
<b>General Receipts</b>			
Date	Ref		Total
27-Apr	BP	B&DBC maintenance grant	£1,421.00
12-Jun	BP	VAT refund on general exps ( VAT on paths shown in restricted rec) below)	£1,372.31
26-May		HVC reconciliation on account	£4,500.00
		HPC contribution transfer to restricted funds re paths	-£1,000.00
		HPC contribution transfer to restricted funds re defibrillator	-£750.00
16-Jul	chq- via John Jervoise	Dog Training field rental	£150.00
22-Jul	BP	Herriard BioPower ann grant	£1,000.00
		<b>Total General receipts</b>	<b>£6,693.31</b>
<b>Restricted receipts</b>			
7-Apr	Defibrillator	Audent donation	£50.00
22-Apr	Defibrillator	Herriard Ex Services Club	£250.00
22-Apr	Defibrillator	Herriard & Lasham Royal British Legion	£250.00
	Defibrillator	HPC contribution transfer re defibrillator	£750.00
18-May	Paths	John & Sara Jervoise re paths	£1,000.00
	Paths	HPC contribution transfer re paths	£1,000.00
26-May	Paths	HVC grant re paths	£5,500.00
12-Jun		VAT refund on paths inv	£4,480.00
		<b>Total Restricted receipts</b>	<b>£13,280.00</b>
<b>Herriard Parish Council</b>			
<b>Financial Year ending 31 March 2021</b>			
		<b>Bank reconciliation at:</b>	<b>03/09/2020</b>
		Bank:	
		Current a/c	£4,552.62
		Less unpaid items	
		Plus receipts not banked	
		<b>Net bank balance</b>	<b>£4,552.62</b>
		Cash Book:	
		General Balance b/fwd	£3,995.36
		Plus general receipts	£6,693.31
		Less general payments	£6,136.05
		<b>General Balance c/fwd</b>	<b>£4,552.62</b>
		Restricted Balance b/fwd	£15,100.00
		Plus restricted receipts	£13,280.00
		Less restricted payments	£28,380.00
		Restricted Balance c/fwd	£0.00
		<b>Total balance</b>	<b>£4,552.62</b>
		<b>Variance</b>	<b>£0.00</b>