



Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 7th December 2020, from 7:30pm

Present:

Cllr Gareth Davies (Chair)

Cllr. John Jervoise

Cllr. Gill Hill

Cllr. Bob Ives

PC Andy Reid

Rod Bolt

David Freer

Jun Thrussell (Clerk)

In attendance:

n/a

Apologies:

Cllr. Gemma Hounsell

Cllr. McNair-Scott

Due to current Covid-19 gathering restrictions, the Herriard Parish Council meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

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 7th of September 2020 were agreed and signed as a true record.
4. External reports *Police report (PC Andy Reid)*
– Report attached as an appendix
5. External reports *Sports Club report (Supplied by Nick White)*
– Report attached as an appendix
6. Chair report - Cllr Davies
– Report attached as an appendix
7. Community Liaison report - Cllr Hounsell
– *It's been very quiet in our community due to Covid-19 restrictions. The only social events scheduled in Herriard is that the ExServices Club at the RBL is open from Sunday the 6th of December and then Friday 11th(7am-10am) and Sunday (12:00-2pm). The bar will also be open for New Year's Eve from 7pm.*
– *Church service is back as close to normal as allowed with social distancing. This means, to keep everyone safe, the seating capacity is lower than before.*
– *Christingle service is also scheduled on Sunday the 13th December. Advanced booking is required for Christingle, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day services.*
– *Carol singing outside Royal British Legion on Sunday 20th December with social distancing followed by drinks in the Fur & Feathers*
8. Village comms/Sustainability report – Cllr Hill
– Report attached as an appendix
9. Rural amenities report – Cllr Ives
– *topping the Herriard Green meadow in January*
– *Spreading grass seeds on the area of the soakaway in The Green*
– *Clearing pond & cutting trees back opposite Hyde farm in January. Seeds and bulbs to be planted on the bank.*
– *Sowing wildflower seeds in The Herriard Green. This will be great to enhance the local wildlife.*
10. Property and Planning report - Cllr Jervoise
– *Motorway Service Area. There is a meeting coming up between highways and HCC to further discuss the issue. A decision is pending.*
– *The church alteration application is ongoing. A decision is expected in early 2021.*
– *There are positive ongoing negotiations regarding the prospect of affordable housing in the village.*
– *Herriard BioPower AD plant will submit details of a new scheme within the existing planning consents. This is expected in early 2021.*
– *Dog Training at premises on Scratchface lane - on formal planning application is expected to be submitted. It is expected that the Estate will support the dog training but not large-scale events, this is due to the barking noise issue raised by some residents. This matter is open for discussion.*



11. 2021/22 Precept
- agreed not to raise a precept for 2021/22 but situation will need to be reviewed for 2022/23.
12. Matters not dealt with elsewhere (including Chair report)
 - Fly tipping in the area of Green lane is noted and will be cleared. The estate encourages any residents to report fly tipping and will always act to clear away the rubbish. The estate will always try to do this as promptly as possible but cannot guarantee immediate action.*
 - Flooding at the Barracks. The leaves & sediment left from the flooding will be cleared by contractors and arrangements are under way. The funding is approved. Agreed to investigate clearing silt and rubbish from dew pond behind The Barracks. Longer term, changes in government funding for farming might offer possibility of works to reduce water flows into the low-point of King John' s Lane.*
 - General tidiness and appearance of the village. Special thanks to Nick White for initial ideas and new initiatives in the village including a tree planting program.*
13. Parish Council Financial summary
- Attached as an appendix

Next meeting: (Gathering restriction permitting) Monday, February 15th 2021, RBLH 7.30pm.
Meeting closed at 21.24pm



Appendix 1: Police report, PC Andy Reid, from 07/09/2020

13.09 Motorcycle nuisance x 2
25.09 Dangerous driving A339
04.10 Slight injury RTA car hit tree in Bagmore Lane
06.10 Tree across A339
09.10 Dangerous driving A339
17.10 Damage RTA 1 vehicle A339
26.10 Assault at work allegation The Avenue
01.11 vehicle stuck in mud in Bushywarren Lane
13.11 Criminal damage to window – projectile fired at it
19.11 Dead deer on A339
25.11 Possible COVID restrictions breach Old Station Yard
25.11 Concern for welfare call Herriard

Crime 2020

Criminal Damage	x 13	10 are of crops by poachers
Non Dwelling Burglaries	x 7	
Theft	x 2	
Other	x 2	
Assault with injury	x 4	
Public Order	x 3	



Appendix 2: Sports club update, Nick White

we have a period of relatively low activity leading up to Christmas. As a result of Covid we get a lot more correspondence from the ECB and as a result of not meeting face to face there appears to be more and more webinars to join in is required. Various topics from financing due this difficult year to web based AGMs and fund raising activities.

The Hampshire league abandoned the competitive tournament and encouraged clubs to arrange friendlies with our opponents instead. this was generally successful and interesting to see how well clubs adjusted to social distancing requirements.

We finished the season as usual with Sunday friendly matches through the early part of September. We employed a professional to renovate ("Put the cricket square to bed") spending circa £1,400 which due to Covid we were successful in tapping into some grant funding from the ECB.

We have had a team in to camera check a number of the runs of the pitch drainage. The result being that the drains are clear. the problem is with the perforations in the pipework that are clogged with silt.

We have applied for a portable defibrillator which is issued free on the condition that we sign up for a maintenance agreement of £110/autumn.

It is with regret that we are not running a football team at the moment. Martin Bishop our football secretary/groundsman has retired and unfortunately those who play football (and this being the case for 10s of years) do not want to do the prep work on a pitch. You can hire a pitch from the council for £65-70 and you just can't make it work facility to employ someone to do it. For years the players have complained that they pay a lot for a game with membership and match fees when they can hire a pitch and pay for a ref for no more than £100. When we can we still run junior football and talking with our coach/contractor about possible opportunities.



Appendix 3: Chairman's report, December 2020

New Clerk

A huge welcome to Jun Thrusell who has now taken over as Clerk from David Freer. In the short time Jun has been in the "hot seat" she has embraced her new responsibilities with skill, enthusiasm and tenacity - thank you Jun.

Thanks also to David Freer for all his work while holding the office of Clerk and in enabling a smooth handover to Jun - we are very grateful indeed.

Gill Hill is due thanks from all of us for the work she has done on the Greening Herriard campaign and on a very successful outcome to the first stage of that.

Policing

Despite repeated requests to the Under Secretary of State at the Department for Transport for an update on the vehicle noise measurement programme we have had no response - other than acknowledgements. I have asked Ranil Jayawardena MP to intervene again which he has agreed to do.

On general policing, there are some signs that Hampshire Constabulary has accepted the need to give higher priority to rural crime. How this will be achieved has not yet become clear. The latest Policing Partnership update circulated earlier does have some positive content. It is probably the case that the £45m funding gap identified in Hampshire's Policing budget is unlikely to be scrutinised further before the PCC elections in May. I will keep everyone updated.

King John's Lane signage

B&DBC have agreed to correct the siting error but warned their current backlog of work might not allow this to happen straight away. I chased them last week.

Herriard Green

The new Dog Walkers Code of conduct signs are now with me and ready to install. Kevin Thrusell, who organized manufacture of the signs has kindly agreed to help, so we will try to do this over the next week.

Although the planned works to the drainage in the lower meadow are now complete we again saw flooding at the low point in King John's Lane during Octobers exceptionally heavy rainfall. A further modification to the drainage has been installed but we will not know its effect until the next major rain event.

CIL

The first CIL payment has now been received with a second installment due in next year.

Planning

St Mary's Church alterations: O/S but support

Moto Service area: O/S but 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. Our formal HPC response objecting to this proposal was lodged last month.

Village Housing scheme

Now agenda'd as a separate item for Cllr Jervoise.



Precept

B&DBC general maintenance grants to Parishes have now been withdrawn. HPC no longer has any guaranteed income save for around £1000 to support the costs of general and cricket square grass cutting. Additional B&DBC have now decided to start charging Parish Councils to inspect play areas - a service previously supported from the council tax we all pay. This move is still being opposed by over 20 Parish Councils including ourselves.

Going forward, it has always been intended that the net rental from one of the houses within the village scheme should be available to replace lost income from B&DBC but obviously that has not yet come on stream.

Do we therefore need to raise a precept? In round terms a precept of £10 per Herriard council tax dwelling would raise £1000.

Gareth Davies

Chair - Herriard Parish Council



Appendix 4: Village comms/Sustainability report 7 December 2020, Cllr Hill

Village Communications

The Herriard website has been updated with the 8 voted for challenges for the Greening Campaign and info about the scarecrow/launch at the end of Oct.

Next to go on the website: the results of Phase 1- the savings of 33 tonnes of CO2 and £14,500.

I will be visiting Joe Ives Farm to look at sustainability practices and will liaise with him and Will Cheyney for an article for the PM. A piece will also be written for the website on sustainable farming in Herriard.

I regularly write a piece about Greening Herriard in the PM, updating residents on the stage in the Campaign. I will publish the results of Phase 1 in the January edition. I also give updates on Greening Herriard on the Village Facebook page.

Greening Herriard

The Challenge cards were delivered over Halloween w/e. Scarecrows -there was a good response with 12 going up around the village. My thanks to Helen Chatfield who organised her youth group to take part at the Church and judged the scarecrows. I received messages of support from residents keen to take part and there was a good response to posts on FB. Some people missed the card count but asked to be counted. In total 40 households took part (33%) which was a good proportion of households and I am encouraged to continue the Greening Campaign with Phase 2 next year after a break over winter.

Lucy Martin, Climate Officer from B & D has prepared a case study on Herriard's involvement in the Campaign to give to the Council. I am part of a local group organised by Lucy that meets on Zoom to talk about climate change/offsetting carbon and other environmental issues.

Briefly, Phase 2 (which would cost the PC £50) gives us a structure around which to involve the community once again. This phase is all about the environment. Obviously, when thinking about a village project in our environment we would-be need to work hand in hand with John and the Estate. Some ideas to consider might be rewilding a specific area, a wildlife corridor, looking to encourage a specific animal or insect, improving or adding hedgerows to support wildlife, tree planting. The Hants Wildlife Trust, who have an office right here in Herriard have agreed to support the Greening Campaign and have additional expertise to support us in this. The Greening Campaign provides resources and an agenda to get the Community involved. I can give more information on this at the next PC meeting. A wild flower meadow at the Green has previously been discussed and Bob Ives agreed to prepare ground and sow wild flower seeds next year for this to come to fruition. Other environmental projects that can be incorporated in the GC next year - litter picking (group litter picking once Covid rules allow) and individual litter picking when out and about; pond clearance; reporting fly tipping to Council/Estate.

Traffic

An outdoor meeting was held in Oct with Becky Brennan, a parent of children who use the bus to go to and from Amery Hill School and who alight at the AVS bus stop crossing the road to Herriard Park.

It was agreed that Becky would contact other parents, the Head of Amery, Anna McNair Scott and Mark Kemp Gee. There are children crossing the road opposite the Fur, at the crossroads bus stop and at AVS in the afternoons, around 4pm when light is beginning to fade. We discussed with Becky the importance of Hi Vis fluorescent clothing etc and the fact that there will probably be more children using the public bus in the future.

As a Parish Council, we agreed that we were in support of some sort of traffic calming signage to remind drivers of the speed limit and to mitigate the risks to children.

Traffic calming options were discussed in full having received quotes from companies who make devices and through contacts with Traffic Officers at Basingstoke and Deane and HCC. It was agreed that the painting of 40mph roundels on the road, 8 in total along our stretch, at a cost to the PC, would be an additional reminder to drivers and we would seek advice on the best location. HCC have a clear set of rules around signage that insist on Speed Indicators being moved every 2-3 weeks, and batteries changing/recharged at every change. The PC discussed the difficulties around acquiring a suitably insured and qualified operative to carry out these actions on such a regular basis. Another more autonomous and solar powered alternative was a flashing beacon that was set to warn drivers if they were exceeding the speed limit. This will be looked into further along with an application to HCC for a grant to help the PC with costs.

Our thanks to Rod Bolt for his continued support to the PC in traffic matters.



Appendix 5: Financial summary

Herriard Parish Council Income and Expenditure 1/4/2020 to 31/3/2021

		Payments	
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 Web Directions	£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 Web Directions	£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	£45.60
17/06/2020	Unity Bank BP	Go Cardless Web Directions	£42.95
30/06/2020	Unity Bank BP	Bank Charges	£18.00
16/07/2020	Unity Bank BP	Go Cardless Web Directions	£42.95
17/08/2020	Unity Bank BP	Go Cardless Web Directions	£42.95
18/08/2020	Unity Bank BP	Knight Carpentry - Pavilion guttering repairs	£282.00
30/08/2020	Unity Bank BP	Bennett's Home Shine - Play area cleaning	£260.00
30/08/2020	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
17/09/2020	Unity Bank BP	Dave Ball Mowing	£600.00
17/09/2020	Unity Bank BP	Go Cardless Web Directions	£42.95
30/09/2020	Unity Bank BP	Bennett's Home Shine - Play area cleaning	£260.00
30/09/2020	Unity Bank BP	Ashley House Printing	£103.00
30/09/2020	Unity Bank BP	Bank Charges	£18.00
15/10/2020	Unity Bank BP	Go Cardless Web Directions	£44.61
21/10/2020	Unity Bank BP	RCD Hoare, Hedge cutting	£374.00
21/10/2020	Unity Bank BP	JAL Jervoise HERRIARD Estate, Drainage work	£1,428.00
30/10/2020	Unity Bank BP	Bennett's Home Shine - Play area cleaning	£180.00
17/11/2020	Unity Bank BP	Go Cardless Web Directions	£44.61
24/11/2020	Unity Bank BP	Bennett's Home Shine - Play area cleaning	£160.00
24/11/2020	Unity Bank BP	Dave Ball Mowing	£1,085.00
		Total payments	£38,856.22
General Receipts			
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	11	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
24-Sep	Pay in slip 000013	Greening fundraiser	£178.20
		Total General receipts	£6,871.51
		Restricted receipts	
07-Apr	Defibrilator	Audient donation	£50.00
22-Apr	Defibrilator	Herriard Ex Services Club	£250.00
22-Apr	Defibrilator	Herriard & Lasham Royal British Legion	£250.00
	Defibrilator	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	11	VAT refund on paths inv	£4,480.00
02/11		B&DBC CIL	£9,615.00
		Total Restricted receipts	£22,895.00
		Herriard Parish Council	
		Financial Year ending 31 March 2021	
		Bank reconciliation at:	23/11/2020
		Bank:	
		Current a/c	£11,090.65
		Less unpaid items	£1,085.00
		Plus receipts not banked	
		Net bank balance	£10,005.65
		Cash Book:	
		General Balance b/fwd	£3,995.36
		Plus general receipts	£6,871.51
		Less general payments	£10,476.22
		General Balance c/fwd	£390.65



		Restricted Balance b/fwd	£15,100.00
		Plus restricted receipts	£22,895.00
		Less restricted payments	£28,380.00
		Restricted Balance c/fwd	£9,615.00
		Total balance	£10,005.65
		Variance	£0.00