



Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 15th February 2021, from 7:30pm

Present:

Cllr Gareth Davies (Chair)

Cllr Mark Ruffell

Cllr. John Jervoise

Cllr. Gemma Hounsell

Cllr. Gill Hill

Cllr. Bob Ives

PC Andy Reid

Rod Bolt

David Freer

Jun Thrussell (Clerk)

In attendance:

n/a

Apologies:

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 December 2020 were agreed and signed as a true record.
4. External reports *Police report (PC Andy Reid)*
– Report attached as an appendix

External reports *Sports Club report (Supplied by Nick White too late to be discussed at meeting but included here for information)*

- Events such as the sports club draw and quiz night were cancelled.

- We have applied for a portable defibrillator on offer through the ECB. Free on the proviso we sign up to a yearly maintenance contract.

- The Hampshire cricket league AGM is scheduled for this Thursday via zoom which I will attend. The league is working toward cricket as normal but of course this will depend on when the government opens up team sports following the lock down measures. The league usually kicks off the first week in May.

- Our friendly matches start on the 26th April.

- We have had 2 – 3 incidences of a group of individuals turning up at the ground at around 10 – 11pm on an evening and generally causing a noise disturbance. This is not just in the car park but are entering the sports club area and running across the playing field. I would assume this is all alarming to residence close by. We have also had a number of reports from local residences of mums and children gathering on the pitch. A little odd when you have to climb fences with your buggies etc. Just to confirm the club is closed so groups would not be members of the sports club.

5. Chair report - Cllr Davies
- Report attached as an appendix
6. Community Liaison report - Cllr Hounsell
- It's very quiet and no social events' going on in our village during current lockdown.
- Takeaway is still offered at the pub on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- Three new residents have moved in Elderfield, Bagmore Lane, and they have received welcome newsletter from the Estate and our Parish Magazine.
7. Village comms/Sustainability report – Cllr Hill
– Report attached as an appendix
8. Rural amenities report – Cllr Ives
- Still waiting for the weather to dry to top the Herriard Green
- Possibility of some wildflower seeds being planted in some of the grass areas. A walk in the park to determine



these areas was suggested.

- *The condition of the footpaths was deemed as satisfactory.*
- *The pond opposite Hyde Farm needs to be scraped out in the not-too-distant future.*

9. Property and Planning report - Cllr Jervoise

- *St. Mary's Church alterations: We have not heard about the alternatives for the layout of the loos and other rooms from the council.*
- *Motorway Service Area: We launched another objection in early February. The effect on residents and motor traffic is still to be correctly evaluated.*
- *Upper Swallick: is still in early stage and more information to follow.*
- *Herriard BioPower: AD plant has launched a further application to install extra equipment.*
- *Cheese Factory: The application for an extension of the factory has been registered, but residents have not received the written application note. However, there needs to be a collective balance between residents and the business in view of the traffic concerns. A decision will need to be made before the deadline, 1st of March 2021.*
- *Housing Scheme – Langlies Mead: The Estate is looking to implement the permission that expires in June. The estate is going to engage the services of various consultants tapping into relevant expertise to assist discharge the remaining conditions. The council have requested some explorative archaeology investigation in the form of trenches.*

Matters not dealt with elsewhere (including Chair report)

- *2021 Litter pick: 27/28th of March is proposed as the date for the Litter picking. Further details will be posted on Herriard Village Facebook. Villagers are encouraged do this privately rather than a group event due to COVID.*
- *Herriard Green: behaviour of minority of users related to Covid rules and continuing dog issues. It was suggested perhaps public awareness of the problem could be improved by additional signage, Facebook posts and police involvement.*
- *Restricted Byway 7b: Continued access by permitted (non mechanised) vehicles being investigated by landowner*

10. Parish Council Financial summary

- *Attached as an appendix*

Next meeting: (Gathering restriction permitting) Monday, May 17th 2021, RBLH 7:30pm.

Meeting closed at 21:35pm

N.B. Points from Nick White were not received in time to be included in the meeting. They will be discussed and a response sent to Nick via Email.



Appendix 1: Police report, PC Andy Reid, from 01/11/2020

November 2020:

- 01.11. Vehicle stuck in the mud in Bushy Warren Lane
- 13.11 Criminal damage to a window of house in Nashes Green – broken when projectile fired through it
- 19.11 Dead deer reported on A339
- 20.11 Fuel spillage reported A339
- 27.11 Car stopped for excess speed A339 – driver failed a drugs test and was arrested for drug driving

December 2020:

- 08.12 Concern for a man walking along the A339
- 19.12 Injury road traffic incident (Accident) A339
- 25.12 Poaching reported in Bushy Warren Lane (Christmas Day)

January 2021:

- 05.01 Dead deer reported A339
- 07.01 Suspicious man seen in Bagmore Lane cold calling house to house
- 08.01 Suspicious incident at 3am vehicle disturbed outside house Parsonage Cotts made off when resident allowed their dogs out
- 09.01 Youths congregating at Herriard Sports Pavilion contrary to COVID regulations
- 29.01 Attempted theft of / from a parked car in Bagmore Lane – entry into vehicle not gained
- 31.01 Suspected poaching towards Hale Farm – vehicle seen made off

Reported Crime 2019 41

Reported Crime 2020 32

8 Non-Dwelling Burglaries (Shed etc.)

14 Criminal damage reports -11 crop fields

3 Assaults

2 Thefts

5 Other crimes – Harassment etc.

Reported Crime 2021 3

2 Non-dwelling burglaries – Bagmore Lane & Herriard Grange

1 Attempted theft of / from motor car in Bagmore Lane



Appendix 3: Chairman's report for PC meeting to be held on February 15th 2021

As we start a new year I'd like to thank everyone involved with the Parish Council for their commitment during the last difficult 12 months. Hopefully, we are now at least starting to see light at the end of the tunnel.

Can I also record our sadness at the news of Tish Branigan's recent passing. Although not directly involved with the Parish Council, Tish was always an active member of the village community and also a huge support to our previous Chairman Mike Branigan. That they should both be lost at such a relatively early age is a great sadness and we would like to offer our deep condolences to the Branigan and Freer families.

Roads

I reported in December that I was waiting for an update from Road's Minister Baroness Vere on progress with measures to deal with excessive vehicle noise. Following intervention by Ranil Jayawardena MP, a response was received just after our meeting and a copy of that is attached. The contents of Baroness Vere's note do not add anything material to the findings of the investigation commissioned by the DfT in 2018 which were published in March 2019.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/805940/roadside-vehicle-noise-measurement-phase-1-study-report-and-technology-recommendations.pdf

Excessive exhaust noise is a world-wide problem and it is frustrating to see that while other countries - Austria, France and Germany for example, have now taken decisive steps to deal with it, the UK seems to be some way "behind the curve". This issue was raised at the HALC AGM last Autumn by Cllr Bayliss, an Alton Town Councillor. I will discuss the current situation with him and pick the matter up again with Baroness Vere in the hope that the DfT has made some progress since last December.

Cllr Hill has been working hard with Hampshire Highways to find ways of improving pedestrian safety at the A339 bus stop crossings on the A339 and Gill will tell us about that later.

Rural Policing

We heard last month from Lisa Kempster who has recently been appointed to run the Basingstoke Rural team which has apparently been reorganised. I have invited Lisa to speak to us (virtually at the moment). I don't yet have anything further to report on the pan-Hampshire initiative started by Beech resident Sir Charles Cockburn except that HALC have signalled their willingness to help circulate proposals when these are finalised.

Herriard Green

The new Dog Walkers Code of conduct signs are now installed. Signs alone were unlikely to completely solve the problems and there have been several recent complaints of dogs not being properly controlled. Ideas?

B&DBC announced during 2020 that their funding for parishes to carry out grass cutting would be reduced by 10% per year starting this year. This was challenged by several parishes including us, as amounting to double taxation. B&DBC has now put the cuts on hold. In a similar move B&DBC planned to start charging £500 pa for weekly and annual play area inspections. We had agreed to take over the inspections ourselves with training provided to Andy Casey. However, we would still be faced with an additional and unwelcome cost. After renewed lobbying by Basingstoke District Association of Parish & Town Councils, B&DBC have agreed to consider the issue again as you may have seen in the message Jun circulated earlier today.

Planning - Cllr Jervoise will update

St Mary's Church alterations: Outstanding but support
Moto Sevice area: Outstanding but objections lodged
Hampshire Cheese – new
Upper Swallick - update

Langlies Mead

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

Gareth Davies

Chair - Herriard Parish Council



Appendix 4: Village comms/Sustainability report 15 February 2021, Cllr Hill

Greening Campaign - Phase 2

There has been little point in progressing Phase 2 with current lockdown restrictions. The head of the Greening Campaign, Terena Plowright, has offered her support in conjunction with the Hants Wildlife Trust. As soon as some outdoor restrictions are lifted, I will purchase the pack on behalf of the Parish Council and start to inform Herriard residents about what it involves. Phase 2 is all about looking after the environment and outdoor spaces. I am currently researching Rewilding. Gareth and I will meet with John to discuss some ideas on how the Estate can support Phase 2 of the Greening Campaign.

As soon as we are able to, a litter pick would be an important event for the village and with this in mind a provisional weekend 27/28th March has been set in the event that socially distanced activities can be carried out. The amount of litter in and around the village has been noted and Cllr Hill will post on FB about individuals picking up litter while on daily walks around their home areas.

Gareth and I attended a virtual Climate Change group meeting where the Traffic Officer, Emma Gover, was present to talk about the roll out of EV chargers on Council owned land in and around Basingstoke. She has asked for rural communities to register an interest. John reported that the Estate have been looking into EV charge points at a specific location in the village.

Daniel Ayres the Senior Conservation Officer at BDBC is to talk at the next Zoom group meeting, about the challenges of energy efficiency in listed buildings or those in conservation areas. If any of the other Councillors are interested in attending, let me know.

Community Energy

I received an email from Project director of Community Energy South saying that in March they will be offering regional guidance, online masterclasses and business development support for community energy projects and groups. All the support is free of charge and they hope we will be interested in being part of it. It was agreed that the Parish Council would take up the offer to find out more about this.

Other 'Green' matters

I visited Joe Ives farm in December to look at his sustainable farming practices. This was to enable me to write an article and a piece for the website. Joe kindly offered to write the article himself and he and Will Cheyney have agreed to take turns writing for the Parish magazine. I have still to write a short piece for the website on sustainable farming at Park Farm.

The Parish Council supports the seeding of wildflowers at locations on the Green. Cllr Ives has offered to top the areas, spray if considered necessary, purchase seed and sow in the next month or so. Cllr Ives also offered to clear the pond and Cllr Hill offered to help with this.

Traffic Calming Measures

I completed and sent the application form for the Community Funded Initiative to Mandy Ware Transport officer at HCC (27.01) who pointed out again that the flashing speed indicator devices have to be moved every 3 weeks and cannot be permanent. She confirmed that according to their research drivers respond better if they are not kept in the same place. This is frustrating but we have included them in the application anyway.

The revised cost for 2 x 7.5m roundels, 6 x 4.3m roundels, 1 x new post and 2 x 300mm diameter speed limit repeater signs would be £1411.35 which includes the relevant CFI fee.

In response to the application, Mandy has replied saying:

'The junction with Scratchface Lane has been noted by our casualty reduction team as a location for further monitoring. As discussed this section of route does not currently justify investigation into permanent vehicle activated signing but we will consider the options for traffic warning signs for **'Pedestrians crossing' for the locations you have highlighted where children cross between bus stops.** I will ensure that you are contacted in due course on this matter once we have reviewed the site for potential locations.

My team are currently finalising the design work and preparing the works documentation for the 40mph roundels that are



included in your Community Funded Initiative application so I will ensure that the final details are confirmed with you before proceeding to raise an order for this work.'

I emailed Bio Power, Darren is putting our request to the board, I have not heard back yet. I have not yet applied to Anna's devolved fund but will do so shortly.

I emailed the parent who highlighted the problem of her children crossing the A339 at the Church to let her know what we have done. She replied with her thanks for doing all the paperwork and my time & effort. She hopes that maybe HCC might change their view over the next few years.

My position - I am taking a step back from this work now but will of course report back on emails that I get related to the application and other communication from funding applications.



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
14/12/2020	Unity Bank BP	Richard Falconer	£820.33
14/12/2020	Unity Bank BP	Web Directions – Dog signs	£90.00
21/12/2020	Unity Bank BP	Go Cardless Web Directions	£44.61
21/12/2020	Unity Bank BP	Bennett's Home Shine - Play area cleaning	£200.00
31/12/2020	Unity Bank BP	Bank Charges	£18.00
15/01/2021	Unity Bank BP	Go Cardless Web Directions	£44.61
21/01/2021	Unity Bank BP	Annual Grant to Herriard Sports Club re Mowing	£500.00
25/01/2021	Unity Bank BP	Bennett's Home Shine - Play area cleaning	£200.00
05/02/2021	Unity Bank BP	Andy Casey - Play area maintenance & report monitoring	£612.38
		Total payments	£41,386.15
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-Sept	Pay in slip 000013		Greening fundraiser	£178.20
18-Jan-2021	chq 400042		Herriard Village Charity	£6,234.63
			Total General receipts	£13,106.14
			Restricted receipts	
7-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:	25/01/2021
			Bank:	
			Current a/c	£14,322.73
			Less unpaid items	£612.38
			Plus receipts not banked	£0.00
			Net bank balance	£13,710.35
			Cash Book:	
			General Balance b/fwd	£3,995.36
			Plus general receipts	£13,106.14
			Less general payments	£13,006.15
			General Balance c/fwd	£4,095.35
			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	£13,710.35
			Variance	£0.00