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**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27th September 2021**

Present:

Cllr. Gill Hill (Chair)  
Cllr. John Jervoise  
Cllr. Simon Wills  
Cllr. Bob Ives  
Cllr. Will Cheyney  
Jun Thrussell (Clerk)

In attendance:

PC Ross Holdsworth  
PCSO Andy Jones  
HCC Juliet Henderson  
B&DBC Mark Ruffell  
Mayor of Basingstoke Onnalee Cubitt  
12 local residents

Apologies:

Rod Bolt

1. Apologies received as noted as above
2. Cllr Jervoise declared an interest in matters involving Herriard Estates and associated properties
3. Cllr Gill Hill was appointed Chair for this meeting and confirmed appointment of Chair for the year 2021-22
4. Minutes were approved and signed as a true record for Parish Council meetings 17th May, 28th June, 13th July
5. External reports
  - Police report – PCSO Andy Johnes, attached as an appendix.
  - PC Ross Holdsworth noted that in the Preston Candover attempted robbery of an outhouse, the residents disturbed the intruders which led to them fleeing. The police recommended people should consider when and how they intervene as in this instance a resident was injured and the burglars could have been caught as police arrived quickly in this instance.
  - Speedwatch was discussed and Ross agreed to find out if it could be used in a 40mph zone.
  - Residents should report crimes via the Hampshire Police website as this will be the quickest way to reach our Rural Police team, rather than 101.
  - There was an attempted break-in at the Pavillion in June, but the intruder alarm scared them off and nothing was stolen. The Sports Club are intending to install a CCTV and monitoring alarm system.
  - Juliet Henderson HCC, reported on the various committees she was on. Speed, roads and rural crime are high on her agenda as is opposing large scale developments. She is happy to be contacted about resident's concerns.
  - Nick White (Sports Club), reported verbally on the Sports Club season. No written report has been received.
6. Chair report - Cllr Hill, attached as an appendix
  - The Chair recognised the contributions of Gareth Davies and Gemma Hounsome who resigned as Councillors this year. The meeting attendees showed their appreciation for them.
  - On planning matters, Cllr Mark Ruffell B &DBC commented that while the Upper Swallick Garden Village was not in the Local Plan this time, it is reviewed every 5 years and the 'battle will be ongoing and we are only at the start'.
7. Property and Estate report from John Jervoise



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- Langlies Mead housing- awaiting Basingstoke Planning dept, the Church application and the Bio Power modifications were commented on. Details of these and other planning applications in item 9.
  - The Estate have opened the permissive path between Scratchface Lane and Bagmore Lane.
  - The current Little Crickets Manager is retiring at Christmas, the Estate is looking for tenants to start a new nursery school business. If this is not achieved, the Estate will talk with the HVC and the PC regarding alternative uses for the Pavillion.
8. Herriard Green/Rural amenities - Cllr Ives
- Bob and some local volunteers helped clear Ragwort recently.
  - Substantial anti flood works have been carried out behind the Barracks, creating a bigger catchment and reducing potential flooding of King John Lane.
  - The pond opposite Hyde Farm needs clearing.
  - Hockleys Lane gate to the Green has been cleared of overgrown weeds.
  - If residents have any concerns about the Green or the condition of footpaths etc please report them to Bob or the Parish Council Clerk.
9. Planning Applications - Cllr Hill
- Planning applications status as shown on the agenda
  - Amendment: The Herriard Bio Power modifications and installations application 21/00578/CMA has been granted by HCC
10. Community Liaison report - Cllr Hill
- The WI have not held a formal meeting this year. They are arranging an informal meeting to discuss the way forward.
  - A Summer party with stalls and a raffle hosted by John and Sarah Jervoise raised £1700 for St Marys Church.
  - The Gardening Club have met at each other's gardens over the summer and plan a Harvest Supper for members and their partners at the RBL in October.
  - There was a Poppy Party on 11th Sept to raise money for the British Legion and St Mary's
  - A Flower Festival at St Mary's will take place on 9th Oct and a Harvest Festival service followed by Ploughmans lunch will take place on 10th October.
11. Matters not dealt with elsewhere
- The 40mph roundels are still due to be painted on the road.
  - 2 dashcams are available for residents to borrow for an agreed time, contact the Clerk if interested in borrowing
  - Funds are available for small capital projects. The PC would welcome ideas from local residents. Some money is to be set aside for realigning and levelling the road near the RBL when the new houses are built.
  - The path from the pub to Bagmore Lane is becoming overgrown and muddy at the Bagmore Lane end.
  - The cutting of the low hedge around the Sports Club car park needs completing.
  - Onnalee Cubbitt introduced herself as our B & D B Councillor and encouraged residents to contact her if they had concerns.
12. Parish Council Financial Summary - Attached as an appendix
- Spending has been fairly low at this point in the year



13. The date for the next meeting: Monday 29th November 2021 RBL Hall at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 21.00



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**Appendix 1: Police report, PCSO Andy Johnes, for meeting held on 27th September 2021**

**Police Newsletter for the Upton Grey & Candover`s July – Sept 21**

1 - Action Fraud has been reported in the area of Cliddesden.

3 - ASB related incidents

- Little Hoddington Recreation ground was the area where Shouting and swearing was reported to have been happening into the early hours of the morning.
- Report of Motorcycles racing up and down the road at speed.
- Report of an off rd motorcycle riding on private land off of Whitehill Lane in Greywell. Police have attended and suitable words of advice given.

3 – Assaults

- 2 of which were reported to have occurred in the Cliddesden area. Both at the same address.
- 1 of which occurred in Herriard.

3 Burglaries reported 2 of which were business related and 1 was a Residential premises.

- A Quad Bike was stolen from an address in Herriard. Op Slid was created as a result of many Quads bikes that had been stolen over recent years. Rural Police work closely with Hart & Rushmoor as well as Country Watch Officers and are going out on Operations to tackle these crimes specifically.
- On the 26<sup>th</sup> August a Farm Premises has been broken into around 0300hrs in the morning, a substantial amount of damage has been caused in an attempt to gain entry. The alarm on the outbuilding has been triggered as a result of gaining entry and the 4 perpetrators caught on CCTV have absconded in a vehicle which looks like a Honda CRV.
- 30<sup>th</sup> August an outhouse has been broken into of a residential property in Preston Candover, this occurred just after 11pm. It was believed that attempts have been made to remove the Off rd Motorcycle that was stored within the premises. I am sorry to say that a resident was injured in the ordeal after tackling the offenders. It's believed that it was the Honda CRV mentioned earlier that was being driven at the time. Significant damage was believed to have been caused in the getaway as it drove through hefty wooden gates. It comes as no surprise that information has come to light that a HONDA CRV has been located in Thames Valley area burnt out in a byway. Police have loaned & installed a driveway alarm system with the hope this provides some reassurance a Crime Scene Investigation has also been complete. Enquiries are ongoing.

8 Road related incidents reported, the majority of which occurred on the A339 Alton rd

3 of these resulted in collisions.

- 2 Minor injuries
- 1 Damage only

14 suspicious incidents reported broken down as follows.

- 6 sus other incidents - Including a report of something falling from the sky on fire and heading in the Axford direction. Police deployed and found it to be a number 0 foil balloon. The sun had played a clever trick giving the impression that it was on fire.
- 3 sus persons – Including a male going door to door offering roof moss removal services and gave the name of his company as ACORN. Occurred in Preston Candover.
- 5 sus vehicles – An abandond vehicle was reported after being abandoned after being in a crash in the Dummer area.

3 Thefts reported one of which was from a vehicle

- Report of theft of a mobile phone whilst the Agg was at a party the night prior. Upton Gray.
- Theft of dogs was reported. However this was premature in being classified as it was more of a misunderstanding.
- Damage was caused to a car lock and entry was gained by person unknown. 2 Jackets and a sum of money has been stolen from within. This occurred in the Moundsmere area.



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## **Appendix 2: Chair report, Cllr Hill, for meeting held on 27th September 2021**

*This meeting is an extraordinary open meeting, the first meeting since 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020, that we are able to open to all, following restrictions due to Covid being lifted. The Annual Parish Assembly held in May this year, was not open to all, but was held with only the Cllrs and Clerk in attendance.*

Following two casual vacancies for Parish Councillors in May, I am delighted to confirm that Will Cheyney and Simon Wills accepted our invitation to be co opted to the Parish Council. I would like to formally welcome Simon and Will on to the Council.

After 15 years serving as Clerk, then as a Councillor and following Mike Branigan as Chair of the Council, Gareth Davies stood down at the end of May. He delayed standing aside in 2020 due to Covid and a ban on elections last year. Gareth has served the community and been involved in many projects over the years, in particular, the Langlies Mead housing project and he has made invaluable contributions to this and other matters, including rural policing. We wish to thank Gareth for all his hard work serving the community over the years. Gareth has kindly offered his continuing support to the Council with the housing development.

Gemma Hounsome also stood down as Councillor after 20 years on the Council. As a long standing Herriard resident with a farming background, Gemma's local knowledge has been invaluable as well as her oversight and participation in village activities. We would like to thank Gemma for her work on the Council and we wish her well.

I also have to announce that our Clerk, Jun Thrusell is giving up the role at the end of September due to work commitments. Jun will be missed for her hard work and dedication. She is highly organised and efficient in administrative duties and we are very grateful for all the time and effort she has given voluntarily, in supporting the Council. Thankyou Jun and good luck for the future to you and Kevin. Jun has agreed to continue to support the PC with updates to the website, which we are most grateful for. We are currently looking for a replacement Clerk.

On 13<sup>th</sup> July the new Council met in a closed session to discuss roles and responsibilities. I accepted the role as Chair for the year 2021-2022. There is an updated list of the varied roles and responsibilities that the Council undertake on the website. Many roles are done by more than one Councillor, or all of us. We also have a group of local people, who offer support in a number of ways and I would like to thank them for that ongoing support. There is an increasing workload for local councils and we are all volunteers working in spare time so any additional voluntary help is much appreciated. If anyone would like to offer their support or skills or would like to chat with me about ways they can help, please let me know.

I attended the online B & D District Association of Parish and Town Councils Meeting (01.09.21) and have summarised the discussion in this report.

- Planning matters- Simon Bound, Head of Planning B&DBC spoke about the Local Plan update 2023-2039 where they decide possible sites for housing development. (Revised every 5 years). I wrote a letter on behalf of HPC in opposition to the Upper Swallick housing proposal and I attended the demonstration on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept outside Council Offices along with Pat Pegg and many other local people who are passionate about protecting our countryside and farmland. The Borough Council has to build 900 houses per annum, with 10% added, this amounts to 17,820 over the next 18 years. 7,737 are outstanding to 2039. A mix of sites are needed to meet this trajectory. Simon wants to challenge the figures but the formula is given by Central Government. He pointed out that the Council don't want to use Greenfield sites but the demand set by Government is challenging.



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- New Basingstoke Hospital- they are looking at starting building in 2025 ready for opening in 2028. Currently two sites are being looked at, both with pros and cons:
    1. The current hospital site- not easy, would take longer, more expensive
    2. J7 of the M3. Both to go to public consultation.
  - Code of Conduct for Parish Councils – PCs must sign up to either the B & DBC Code of Conduct or a new model Code of Conduct based on 7 principles of public life, shortly to be distributed.
  - Policing- Richard Lane, Neighbourhood policing teams. In summary, there was a significant drop in crime in the area over lockdown but a steady increase since February 2021. The message to rural areas was to avoid leaving vehicles unlocked, make sure Quad vehicles and ATVs are secured, report ALL suspicious incidents. Use online reporting to: [Hampshire.police.co.uk](http://Hampshire.police.co.uk) rather than 101. In deciding where resources are placed, they need to know what the crime incidents there are. This includes reports of vehicle noise. People have asked who is replacing Andy Reid but he has always had a team and that team still exists and is growing. New independent officers are being trained, but it takes 2yrs to be signed off. PC Holdsworth has two new students who he is coaching and early next year they are scheduled to be independent and sufficiently experienced in the job. HPC are grateful for police updates in the Parish magazine and attendance by Police at PC meetings.

### **Rural Policing**

A short meeting with Donna Jones (Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire & I of W) and local Parish Councillors was held on 24<sup>th</sup> Sept which I attended. Donna has pledged 600 new police officers by the end of 2023. She has started a review into call handling and spoke about an App being developed by Sussex police to be rolled out to landowners and farmers for reporting rural crime. She has met with the NFU to see how tracking devices on farm machinery can be prevented from being removed. She was concerned to hear that in the past, police have been powerless or have refused to regain possession of stolen items even when they knew where they were. Donna advised us to inform her directly if local farmers or landowners experience this and she would follow it up if action is not taken by police.

Donna's team have confirmed she is happy to have a rural round table event early next year.

There is a new initiative- Barn Meetings, where people in rural communities come together with the Police Officers from the rural team. Next meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 10.45 am with bacon butties at Brown Candover. If interested let me know and I will send details.

### **Rewilding**

HPC signed up to Phase 2 of the Greening Campaign and we have had a virtual meeting with Craig Whitelock from the N Hants Wildlife Trust. I walked round the Green with Craig to get some help with ideas of possible environmental activities. He pointed out various local wildflower species that already exist and which could be introduced to encourage pollinators. The GC insist that this phase is carried out the way they set out, but I don't feel this is something that would work in Herriard (coin collecting) as we are such a small village and I don't think we would get sufficient support to make it viable. I have told Craig this and also that my workload has changed now in becoming Chair. The more widespread rewilding of farmland is not possible until farmers know from Government what is happening in future legislation. The Cheyneys, however, are already involved in the mid tier Country stewardship scheme, a 5 year scheme where they plant different mixes of plants which provide food for wild birds during winter and a mix of flowering plants to encourage pollinators in spring/summer.

In discussions about Rewilding in Herriard, Cllrs decided our focus for small scale rewilding projects should be at The Green. It is already a great space for wildlife, bees and pollinators and we need to continue to improve this natural environment and help wildlife. The wildflower meadows sown by Bob this year have been successful and will hopefully seed themselves. The Council will look at seeding further areas next year. It has been bought up that there isn't a shelter at The Green and this is something that we would like to look into next year, with some grant funds that we have available. Tree planting and hedge improvement could also be looked at, if funds allow.

In the past there has been Daffodil bulb planting, at The Green – if Cllrs agree, the PC could donate bulbs for planting at the Green in Oct/Nov this year, by local volunteers.



We currently do a litter pick in spring, which was well supported this year and will be done again next year. My thanks to Pat Pegg for her support with this.

If anyone is interested in Climate Change and helping to make Herriard Greener, please contact me.

**Other matters:**

**Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Status**

The Chairs of Cliddesden, Ellisfield and Winslade have written to us for support and willingness to work with them in gaining the status for the area of Hampshire known as the N Hampshire Downs. The area is shown on the map. The reasons for this are concerning changing land management that encourages landowners to seek creative ways to maximise their income, some through major housing development meaning that no green fields are safe, secondly, the public have realised through the pandemic lockdowns that their countryside is important to them for mental and physical health as well as environmental considerations, wildlife, climate mitigation. Discussions have been held with The North Wessex AONB and CPRE and the Councils of Basingstoke and Hart who are in support of the status if there is enough support from residents in the area. HPC are agreed to support this initiative.

**Traffic calming-** No news on the painting of the 40mph roundels. I have heard that traffic and roads at B& D are under pressure. We have funds available for this.

**Speedwatch-** There is a cost for buying the equipment that is used for monitoring speed. The scheme relies on a team of volunteers and on someone prepared to organise the volunteers.

It requires 3 volunteers at any one time who are given training by traffic police. We could share the equipment (and the cost) with other PCs. (Cliddesden have one to sell which would cost less than new). If interested in being a Speedwatch volunteer, please let me know.

**Memorial Convoy**

I have expressed an interest **in the Armed Forces Day Memorial Convoy** which will run on 25 June 2022 from Southwick House, near Fareham to Basingstoke, via Alton. The convoy will depart Southwick House at 10.00am. They anticipate 60 plus military vehicles and 30 plus motorcycle outriders. The convoy will be passing through communities along the B2177 to Wickham, A32 communities in the West Meon Valley towards East Tisted, Farringdon and Chawton. Then A31 into Alton, B339 to stopover at Lasham Airfield, Herriard arriving at approximately 11.00 HRS. Departing 11.45 via A339 for Basingstoke finishing at Milestones Museum. A welcome event at the destination will be held during the afternoon. They are fundraising for the Royal British Legion and subject to relevant permissions they hope to collect along the route. Some of the vehicle drivers would like to throw sweets to waiting children. We need to let them know if we are happy for this original wartime tradition, to be part of our convoy experience. A full Risk Assessment will be in place, all vehicles are fully insured, this is an official Military Vehicle Trust event.

They are inviting every community along the route to plant a Memorial Tree, on the day of the Convoy. This act is to remember all those who took part in Operation Overlord and also to remember all Service personnel who were based in or around our community during WW2. They have spoken with the Woodland Trust, and understand that they may donate trees. I propose that Herriard plants a tree or a small group of trees at the Green on this day.

PC and RBL committee to work together on this event.

**Village Community Liaison**

I have met with Tracy Crawford about how the PC can support and promote the use of the RBL hall. The RBL committee are in the process of deciding on updating and redecorating the bar to make it look more inviting. The bar is currently open on Friday evenings and Sunday lunchtimes. The use of the hall is free to local residents for events.

We discussed the Memorial convoy and how we could make it a 1940s event at the hall on 25<sup>th</sup> June after the convoy passes.

Gill Hill  
Chair-Herriard Parish Council



**Appendix 3: Financial summary - Herriard Parish Council Income and Expenditure 1/4/2021 - 23/9/2021**

Herriard Parish Council Income and Expenditure 1/4/2021 to 23/9/2021			
Date	Chq	Payments	Total
09/04/2021	Unity Bank BP	P1- Green Campaign Phase 2	£50.00
15/04/2021	Unity Bank BP	P2 - Web Directions Go Cardless	£44.61
16/04/2021	Unity Bank BP	P3 - HALC membership 2021/2022	£169.85
16/04/2021	Unity Bank BP	P4 - Zurich Insurance 01/05/2021 - 30/04/2022	£818.40
30/04/2021	Unity Bank BP	P5 - Bennett's Home Shine - Play Area cleaning	£200.00
05/05/2021	Unity Bank BP	P6 - DF&R Ives	£385.24
17/05/2021	Unity Bank BP	P7 - Web Directions Go Cardless	£44.61
28/05/2021	Unity Bank BP	P8 - Bennett's Home Shine - Play Area cleaning	£200.00
27/05/2021	Unity Bank BP	P9 - David Freer - Clerk Expense	£50.00
27/05/2021	Unity Bank BP	P10 - Jun Thrussell - Clerk Expense	£150.00
17/06/2021	Unity Bank BP	P11 - Web Directions Go Cardless	£44.61
29/06/2021	Unity Bank BP	P12 - Bennett's Home Shine - Play Area cleaning	£200.00
30/06/2021	Unity Bank BP	Bank Charge	£18.00
09/07/2021	Unity Bank BP	P13 - R.C.D. Hoare - Flood management - Clearing the dell behind The Barracks	£996.00
15/07/2021	Unity Bank BP	P14 - Web Directions Go Cardless	£44.61
13/08/2021	Unity Bank BP	P15 - Web Directions Go Cardless	£66.69
25/02/2021	Unity Bank BP	P16 - PKF Littlejohn LLP - External Audit	£240.00
13/09/2021	Unity Bank BP	P17 - Mark Allwright - Hedge cutting at the Green	£128.00
15/09/2021	Unity Bank BP	P18 - Web Directions Go Cardless	£66.69
		<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£3,917.31</b>
General Receipts			
Date	Ref		Total
26/04/2021	BP	R1 - B&DBC annual Parish grounds maintenance funding	£1,435.00
17/08/2021	Cheque 400049	R3 - Herriard Village Charity	£2,190.78
24/08/2021	Cheque via John Jervoise	R4 - Dog Training field rental at Herriard Green	£450.00
		<b>Total General receipts</b>	<b>£4,075.78</b>
Restricted receipts			
21/06/2021	BP	R2 - B&DBC CIL Payment	£8,208.82
		<b>Total Restricted receipts</b>	<b>£8,208.82</b>
Herriard Parish Council Financial Year ending 31 March 2022			
		<b>Bank reconciliation at:</b>	<b>23/09/2021</b>
		Bank:	
		Current a/c	£23,195.42
		Less unpaid items	£0.00
		Plus receipts not banked	£0.00
		Net bank balance	£23,195.42
		Cash Book:	
		General Balance b/fwd	£3,428.13
		Plus general receipts	£4,075.78
		Less general payments	£3,087.31
		General Balance c/fwd	£4,416.60
		Restricted Balance b/fwd	£11,400.00





		Plus restricted receipts	£8,208.82
		Less restricted payments	£830.00
		Restricted Balance c/fwd	£18,778.82
		Total balance	£23,195.42
		<b>Variance</b>	<b>£0.00</b>