



Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27th February 2023

Present:

Cllr. Simon Wills (Chair)

Cllr. John Jervoise

Cllr. Gill Hill

Cllr. Will Cheyney

In attendance:

8 Local residents

Tracy Crawford (Clerk)

Apologies

Cllr. Bob Ives,

PCSO Andy Jones

HCC Juliet Henderson

1. Cllr Wills present and Chair of this meeting.
2. Apologies of absence received.
3. Cllr Jervoise declared an interest in matters involving Herriard Estates and associated properties.
4. Minutes were approved and signed as a true record of the Parish Council meeting 28th November 2022.
5. External reports
 - HHC - Juliet Henderson. - attached as appendix 1
 - Police report - Andy Jones. - attached as appendix 2
 - Sports Club - Nick White. – No report received.
6. Chair report - Cllr Wills. - attached as appendix 3
7. Property and Projects report - Cllr Jervoise.
 - Langlies Mead – Planning permission has now been approved to build 12 houses, 3 to be sold. With costs now rising they are being reviewed with quotes being sourced. It is likely that we will need to have a 4th house for sale, which will then need to be agreed. The project continues to move forward and more information to follow.
 - St Marys Church – The new structural survey is being sought as there is slight movement in the church walls. Quotes are now being sourced for the Windows, wiring, plumbing and the organ. £150k has now kindly been pledged and still asking for donations, Grants will soon start being sought.
 - Herriard Hub – Thanks to the old committee for keeping everything going, A new lease is now being written to move forward with leaving the RBL and the Hub taking over with the new committee in place with more villagers on onboard. It is intended that the facility will be for the benefit of the whole community.



8. Planning Applications - Cllr Wills.

Approved

- 22/02953/HSE Single storey porch extension, 1 Home Farm Cottages.
- 22/02641/HSE Erection of single storey extension and external alterations, Woodrush, Elderfield Green.
- 22/02584/ROC Variation of conditions to permission 17/04033/FUL, Langlies Mead, Back Lane.
- 22/01221/TDC Application for Technical Detail Consent for the erection of 1 dwelling on land near Tile Barn.

Awaiting decision

- 22/02685/FUL Change of use from restaurant/public house with ancillary residential to a dwelling, Fur & Feathers.
- 20/03130/FUL Motorway service temporary construction road.

New awaiting decision

- 22/03359/LBC Removal of existing porch and erection of a single storey extension to provide porch, kitchen, and bedroom facility 7 Bagmore Lane.

9. Herriard Green maintenance report and play area – Cllr Ives/Cheyney/Hill

Cllr Wills read the report in absence of Cllr Ives,

The Village Green paths will have tar poured into them to repair the large cracks which form in the winter. The Lengthsman will remove the grass from the edges of the paths which was recommended on the inspection.

The pond has now been cleared and branches cut back, with thanks to Cllr Cheyney and Dan Ives.

Cllr Hill Gave a report on the condition of the play area after consulting with members of the community and gave recommendations and suggestions to improve some areas, We are in the process of gaining quotes for some of the more urgent work and looking at obtaining grants. The work highlighted so far will be safety matting, anti-slip on some areas and fencing.

10. Environmental Group update, inc. Fill Up service and Annual Litter Pick - Cllr Wills/Hill

The Eco Hub is now running well on the Parish Council website and is a useful resource to refer to, which is regularly updated. Unfortunately, following the initial trial period, the Fill up service will no longer be available at the Hub, this is mainly due to a lack of interest in the service from the village, resulting in limited orders. However please contact Fill up Alton for other delivery options.

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11. Community Liaison – Cllr Cheyney

The Annual Village Litter pick is on Sunday 5th March. Meeting at the Hub 11-1pm Tea and coffee offered after. Basingstoke and Deane will litter pick The Avenue and Back Lane.

Herriard Village Hub are looking for Bar staff, and with the coffee mornings going so well we are looking for more cake makers.

12. Proposal for the Parish Council to register the Fur and Feather Public House as an Asset of Community Value. – Cllr Wills. Seconded Cllr Hill.

To be nominated as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) the property must be one that until recently has provided for the community's social wellbeing or social interests or could do so in the future. This must be nominated by a local body for example Parish Council, community group or charity. The registering of the asset, with the local authority, allows the community group that nominated it time to look at buying options if the property was to be put up for sale at any time and gives the community time to develop a proposal and funding if it wants to. It does not mean it will bid, just gives time to consider any options. During this period the building cannot be sold to other parties. Registration does not provide any preferential treatment, other than the standstill period of six months, any subsequent sale is on normal commercial terms. After this time if no bid is made, then its open to anyone to consider buying.

Following discussion, the Council Agreed to Register the Fur and Feather Public House as an Asset of Community Value. **AGREED**

13. Coronation weekend events. – Cllr Hill

Evening song will be held in the Church with The Coronation being shown at the Hub with tea and coffee. Exact times will be advertised when finalised.

14. Herriard Emergency Plan – Cllr Wills

The plan is for any emergencies the village may have and Cllr Wills will ensure all People listed on the plan are still happy to be involved. A WhatsApp group will be set up to manage this. All councillors agreed the overall plan remains correct.

15. Parish Council Elections – Cllr Wills

In May the 4 yearly election for all Parish Councillors are to be held, all who wish to stand must have submitted their nomination papers to B&D BC by 16:00 4th April. Councillors are reminded that it is their responsibility to apply. Herriard Parish Council have 5 seats available, and anyone can stand.



16. Review selected Policies and Procedures

Standing orders (due Dec 22) AGREED

Risk register (due Mar 23). AGREED

Cllr Wills to update regarding Covid guidelines and rubber matting in the park.

17. Approval of Lengthsman Contract - Cllr Wills AGREED

18. Open Forum – Speakers are asked to speak for no more than 3 minutes.

After 18 years Ian Lansley- Neale has retired from the editor's position for the Parish magazine, The Parish council would like to thank him for his dedication to the role.

19. Approve Parish Council Financial Summary – Cllr Wills. APPROVED see appendix 4 –

Confirm date of next meeting. Monday 22nd May at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 20.45pm.



Appendix 1: HHC Juliet Henderson.

Hampshire County Councillor report

February 2023

1. £2.6bn spending programme for 2023/24

Hampshire County Council's spending plans for 2023/24 are to be considered this month by the cabinet and then by full council. The plans total £2.6bn and cover the hundreds of services delivered by the council to its 1.4 million residents, including supporting its most vulnerable children and adults.

The capital budget proposals will also be considered, with building and infrastructure projects totalling £645.3m over the next three years to be approved. The proposed three-year programme includes:

- £175m investment in new and extended school buildings to provide school places for children in Hampshire, delivering a further 4,393 school places and giving a total of 18,874 new school places by September 2025.
- £142m for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges.
- £103m of Integrated Transport Plan schemes including £58m of schemes focused around walking and/or cycling improvements
- £100m to address condition-based enhancements to schools.
- An additional £0.3m funding towards the County Council's Flood Risk and Coastal Defence Programme as part of HCC's response to the challenge of climate change.

A final decision on the County Council's budget for 2023/24 will be made by the full County Council on 23 February 2023

2. County Deal update

The government has welcomed the proposals put forward by HCC and others for a Pan-Hampshire County Deal, including a directly elected mayor and extensive devolution from central government down to the local area. The next stage is for government officials to meet with upper tier and unitary authorities across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight this month, including to explore how the proposals might be taken forward as part of their next wave of negotiations.

<https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/documents/s100275/Pan-Hampshire%20Deal%20Prospectus%202022.pdf>



3. 20 mph review

The review of the criteria for 20 mph speed limits within Hampshire has progressed to the next stage following last year's consultation and the work of a County Council Task and Finish Group. A report has been produced recommending a series of changes which will make it easier for communities who want reduced speed limits to promote speed reduction schemes and seek the introduction of lower limits. The proposals will now be considered further before progressing to full Cabinet for approval in June.

4. Roads

The bad weather we have all experienced this month has provided many challenges to Hampshire Highways, especially from blocked drains, flooding and potholes. Even though the weather has improved recently with the water tables falling, the overnight freezing temperatures have exacerbated the pothole situation with many more now appearing, and particularly in the rural areas.

Service demand across the highways service remains extremely high with demand far exceeds capacity at the present time and consequently all work is having to be prioritised so that the highest risk issues are repaired first. This includes the use of temporary 'infill' repairs to remove major potholes, these can then be addressed on a longer lasting basis later.

The outlook for this month is also unfavourable, with the Met Office suggesting that the weather is likely to be unsettled, with the potential for more periods of stormy conditions - potentially similar to those we experienced in February 2022 - and some further colder/wintry spells. One of the priorities now is therefore ditch and grip clearance to help alleviate surface water flooding and ice problems in at risk areas.

Please do continue to report highways issues online. A reminder that the number to call in emergency is **0300 555 1388** (0830-1700) Monday to Friday, or outside officer hours, **101**.

Potholes: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>

Tree/hedge

problems: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge>

Flooding/drainage

issues: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding>

Pavement

problems: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving>



Problems with rights of

way: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>

Salt bins: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/severeweather/salting>

Gritter routes: <https://maps.hants.gov.uk/highwaysaltroutes/>

5. Drain cover thefts

Road users across Hampshire are being urged to be vigilant after a recent spate of drain cover thefts - leaving deep openings in the road surface which could cause a potential hazard to drivers, pedestrians and cyclists, and also result in significant expense to council taxpayers. To report a missing cover, please call the number given above or report it to the police online at <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

6. Increased police numbers announced

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Donna Jones, has presented her budget plan for the years 2023-24. She had previously pledged to increase police numbers by 600 and is on track to recruit these by the end of March this year. Her new budget has added an additional 50 officers to these numbers, to be funded through the police precept of council tax.

Appendix 2 - Andy Jones - Police Report

On the 4th of Feb a car has been seen parked up at the end of a resident's driveway locally and the two occupants seen to be acting in a suspicious manner. Persons were challenged by resident, on doing so they drove off in a Vauxhall Astra in black with a registration **07 YKG.

Police are currently progressing an investigation in relation to a report of a member of the public having received an injury to their arm, caused by a dog bite in the area of Herriard. The bite has drawn blood as a result, enquiries are ongoing.

There has been an increase of metal ornaments having been stolen from residents' property in the Basingstoke rural area`s in general. It's believed these items and similar, are ending up at scrupulous metal dealers to be melted down and sold on. Police would like to take this opportunity to remind people to never leave items on display. This includes items that you no longer want including car batteries etc. Whilst many people do this to get rid of items on the cheap it also encourages criminals to attend the areas in question.

Please continue to report all suspicious matters including crime online or to 101 if a non-emergency.

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Appendix 3 Herriard Parish Council – Chair Report February 2023

Local Elections.

Local elections for borough and parish councillors are due in May this year, on a 4yr cycle. More information will be available later in the meeting.

Eco Hub.

Just to remind people that the Eco Hub is now a permanent part of the Parish council website and includes links, both national and local to topics including energy efficiency advice, local and national authority cost of living grants and how to apply (including such schemes as the LEAP that provides advice and financial support for energy efficiency home improvements, including free appliances for certain low-income households who meet their criteria). There is quite a lot of help out there so please encourage people to take a look.

General maintenance.

The lengthsman conducted their visit in January clearing what was the totally soil covered A339 footpath from the corner of the Green at the Bagmore Lane Crossroads to the South bound A339 bus stop. They will be returning in March, with the intention to use them to clear any grass overgrowing the edges of the tarmac footpaths around the Green before these are repaired in the spring.

The pond on Back Lane has been cleared and branches cut back, thanks to Will and Dan Ives. Regarding the Play equipment on the Green, as we noted last meeting, Lee Ratcliffe has taken over maintenance of this and has been carrying out minor repair and cleaning over the winter. Our thanks

to Lee for this. We also mentioned at the last meeting pulling together a small group to review replacement/larger repairs and look at new matting or play surfaces. Gill Hill has done this and will be making a presentation, along with recommendations later in the meeting.

The annual litter pick will take place on March 5th at 11am, further details will be provided later in the meeting.

Village Hall

The Village Hall is now in the process of formally separating from the Royal British Legion and also altering the Ex-Services club to become the Herriard Village Hub. This will be a fully local club, with new rules and constitution, focussed on providing the hall, bar and other amenities for the benefit of the village and villagers. We have retained the original Ex Services committee members, and our thanks to them for keeping the village hall going so well over the years. We have also widened the committee membership with further local residents to help promote and run the facilities and we are hoping to once again open the bar regularly at weekends, starting with Saturday nights. I am sure that John will cover the next stages of the hall refurb in more detail in his update.

Events.

The King's coronation will be taking place on the weekend of 6th/7th May, with a Bank Holiday on

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the 8th. The Parish Council will be discussing proposed village event(s) later in the meeting.

Affordable Housing

The affordable housing scheme is still progressing and we have been recently granted our requested changes to the planning permission that will allow this to progress to the next stage. Once again, I am sure John will cover this shortly.

Fur and Feathers closure

Finally, I am sure you are all aware that the Fur and Feathers Public House has now closed. Peter and Fran are now considering what to do next, whilst awaiting the outcome of their planning application.

The Parish Council will be formally discussing the merits of applying for Asset of Community Value status for the building later in the meeting.

SW – 27/2/23

