

Hamstead Marshall Parish Council

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, March 16th, 2015 in the village hall.

Present:

Cllr John Handy
Cllr Peter Benest
Cllr Stuart Morton
Cllr Jon Phillips
Cllr Anne Budd
PCSO Joanna King – Thames Valley Police
District Cllr Andrew Rowles
Sarah Bosley, parish clerk

59. Accepted apologies

None

60. Declarations of Interest

None

61. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on January 19th, 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed.

62. Matters arising

Item 53: The next publication of the housing development plans is due in September now.

63. Planning

Planning applications

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
14/03366/FULMAJ	Plumbs Farm	Demolition of existing kennel buildings and construction of new ones and associated exercise area and extension to current buildings	No objections
15/00138/FUL	Enborne Equestrian Centre	Installation of lighting	No objections
15/00155/FUL	Enborne Equestrian Centre	Retention of mobile home for a further three years	No objections

Planning decisions

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
14/03104/HOUSE	East Gate Cottage	Installation of a generator	Approved

64. Relief in Need Charity

It was proposed by Cllr Budd and seconded by Cllr Phillips. It was resolved to accept the new governing document of the Relief in Need Charity.

Cllr Handy reported that he had spoken to residents and was collating a list of those people who appeared to be in need. He has also spoken to the vicar, who is happy to become a trustee.

It was proposed by Cllr Phillips and seconded by Cllr Benest. It was resolved to rent out the field, on an initial six month lease, to Sarah Donelan, after she contacted the clerk to try to find a field for two rescue ponies. The clerk and cllr Benest will meet her tomorrow to sign the Grazing Licence and take the payment.

Cllr Phillips reported that the balance was just over £1,000 on the charity account. It is believed that £1,000 is the amount that was brought over when the charity was merged with the Wedge Charity. It was resolved to protect that money in the short term and only to give out the amount that comes in each year from the rental of the field. It was also resolved to distribute some money as soon as recipients can be identified this year and then return to giving the money out just before Christmas. A letter will accompany each payment, stating why it is being given and that the recipients and the amount given could vary each year.

65. Risk Assessment/Assets Register/Amendment to Standing Orders

Proposed by Cllr Phillips and seconded by cllr Morton. It was resolved to approve the Risk Assessment as it is.

Proposed by Cllr Benest and seconded by cllr Handy. It was resolved to approve the amendment to the Standing Orders to include the new protocol for reporting of council meetings.

Proposed by Cllr Phillips and seconded by cllr Handy. The assets register was reviewed and no amendments were necessary.

66. Transparency Code

The clerk informed councillors of the requirements of the new legislation. It was noted that a new website will be needed to publish the required information. Proposed by cllr Phillips, seconded by cllr Handy. It was resolved that the clerk looks to create a basic website that will contain all the necessary information. She will try to purchase the web domain www.hamsteadmarshallpc.co.uk – at a cost of £6.98 for two years.

67. Annual Assembly

It was noted that the annual assembly will take place at 7pm on Tuesday, May 19, 2015. The annual meeting will begin immediately after the assembly has finished. The clerk will invite Thames Valley Police and Gill Comley, from the Village Agents scheme.

68. Accounts

Proposed by Cllr Handy and seconded by cllr Morton. It was resolved to approve the following payments:

Payee	Description	Amount
Sarah Bosley	Salary for March and April and tax rebate (541)	£516

Proposed by Cllr Phillips and seconded by Cllr Benest. It was resolved that the clerk uses David Weller as the internal auditor for the 2014-2015 accounts.

The clerk noted that she had received a tax rebate this month, due to a tax code change from HMRC. This means that the council is now owed £77.77 from HMRC. The clerk will write to HMRC requesting it back.

69. Any other business

PCSO Joanna King was present and reported that there had been three attempts to steal large, expensive garden ornaments from the area lately. They were all bronze or copper, which is valuable to thieves. She urged anyone that noticed any suspicious, especially large, vehicles in the area, and especially late at night, to contact the police.

There was also a number of thefts from vehicles at local beauty spots in January, but there was only one this past month, which is positive. There will be operations to prevent it during the warmer months.

TVP is also looking to hold rural community meetings again in the future. The police hope that working together to share intelligence and information, as well as carrying out rural operations, will help to combat rural crime.

PSCO King gave councillors leaflets on Immobilise.

Cllr Budd reported that she is on the North Wessex Downs action group and that the local group has just been awarded a substantial amount of money from Defra. An information pack should be sent to all parish councils.

District cllr Rowles discussed the Members' Bid opportunities. The council is keen to look into it to create a proper layby on the main road through the village. Clerk to contact WBC Highways to discuss and see if they can cost it up.

The clerk reminded councillors that it is an election this year.

Cllr Phillips asked if there could be 'Slow Horses' signs in the village. The clerk will contact WBC to discuss.

70. Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 9.08pm. The next meeting is on Tuesday, May 19th, 2015.

Date:

Signed:

Print name: