

WHITSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 13 MAY 2019 IN WHITSBURY VILLAGE HALL

1. Attendance Register and Apologies

Present: Cllr G Thompson (Chairman), Cllr C Harper, Cllr D. Bellini,
In attendance: Cllr E Heron (HCC and NFDC), Mr E. Hale (Clerk)
Mrs N Manston, Mrs J Kinsey, Mrs C Thompson,
Mr C Cobb-Smith, Mr M Price
Apologies: Cllr H Sutton, Cllr G Dominey

Declarations of Interest: None

2. Election of Chairman

Cllr Thompson was proposed as Chairman by Cllr Harper and seconded by Cllr Bellini. There were no other proposals and all Councillors were in favour

3. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 25 March 2019

These were accepted as a true record and signed as such by the Chairman

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

A light has been fitted above the defibrillator. There had been a contested election in the village with Councillors D Bellini, G Dominey, C Harper, H Sutton, and G Thompson elected

5. Correspondence

The Clerk had received an application for a grant from Victim Support. Councillors agreed not to support this charity at present

Cllr Heron spoke about the need to record road issues on the HCC website. Cllr Bellini said there is a large pothole on the Breamore road which had been reported. Cllr Heron said that sometimes a pothole appears to have been missed, but it may require an alternative treatment to nearby defects. For example, most pothole repairs are now undertaken by the automated 'Dragon Patcher', but larger holes may require cutting out and for a new area of highway to be laid. This does mean that not all repairs may be done at the same time

Cllr Heron said it is also important to register for superfast broadband as this decides which areas will be upgraded next. BT have returned a large amount of funding for HCC to reinvest

Cllr Harper said he was concerned about horses slipping on the road surface. Cllr Heron said this was 'polishing' of the road surface, making it slippery for shod horses and this should be resolved when the road is 'surfaced dressed'.

'Surface dressing' is carried out by the Council on a County-wide programme in order to prolong the life of the road surface. Over time road surfaces may degrade and small fissures appear in the surface that allow water penetration. This in itself can cause the road to deteriorate, but the deterioration rate is significantly increased in cold weather by the water freezing. The road has been identified for 'surface dressing', which involves spraying the surface with hot bitumen and applying road chippings, in the current financial year and this process should also improve the surface for use by horses.

6. Approval of Annual Return for Year Ended 31 March 2018

Councillors reviewed the Accounts for the previous financial year and approved these for audit. These showed £2,235.63 in the current account and £2,487.90 in savings at year end

7. Financial Reports

Since year end the balance had increased by £900 as the first 50% of the precept was paid

8. Accounts for Payment. Councillors discussed and approved the following payments:

- A. £153 to Hampshire Association of Local Councils for annual subscription
- B. £218 to Came and Company for annual insurance renewal
- C. £200 to Simon Colborne for grass cutting in March and April

9. Planning

19/10382. Oak Trees. Outbuilding. Option 1 to recommend Permission was proposed by Cllr Thompson and seconded by Cllr Harper. All in favour

19/10464. 6 Well House Close. Side extension. Option 3 to recommend Permission was proposed by Cllr Bellini and seconded by Cllr Thompson. All in favour

19/10580. Whitsbury Cross. Rear single storey extension, dormer window, and internal alterations. Option 3 to recommend Permission was proposed by Cllr Harper and seconded by Cllr Bellini. All in favour

10. Parish Council Representatives

None

11. Any Other Business

Handover of Woodside Close Open Space.

The last email from the solicitor said they were waiting for the transfer to be registered. Cllr Heron asked to be told when this happened so he could check that funds are transferred

12. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 29 July 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting Closed: 8.10pm

Edward Hale. 30th July 2019 (Revised)