The **July Monthly Meeting** of the **Hawthorn Parish Council** was held on **Monday 15th July 2019 at 7pm** in the **Community Centre.**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

Cllr. Alan Askew (Chairman)

Cllr. George Vest (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs Diane Hughes, Sheila Irving, Carolyn Winter

DCC Cllr. Angela Surtees,

Police PCSO Dylan Middlemiss

**Officer**: Lesley Swinbank (Parish Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

# Apologies

Cllr. Maxine Smith

# Declarations of Interest

None

# Minutes:

**RESOLVED**

**To approve the Minutes of the June Monthly Meeting held 17th June 2019**

# Matters of Information

## Flag and flag pole

## Awaiting information re siting the flagpole in the Churchyard

## Community Bench / Trellis

## Awaiting information re trellis and new seat costs

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# Reports

## Police

The Chairman thanked PCSO Dylan Middlemiss for attending the meeting.

The report included: -

1x Suspicious Activity Incident – CCTV camera activated at the Pemberton Arms.

1x Vehicle Crime – Damage caused to machinery at The Pemberton Arms.

1x Theft – Theft of a blue container from the Pemberton Arms site.

1x Anti-Social Behaviour – Neighbour dispute

## Co. Cllr.

The Chairman welcomed DCC Cllr. Angela Surtees to the meeting – who proceeded to give her report.

This included: -

###  Stockton Road

Some issues around cars being parked and blocking the site of cars exiting onto Stockton Road. It was suggested to do a collective community leaflet drop.

The PCSO to look into this.

###  Dog Bin at Denehurst

 The current dog bin is in place.

###  Overgrown Footpath

 Awaiting to be cut

###  Pemberton Arms

 Now demolished

###  Stockton Road Sign: Elderly Sign

 Awaiting information

###  Garden Village

 Awarded Garden Village Status with some capacity funding.

###  Verges: Eagle Hall Bank

 Concerns about the hedges and verges.

## Community Centre

The Chairman gave the report including: -

The Annual fayre had been held but there had been a disappointing turnout.

The new lights are now in place and the new external lighting is in place. Concerns re the external light being a PIR rather than a static light with s on / off switch inside the Centre. The Chair said this will be sorted out.

The light on the defib is still off - the Chairman to report this.

## East Durham Committee

No report was given.

## ROSPA Ply area Inspection Report

The report on the Play Area had been circulated.

**RESLVED**

**To pass to the contractor.**

## Any other reports

None

# Public Participation

The Chairman closed the meeting whilst the public were invited to give their views and comments. There were no questions or comments and the meeting was re-opened.

# Casual Vacancy: To co-opt new member

The Clerk reported that the vacancy had been posted and there has been no request for an election.

It was felt that the vacancy should now be advertised and residents invited to apply to be co-opted.

**RESOLVED**

1. **To advertise the vacancy and invite residents to apply to be nominated.**
2. **To hold a special meeting on September 9th to agree the co-option**

# Correspondence / emails

## Nalc Updates re Voting and Public Participation

Information has been received re not using secret voting in ballots and also naming residents speaking at Public Participation at meetings.

# Financial:

## New lights Community Centre

The invoice for the above had been received. This included a PIR light at the community centre entrance and also a static light on the south side of the building. It was discovered that the latter is a PIR light which was not requested.

**RESOLVED**

**Th Chairman to liaise with the community centre about the second light and also request the invoice be addressed to the Parish Council.**

**The payment of £486.17 is then authorised.**

## To endorse the monies to be paid by the Clerk since the last meeting / Bank reconciliation

**RESOLVED**

**To agree**

Rospa Playground Inspection £93

Amazon Paper £19.99

Plantscape Replacing prev cheque £609.84

## Request from Community Centre re Wi-Fi charges

A request has been received from the Community Centre re paying 50% of an outstanding balance from BT for WIFI in the Community Centre, amounting to £37

It was felt that the Parish Council already pay for substantial items for the Community Centre and that this charge should not fall to the council.

**RESOLVED**

**Not to agree to the request.**

# Training:

The Clerk gave details of the training session the following evening at County Hall re arrangements which DCC are making in the event of the Queen or Prince Philip’s death.

The Clerk

 **RESOLVED**

 **To receive the information**

# Current Planning Applications

Extension to 13 Stockton Road

**RESOLVED**

**No objections**

# New Crest / New Honours Board

The draft of the above had been circulated

**RESOLVED**

**To agree both.**

Members thanked Cllr. Sheila Irving for all of her work with this.

# Events / Information

## Open gardens

The Clerk reported that she had received a couple of responses re new arrangements for the Open gardens 2020. Changes include moving the date to the beginning of July and including a treasure trail.

**RESOLVED**

1. **To agree the new arrangements as soon as possible.**
2. **Cllr. Carolyn Winter to be the lead member on this – as the Clerk will be on holiday next year at this time.**

## Sunflower competition

**RESOLVED**

1. **The judging will be Saturday 31st August from 10am.**
2. **Cllr. George Vest and the Clerk to carry out the judging.**
3. **The event to be advertised in the next Round Ups and quarterly newsletters and posters**

## Bulb Planting

**RESOLVED**

**To purchase 4 bags of daffodils**

**To advertise the Community Planting which will be Saturday 26th October at 11 am.**

## Christmas Turn on Lights and Snowman competition

**RESOLVED**

**To discuss in detail in September**

## Autumn Newsletter

The Clerk said this is underway.

**RESOLVED**

**To finalise and have it printed and delivered in time for the sunflower coemption judging date.**

# VE Day celebrations

**RESOLVED**

**To defer**

# Community Speed Watch

**RESOLVED**

**DCC Angela Surtees to bring back information to the next meeting**

# Community Plant Scheme:

## New self-watering planters

**RESOLVED**

**It was confirmed not to lease the planters again for 2020 and seek prices for similar for the next meeting.**

# Dates of the next meetings:

Special Meeting re -Co-opting new member Monday September 9th at 7pm

Monthly Meeting: Monday September 16th, 2019 at 7pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.55pm