

The December Monthly Meeting of the Hawthorn Parish Council was held remotely using ZOOM on Monday 14th December 2020 at 7pm.

MINUTES

Present

Cllr. Alan Askew (Chairman)

Cllr. George Vest (Vice - Chairman)

Cllrs Diane Hughes, Sheila Wilson, Carolyn Winter, Sheila Irving

DCC Cllr Angela Surtees

Officer: Lesley Swinbank (Parish Clerk)

1 Notice of Meeting

Public Notice of the Meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12 paragraph 10(2) of the LGA 1972

2 Apologies:

None

3 Declarations of Interest

None

4 Minutes:

RESOLVED

To approve the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held November 16th, 2020

5 Matters of Information

5.1 Ploughed Footpath (ROW)

The situation has now been resolved and the footpath re-instated.

5.2 Cars parked on corner

This has now been publicized in the Round Up and it is understood DCC are now looking into the problems on the corner and will come back with suggestions on resolving these.

5.3 Vandalism on Coach Road

It was suggested contacting DCC to request their van / cameras visit the area.

6 Reports

6.1 Police

No report was given

6.2 DCC

The Chairman welcomed DCC Cllr. Angela Surtees to the meeting.

Cllr Surtees proceeded to give her report.

Cars parked around the corner onto West Lane

Traffic officers have been in touch but because of the narrowness of the road there – they are reluctant in installing double yellow lines – which would simply re-locate the parked cars further along the lane. Instead they are looking at advisory restrictions.

Cllr Surtees will keep the parish council informed.

6.3 Community Centre

Cllr Sheila Wilson gave the report.

The Centre will remain closed until January.

6.4 Smaller Councils' Meeting

No report

6.5 Any other reports

None

7 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

8 Correspondence

8.1 Play area : No dogs

An email has been received from a local resident concerned about dogs being taken into the Belmont Grove play area and whilst there is a No Dogs Sign – this is not enforced and there are no fines.

RESOLVED

a DCC Cllr Angela Surtees informed members of a recent consultation and which play areas could be included within DCC's control. Cllr Surtees to forward information to the Clerk

b Cllr. Sheila Irving to request a price from IA Engraving to provide a larger No Dogs sign. The Clerk will then forward details to all.

9 Financial:

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

10/12/2020	Glasdons	Balance Litter Bins	£91.38
10/12/2020	SLCC	Subscription	£152.00
10/12/2020	Hawthorn Landscaping	Grasscutting and Community Plant Work	£2,168.00
10/12/2020	Horns	Christmas Tree	£180

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Hawthorn Parish Council	2020 / 2021	
Business	£10,331.74	
Current	£12,676.69	
Total	£23,008.43	
Less u/p to date	£728.56	£22,279.87
Receipts To date		£9,282.74
Payments to date		£7,356.00
Closing balances		£24,206.61
Business	£16,219.50	
Current	£10,748.49	
Total	£26,967.99	
Less u/p to date	£2,761.38	£24,206.61

9.2 Donation request from the Church

A request has been received from the Church towards works in the Churchyard.

RESOLVED

To give a donation of £300

9.3 3rd Quarter estimates

The Clerk had circulated the third quarter budgets and estimates and which indicate an approximate saving of about £2,000 due to savings made by not holding community events because of the Covid situation.

RESOLVED

To approve the 3rd quarter estimates.

9.4 Preliminary discussion re the precept for 2021/2022

- Preliminary discussions took place re the precept for 2021 / 2022 – taking into account the:- council tax base for 2021 / 2022
- number of residences etc
- savings made over the last year due to Covid
- possibility of the cost of an election in May

RESOLVED

To keep the same Council Tax (Band D) for 2021 / 2022 and formally approve this at the January meeting.

10 To approve Action and Business Plans for 2021

The draft Action and Business Plans for 2021 had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To approve the plans as above.

11 Current Planning Applications

No new applications.

12 Speed Signs (GV)

Cllr George Vest said he had why new National Speed Limit signs on have been placed on existing lampposts on Stockton Road East, and commenting that these are actively encouraging cars to speed up on this section of the road.

DCC Cllr Angela Surtees had given information during her report. She had enquired as to why the signs had been installed and had been told DCC were in breach of Highway Regulations – and as such had taken the necessary action. She said the guidance is given in Rule 124 of the Highway Code such that the presence of street lights generally means that there is a 30mph speed limit unless otherwise specified.

Therefore when lit roads have a speed limit other than 30 mph, repeater signs need to be provided at adequate intervals along the road.

All expressed their concerns – particularly as the Council has requested a reduction in the speed limit on the road over many years.

RESOLVED

To request a meeting with the Highways Officer – by zoom, in January.

13 Events & Information

13.1 Christmas Tree and Switching on the Lights

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Sheila Irving for organising the Christmas Tree and reported that the lights had been switched on as planned on December 5th

13.2 Snowman / Best dressed House Competitions

The Clerk reminded members that the closing date for entries is 24th December – all entries to be forwarded to Members .

14 Date of the Annual Parish Meeting

RESOLVED

To hold the Annual Parish Meeting in May in 2021. The date to be confirmed.

15 Date of the next meeting: Monday 18th January 2021

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8 pm