**The May Monthly Meeting of the Hawthorn Parish Council was held immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Council on Monday 17th May 2021 in the Community Centre.**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

Cllr George Vest (Chairman)

Cllr Diane Hughes( Vice Chairman)

Cllrs Alan Askew, Sheila Wilson, Carolyn Winter, Sheila Irving, Maxine Smith

**DCC Cllr. Angela Surtees**

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

**Residents**

**Mr. E. Hubbuck, Mr. G. Thompson**

The Chairman, Cllr. George Vest welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their support in electing his as Chairman. In addition he thanked the outgoing Chairman, Cllr. Alan Askew for all the time and work he did as Chairman over recent years.

The Clerk, Lesley Swinbank also asked that her thanks to Cllr. Alan Askew for all the help he had given her since she was appointed. be recorded.

# Notice of Meeting

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

# Apologies

None

# Declarations of Interest

None

# Minutes:

**RESOLVED**

1. **To receive the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 19th April 2021**
2. **To approve the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held April 19th 2021**

# Matters of Information

## Additional bin near the Dene

This has been installed.

**RESOLVED**

**To close**

## Electric Fence : The Dene

## DCC Taking appropriate action to improve the existing footpath.

## RESOLVED

## To close

## Flooding at north end of village

Mr. Brian Weatherall has been invited to a future meeting.

## Cars parked on corner : Stapylton Arms

## Members reported that DCC have now installed a white line around the corner and junction which appears to be having some effect on the problem of cars obstructing the path.

**RESOLVED**

**To close**

## Neighbourhood Watch

**RESOLVED**

**To invite the Police Inspector and PCSO to the June meeting with the aim of now re-establishing the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Hawthorn.**

## New notice Boards

**RESOLVED**

**To contact Street signs in order to now progress this**

# Reports

## Police

No report was given. The Clerk confirmed she had forwarded recent information.

## DCC

The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Angela Surtees and congratulated her on being re-elected to DCC.

### Coach Road

Cllr. Surtees said she was aware of cars being parked along the road by visitors to the Dene. Cllr. Surtees confirmed that DCC only own the road and that it is very unlikely that there will be any road markings to be put in place.

### Stockton Road : Cars obstructing views

Cllr. Alan Askew raised the problems of cars being parked on each side of the road and causing issues for children and residents attempting to cross over the road. He asked if DCC would be able to install mirrors on each side of the junction. Cllr. Surtees said she thought DCC would not do this but suggested the Police be reminded to ask local residents not to park in such a way that causes visibility problems.

### Speed Signs : B1432

The Chairman and Cllr. Surtees said they had received a letter from a local resident regarding the increasing issues being caused by the installation of the 60mph speed signs on Stockton Road. These have appeared to encourage drivers to increase their speed.

The Clerk said the letter is being printed in the next Community Round Up.

Cllr. Surtees re-iterated that once DCC had been asked about the speed limit on the B1432 by a local resident, they were then statutorily obliged to install the speed limit signs.

The Chairman suggested a meeting with DCC Officers in order to demonstrate the issues and problems with this speed limit.

Cllr. Sutherland said she would look into this – but confirmed a traffic / speed survey is now being undertaken about the speed limit along the B1432.

## Community Centre

Cllr. Sheila Wilson gave the report and confirmed the Centre has now re-opened.

## Village green registration

The Clerk said she hoped to bring a progress report to the next meeting.

# Public Participation

The Chairman invited members of the public to give their views and comments.

## Glencot Sign

Mr. Eric Hubbuck congratulated all members on their re-election. He asked about the proposed dog sign for Glencot.

Cllr. Sheila Irving said this has been ordered and will soon be in place.

## Additional dog bin at the Dene

Mr. Hubbuck asked about emptying the new bin.

The Clerk to contact DCC

## Flooding on Quarry Road

Mr. Hubbuck asked about flooding from the adjacent field.

This to be forwarded to DCC.

# Correspondence

# Financial:

## RESOLVED

## To endorse the monies paid by the Clerk since the last meeting / Bank reconciliation (Using the GPOC)

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| 101074 | 01/04/2021 | ICO | Information Comm Fee | £40.00 |
| 101075 | 01/04/2021 | Bees and Butterflies | Flower PP | £20.00 |
| 101076 | 01/04/2021 | Amazon | Files, Dividers, stapler | £40.71 |
| 101077 | 01/04/2021 | Gordon Fletcher | Internal Audit | £100.00 |
| 101078 | 30/04/2021 | A I Engraving | New sign | £30.00 |
| 101079 | 30/04/2021 | CDALC | Subs | £93.13 |
| 101080 | 01/04/2021 | Amazon | Paper | £13.98 |

The Clerk said she did not know what the re-charge will be on the Parish Council elections and this is awaited from DCC

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| Business | £10,749.03 |  |
| Current | £11,793.86 |  |
| Total | £22,542.89 |  |
| Less u/p to date |  | **£22,542.89** |
| **Receipts To date** |  | **£8,778.97** |
| **Payments to date** |  | £337.82 |
| **Closing balances** |  | **£30,984.04** |
| Business | £20,074.15 |  |
| Current | £11,047.00 |  |
| Total | £31,121.15 |  |
| Less u/p to date | £137.11 | **£30,984.04** |

## Defib battery renewal

**RESOLVED**

**To purchase replacement battery and pads.**

## Review decision to provide dog poo bags free of charge

**RESOLVED**

**To seek residents’ opinions on this and discuss again in June.**

# Training

**RESOLVED**

**Cllr. Diane Hughes to attend the Chairmanship Training on Tues 22nd June 6-8pm**

# Current Planning Applications

## Keepers Cottage Hawthorn Seaham SR7 8SH

Cllr Alan Askew said he would continue to review the planning applications and bring back information to the meetings.

# Events & Information : Newsletter

**RESOLVED**

1. **To hold the Christmas Switch on Event on Saturday 4th December and contact Krazy Kev and the Pittington Brass Band.**
2. **Not to produce a ‘hard’ newsletter for circulation but the Clerk to continue produce regular information bulletins for the noticeboards. Cllr Sheila Irving said she was happy to continue placing these and other information on the noticeboards.**

# Date of the next meeting:

## Monthly Meeting : Monday June 21st 2021

## The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.05 pm