

The April Monthly Meeting of the Hawthorn Parish Council was held at 7pm on Monday 17th April 2023, in the Community Centre.

MINUTES

Present

Cllr Diane Hughes (Chairman)

Cllr. Sheila Irving (Vice – Chairman)

Cllrs Alan Askew, Sheila Wilson, Gary Thompson, Carolyn Winter, Maxine Smith

DCC Cllr Angela Surtees

Officer: Lesley Swinbank (Parish Clerk)

3 Members of the Public:

1 Notice of Meeting

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

2 Apologies

None

3 Declarations of Interest

To notify of any items that appear in the agenda in which you may have an interest, including those that have previously been recorded in the Members Register of Interests.

4 Presentation to Mrs. Jill Paterson

The Chairman, Cllr Diane Hughes presented the Norman Hughes Award to Mrs. Jill Paterson in recognition of the work and commitment Mrs. Paterson has given to Hawthorn.

5 Minutes:

RESOLVED

- I. To approve the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held Monday 20th March 2023
- II. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held Monday 20th March 2023

6 Matters of Information: As per attached information sheet

6.1 Damaged Fence at Glencot

RESOLVED

To contact Believe again re the damaged fence.

7 Reports

7.1 Police
No report

7.2 DCC
The chairman welcomed DCC Cllr Angela Surtees to the meeting.
Cllr Surtees then proceeded to give her report which included: -

I. Back Lane

The back lane running from West Lane – behind the Community Centre should have been transferred to Believe Housing some years ago but was omitted in error. This has now been corrected.

II. AAP Consultation

Consultation on the AAPs is now taking place – the onus is on a move to community networks.

III. Road Signage and markings

Cllr. Surtees explained that the work is not proceeding at the moment due to DCC freezing all capital projects at the moment.

Cllr. Surtees was thanked by the Chairman.

7.3 Community Centre
Cllr Sheila Wilson gave the report The AGM took place on 3rd April and whilst the nos attending was disappointing, the committee has gained two new members. The AGM heard reports on the past year and in addition grants received towards the energy costs.

Cllr Wilson was thanked by the Chairman.

7.4 Play Area

- a. The Clerk reported that she had now received both grants - £10,000 from the DCC members' Fund and £9,720 from Awards for All.
- b. Streetscape have been advised of the new schedule of works as agreed at the last meeting and Willowcrete advised of the subsequent increase in the monies now available for the fence.
- c. It is expected the works will begin in the next 3 / 4 weeks.
- d. Both contractors will then be informed of the combination lock number.

8 Public Participation: Comments on items on this agenda

8.1 Speed Limit B1432

Concerns were expressed about the problems with speeding and also visibility for drivers attempting to exit from West Lane due to cars being parked on Stockton Road.

8.2 Temporary footpath diversion

There appears to be little progress re the surface of the temporary footpath / right of way near the new Garden Village development.

9 Correspondence

9.1 AAP Consultation

The Clerk reported that Information and links have been included in the April Round Up.

9.2 Hedgehogs – infn

Information had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To include in the next Round Up.

10 Financial:

10.1 To endorse the monies paid by the Clerk since the last meeting / Bank reconciliation.

101159	01/04/2023	FOI	FOI Subscription	£40.00
101160	01/04/2023	Amazon	Combination Lock	£23.17
101162	06/04/2023	Gordon Fletcher	Internal Audit	£100.00

Business	£7,712.73	
Current	£12,747.40	
Total	£20,460.13	
Less u/p to date	£0.00	£20,460.13

Receipts To date	£9,844.00	
Payments to date	£163.17	
U/p		
Closing balances		£30,140.96

10.2 Changing bank accounts

RESOLVED

- a. The Clerk to attempt to change the bank accounts over to Lloyds once the vat repayment has been received.
- b. If this proves difficult then Council to discuss moving to Unity Bank at the next meeting.

10.3 Infn re tree pruning.

The Clerk had requested a further quote from the contractor for pruning works to the 3 remaining trees – however he had advised that it was not necessary at this time.

RESOLVED

To receive the information and monitor the situation.

11 Annual Accounts / AGAR

All information had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To approve the following: -

- a. Balance Sheet / Statement

- b. Exemption Certificate
- c. Governance Statement
- d. Accounting Statement
- e. Internal Audit report

12 Training:

None received.

13 Current Planning Applications

No new applications.

14 Events & Information

14.1 Walking the footpaths

On hold

14.2 Spring Clean

Cllr Carolyn Winter gave a report on the recent event – when 9 adults plus Cllr Winter – and 2 children had been involved. Cllr Winter said the litter picking had been very successful and that the equipment and bags of rubbish are now at the Community Centre awaiting pick up.

Cllr Winter was thanked by the Chairman.

14.3 Coronation Community Event

Cllr. Sheila Wilson gave details of the event which is being held on July 1st.

15 Date of the next meeting:

This will be the Annual Meeting of the Council on Monday 15th May 2023, and which will be followed immediately by the May M monthly Meeting.

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