

The September Monthly Meeting of the Hawthorn Parish Council was held at 7pm on Monday 18th September 2023, in the Community Centre.

MINUTES

Present

Cllr Diane Hughes (Chairman)

Cllr. Sheila Irving (Vice – Chairman)

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

Officer: Lesley Swinbank (Parish Clerk)

Member of the Public: 2

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

DCC Cllr. Angela Surtees

3 Declarations of Interest

None

4 Minutes

RESOLVED

To approve the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held Monday 17th July 2023

5 Matters of Information

5.1 Dog Signs

New signs are now in place on Stoney Cut / Watery Lane.

5.2 Grassed area in centre of village

Concerns continue to be raised about possible claims to the grassed area opposite the Church.

It appears that DCC are not willing to either claim ownership or register the land, although DCC do maintain the area.

RESOLVED

To write again to DCC

6 Reports

6.1 Police

No report

6.2 DCC

No report.

6.3 Community Centre

Cllr. Diane Hughes (Chair) gave the report.

This included: -

- Forthcoming events in the Centre
- Increased membership

RESOLVED

To receive the information

6.4 Small Councils Committee (Report circulated to members)

The report from Cllr Diane Hughes (Chair), had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

6.5 Play area report.

The Rospa and the DCC playground inspections had been circulated.

RESOLVED

- **To receive the information**
- **To carry out the minor repairs in 2024**

7 Public Participation:

The Chair, Cllr. Diane Hughes welcomed members of the public to the meeting and invited them to give their views and comments.

7.1 B1432 /petition

Mr. John Mitchell gave a comprehensive report on the meeting he attended with Mr. Dave Lewin (DCC), Michelle Macintosh (DCC) and Maxine Stubbs (DCC) following submission of the petition he organised re the speed limit on the B1432.

He confirmed that DCC are unwilling to review the situation despite indications that this is classified as a road through a village rather than a trunk road.

Mr. Mitchel said there is an appeal procedure which he is now following.

The Clerk informed members that DCC have now issued the instructions for the proposed new signage and road linings.

Mr. Barry Curran suggested having a refuge island in the centre of the road – which would reduce the speed of vehicles.

Mr. Mitchell was thanked by members for all of the time and work he has given to this.

7.2 Fly-tipping

Mr. Barry Curran commented on the recent tipping of building materials on Coach Road. He said the rubbish was picked up very quickly by DCC.

8 Correspondence

8.1 Hawthorn – Flooding

Members discussed the letter from the resident of North End regarding flooding at the north entrance to the village.

RESOLVED

To invite Brian Weatherall (DCC) to a future meeting to give a progress report on the drainage works at the north entrance.

8.2 Petition and associated information re B1432

Discussed under Public Participation.

9 Financial:

9.1 RESOLVED

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

101170	11/07/2023	Microsoft	Office Subs	£59.99
101171	11/07/2023	ROSPA	Play Inspection	£123.60
101172	11/07/2023	Parker Bulbs	Bulbs	£163.24
101172	11/07/2023	one.com	Website	£164.10

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	£20,124.84	
Payments to date	£24,603.37	
U/p		
Closing balances		£15,981.60
Business	£7,993.57	
Current	£7,988.03	
Total	£15,981.60	
Less u/p to date	£0.00	£15,981.60

9.2 ½ Year Accounts / Estimates

RESOLVED

To defer until the October meeting

9.3 Grant application from the Community Centre

Cllrs. Diane Hughes, Carolyn Winter, Sheila Wilson declared an interest and took no part in the discussion. An application has been received from the above towards the Christmas pantomime.

RESOLVED

To give a donation of £250

9.4 Trees on Village Green: Quote

Cllr Maxine Smith declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

A quote of £350 from Mr. Bryan Smith to prune trees A, D, E and look over trees C and B – on the tender map.

RESOLVED

To accept the price of £350 for the work as above

9.5 Changing bank accounts: Progress report

Cllr Sheila Irving and the Clerk gave details of their recent visit to Lloyd's bank and the Clerk's subsequent conversation with Lloyd's business banking.

Lloyds have assured the Clerk that the account will be opened by September 21st.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

10 Draft Climate Change Information: Action for small councils

The Clerk had circulated the above.

RESOLVED

To look at how the Parish Council can contribute.

11 Training:

Information on current training had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

12 Planning: Current Planning applications

Information had been circulated. No new applications.

13 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme: Update on information

No information has been received.

14 Events & Information

14.1 Switching on lights: Dec 2nd

RESOLVED

- I. **The Clerk to forward the carol sheet to Cllr Maxine Smith**
- II. **Cllr Sheila Irving to forward an inventory of the held Santa gifts to the Clerk who can then order appropriately for this year.**
- III. **To organise a Children's Christmas Card Competition– to be judged at the event.**
- IV. **To look at compiling a calendar of Hawthorn views through the season for 2025**

14.2 Hard copy newsletter

RESOLVED

The Clerk to prepare a hard copy newsletter and bring to the November meeting.

15 Dates of the next meetings

RESOLVED

The next 3 Monthly Meetings will be: -

16th October

13th November

11th December

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.05 pm.