

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

MINUTES

Present

Cllr Diane Hughes (Chairman)
Cllr. Sheila Irving (Vice – Chairman)
Cllrs. Alan Askew, Gary Thompson, Sheila Wilson, Carolyn Winter

Officer: Lesley Swinbank (Parish Clerk)

Member of the Public: None

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

Cllr. Maxine Smith

3 Declarations of Interest

None

4 Anne Hitch: Recoup : Talk on Waste management and recycling

The Chair, Cllr. Diane Hughes welcomed Anne Hitch from Recoup to the meeting.

Mrs. Hitch then proceeded to give a very interesting talk on all aspects of re-cycling and explained: -

- The current systems for re-cycling
- How much is recycled here in NE.
- What happens to the recycling materials?

Mrs. Hitch then answered all questions.

Mrs. Hitch was thanked by the Chair for attending the meeting.

5 Minutes:

RESOLVED

To approve the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held Monday 26th June 2023

6 Matters of Information

6.1 Dog Signs: Stoney Cut /Watery Lane

The Clerk had produced two appropriate signs requesting dog walkers to take home their dog poo.

In addition, Cllr. Sheila Irving reported that she had met with Mr. Bill Moore who owns the land which includes the lane as above. He had no objections to signs being placed on the gates across the lane.

RESOLVED

Cllr. Sheila Irving to place the laminated signs on the gates.

6.2 Fence and additional trees on green – opposite the Church

Members reported that trees have now been planted on the land in question.

RESOLVED

To forward the information to DCC and ask if any progress is being made.

7 Reports

7.1 Police

Not in attendance

7.2 DCC

Not in attendance

7.3 Community Centre

- The Chair, Cllr. Diane Hughes gave the report including: -
- Feedback on summer the fayre has been very positive.
- Changing the coffee mornings from September to becoming more family orientated
- Looking at providing a ‘Litter pick station ‘at the Centre.

7.4 Any other reports

None

8 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present. However, the Clerk confirmed that chairs for the public have been brought nearer the council tables / Councillors in order to be more inclusive.

9 Correspondence

9.1 Reduction in LCTSG: CDALC

Information has been circulated from CDALC re DCC’s proposed plans to no longer give the Local Council Tax Support Grant to the parish and town councils. The Clerk explained that this would result in a loss of about £250 per year which will need to be compensated through the precept – although this depends on the tax base for the village. Further information will be circulated as and when received.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9.2 D Day Arrangements: Beacons

Information has been received from CDALC.

RESOLVED

To receive the information and take no further action.

10 Financial:

10.1 RESOLVED

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

101169	10/07/2023	Community Assoc	Summer event	£250.00
101170	10/07/2023	Microsoft	Office	£59.99
!01171	17/07/2023	ROSPA	Play inspection	£123.60

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The Clerk informed members that she is no longer able to access the bank statements online, and Barclays are no longer posting the statements.

The Clerk said she had written to Barclays explaining why the council is not willing to complete yet another mandate change form – this being the third time in two years – and despite the Clerk spending two hours, twice, on the phone to the mandate team – and being assured they had now sorted everything out.

As a result, the bank reconciliation is not reconciled to the bank statements.

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	£24,152.43	
U/p		
Closing balances		£16,432.54

10.2 Changing bank accounts: Progress report

The Clerk reported that she had spent 2 hours on the phone to Lloyds bank that afternoon – giving all information etc. They had said they will now forward an application pack and it will now take 6 / 7 weeks for them to decide if the application is successful.

RESOLVED

- i. To thank the Clerk for the time and effort put into this.
- ii. If the Lloyds application is not successful then the Clerk is authorized to begin the process of moving to Unity Bank.

10.3 Daffodil Bulbs: To purchase.

RESOLVED

To purchase: -

- 2 sacks of daffodil bulbs
- Dwarf / April flowering mixed tulips
- Crocus bulbs for West Lane

11 Training:

None to date

12 Trees on Village Green: Future works

The Chair, Cllr. Diane Hughes reported on overhanging branches near the lectern and footpath.

RESOLVED

To seek a price from the contractor to crown lift the 3 trees on the Green. (Permission had been obtained last year)

13 Planning: Current Planning applications

No new applications.

14 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

No new information received.

15 Events & Information

15.1 Coronation Community Event

The report had been given as part of the Community Centre report.

15.2 Switching on lights: Dec 2nd

Brief discussion took place on the above.

RESOLVED

To discuss in detail at the September meeting.

16 Date of the next meeting: Monthly Meeting of the Council: Monday 18th September 2023

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.