

**The June Monthly Meeting of the Hawthorn Parish Council was held at 7pm on
Monday 26th June 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, Maxine Smith

Officer: Lesley Swinbank (Parish Clerk)

Member of the Public: 3

1 Notice of Meeting

The Chairman confirmed that 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

4.1 Annual Meeting held 22nd May 2023

4.2 Monthly Meeting held Monday 22nd May 2023

5 Matters of Information

5.1 Temp closed footpath

No further progress at the moment.

5.2 Damaged fence at Glencot

No progress at the moment.

6 Reports

6.1 Police

No report received.

6.2 DCC

No report

6.3 Community Centre

The Chairman, Cllr Diane Hughes gave the report as secretary of the Community Centre.

This included: -

Details of the current re-decoration

- The Christmas event on 28th December in the Centre
- The race-night on 21st October
- The suggestion of a 'Litter Pick' Station in the Centre

6.4 Play Area Inspections

Details of the ROSPA and recent DCC inspections had been circulated.

In addition, a price has been received from Streetscape re repairs to the current play equipment.

RESOLVED

- I. **To receive the information**
- II. **To put the repairs on hold until the next financial year**

6.5 Play Area Improvements

The improvements in the play area have now been completed.

Some concerns have been expressed about the sand pit and contaminated sand from cats.

RESOLVED

To remove the sand

To notify people of this in the Round Up and seek suggestions of alternative uses.

In addition, Cllr. Sheila Irving raised a query regarding the ownership of the hedge adjacent to the play area.

After inspection is apparent that the hedge is not the responsibility of the Parish Council, and the matter is closed.

6.6 Smaller Councils Forum

The report from the Chairman – who attended the meeting, had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To receive the report.

6.7 East Dham Committee

The report from the Chairman – who attended the meeting, had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To receive the report.

6.8 Any other reports

None

7 Public Participation

7.1 Seating Arrangements at Meetings

Concerns were raised about the seating arrangements – the distance the public are sitting away from the members and associated problems in hearing what members say.

RESOLVED

To arrange the chairs for the public nearer the meeting tables.

7.2 Reports as Agenda Items

A member of the public commented on the agenda being misleading in that ‘As attached reports’ are not available with the agenda for the public.

RESOLVED

In future such reports will be listed as ‘As circulated to Members’.

7.3 Burnt out Car.

A query was raised re the above. The Chairman said unfortunately the council had no knowledge / information on this.

7.4 Dog poo on Lane

Concerns were expressed about state of the lane past the Stapylton Arms. It was pointed out that this is a private lane.

RESOLVED

To obtain new dog signs / please use the bins provided.

7.5 Traffic petition: B1432

The petition is in the Community Centre and the Stapylton Arms – to date there are 73 signatures. Details of government policy was read out.

RESOLVED

- I. **To add information to the Round Up**
- II. **To write to Mr. Dave Lewin (DCC Highways) re his statement that the proposed road linings / signage of 2021 had been implemented.**

8 Correspondence

8.1 CDALC AGM

Information re the above has been received.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9 Financial:

9.1 RESOPLVED

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

101166	19/05/2023	BHIB	Insurance	£507.18
101166	19/05/2023	Amazon	Paper	£32.50
101166	19/05/2023	Defib shop	Pads	£91.74
101167	19/05/2023	Willowcrete	New fence	£16,199.06
101168	09/06/2023	Streetscape	Equipment play area	£6,636.00

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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	£23,842.44	
U/p		
Closing balances		£16,742.53
Business	£7,993.57	
Current	£31,584.02	
Total	£39,577.59	
Less u/p to date	£22,835.06	£16,742.53

9.2 Changing bank accounts

The Clerk said she would attempt to change the bank accounts once the above cheques have cleared.

10 Training:

None received.

11 Planning: Current Planning applications

No new applications

12 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

The Clerk said she had received information confirming the new Scheme has been approved.

RESOLVED

To receive the information.

13 Events & Information

13.1 Coronation Community Event

This is being held on Saturday. Details have been circulated in the Round Up.

14 Date of the next meeting: Monthly Meeting of the Council: Monday 17th July 2023

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.50 pm.