

The October Monthly Meeting of the Hawthorn Parish Council was held at 7pm on Monday 21st October 2024 in the Community Centre.

MINUTES

Present

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

Officer: Lesley Swinbank (Parish Clerk)

2 Members of the Public

1 Notice of Meeting

The Chair Cllr Diane Hughes welcome everyone to the meeting and confirmed that the public Notice of the Meeting has been given in accordance with Sch 12 paragraph 10(2) of the LGA 1972

2 Apologies

Cllr. Gary Thompson

3 Declarations of Interest

Item 6.4 Cllr. Maxine Smith: Play Area Improvements
Item 9.4: Cllrs. Sheila Wilson, Diane Hughes: Grant Application. For the Community Centre

4 Minutes:

RESOLVED

To approve the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held 16th^h September 2024

5 Matters of Information

a) Dog Fouling on lane by Stapylton Arms
This is being monitored.

AGREED

To close

b) Lack of responses from DCC
Continues to be of concern

AGREED

The Chair to bring up with next Small Council Meeting and ED Committee

c) Bus shelter Replacement shelter B1432 suggestion of brick shelter forwarded to DCC. There have been no responses to initial and follow up letters. It was felt that DCC will be awaiting information from their insurance – but concern continues about the lack of response from them.

AGREED

To receive the information.

d) ROW Footpath 15

The Clerk informed members that she had just received the name / contact details for the new ROW Officer and will contact them immediately.

AGREED

To receive the information

6 Reports

6.1 DCC

No report received.

6.2 Police

No report received.

Members expressed concern on recent reports of a couple of men walking around the village resulting in 2 PCSOs visiting the Staplyton Arms and the Neighbourhood Watch recommending local residents ensure their properties are secure.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

6.3 Community Centre

The Chair, Cllr. gave the report including: -

- The successful Coffee Morning for Macmillan Nurses recently raised £470
- The Race Night was also successful
- The Christmas Craft fayre will be held on November 9th
- 20 new chairs – with arms, are being purchased for the centre.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

6.4 Play area improvements: Report on site meeting

The Clerk gave a brief verbal report on the site meeting with Matthew Day from Streetscape.

Suggested improvements included: -

- Removing the existing sand pit and replacing with a grassed area and including play equipment for younger children
- Re-locating some of the other existing equipment
- Installation of new equipment – again for younger children.
- The Clerk explained that much of this is subject to successful grant applications of £5,000 and £20,000 from the AAP and Awards4All respectively, which the Clerk has submitted.

If the grant applications are not successful then only the necessary repairs / improvements to existing equipment can be made.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

6.5 Any other reports

None

7 Public Participation

The Chair welcome 2 residents to the meeting and invited them to give their comments and views.

7.1 New Development

Question was asked about possible new development on the land currently being excavated.

The Chair responded by saying the Council has not received any information / planning application on this land but assured the resident that the parish council will invite residents to an open meeting if and when a formal application is submitted to DCC.

7.2 Road Closure

Although not in Hawthorn's boundary, concern was expressed about the ongoing no. of road closures in the nearby area.

7.3 Fires on Allotments

Whilst not in the parish area – some concern was expressed about the no of fires on allotments within Easington Village area.

The Clerk said she would forward to Easington PC.

8 Correspondence / e mails

8.1 E mail re possible new development: Local resident

An e mail has been received from a local resident suggesting the parish council can collate comments / views re the new development – if and when a formal application is submitted to DCC Planning.

RESOLVED

To receive the information and re-iterate that if a formal application is received, the Parish Council will hold a special meeting.

9 Financial:

9.1 RESOLVED

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

Direct	18/09/2024	Unity	Charges	£18.00
Direct	03/10/2024	Lesley Swinbank	Sal April - Sept	£1,202.16
Direct	03/10/2024	HMRC	PAYE Dedns	£300.60
Direct	03/10/2024	C.Winter	Plants	£28.00

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Business	£8,154.80		
Current	£936.23		
Total	£9,091.03	£9,091.03	
Less u/p to date			
Receipts To date	£14,950.24		
Payments to date	£3,124.05		
U/p			
Closing balances		£20,917.22	
Business	£18,418.16		
Current	£2,499.06		
Total	£20,917.22		
Less u/p to date	£0.00	£20,917.22	

9.2 Information re Council Tax: DCC

Awaiting further information

9.3 ½ Yearly Accounts

The ½ yearly accounts had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9.4 Grant request from Community Centre

A grant application has been received from the Community Centre in respect of the winter Christmas Show.

RESOLVED

To give a grant of £250

9.5 To affirm the grant applications for funding for the play area

The Clerk gave details of the 2 grant applications to the AAP and Awards4ALL for works in the play area.

RESOLVED

To affirm the Clerk's actions in submitting the two grant applications.

9.6 Emptying play area litter bins: SLA DCC

The Clerk reported that she had asked DCC to empty the litter bin within the play area. DCC have responded to say they are unable to do this now without a service level agreement. The Clerk had subsequently asked for details of how to apply for an SLA but has not received a response.

RESOLVED

a) To receive the information

b) The Clerk to try again to get a price for the work.

9.7 DCC Financial Consultation

Information has been received and circulated.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

10 Training

The Clerk said the next major training will be Induction Training before the 2025 elections.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

11 Planning

11.1 Current Planning applications

Details of current applications had been circulated. No new significant applications have been received.

11.2 Future development in village

RESOLVED

Awaiting information

12 Events & Information

12.1 Update re the Calendar

Cllr. Carolyn Winter gave details of the suggestions for the calendar.

RESOLVED

To agree the format of the calendar

To charge £10 per calendar – and order 20 immediately, additional ones can be ordered once the success etc is known.

12.2 Christmas Cards

Cllr Carolyn Winter showed examples of the suggested packs of Christmas Cards.

RESOLVED

To agree the nos / designs etc.

12.3 Christmas Events – Action Plan

The action plan had been circulated – and was discussed.

RESOLVED

To agree the arrangements etc as included in the action plan

12.4 Winter Newsletter

The draft newsletter had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To agree the draft – with the addition of details of the Christmas Cards etc.

12.5 Chair's Award 2025

RESOLVED

To hold this again and include the nomination form in the Newsletter

13 Date of the next meeting

This will be Monday 11th November 2024 at 7pm in the Community Centre

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