

HARESCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON LINE

ON 20TH JANUARY 2021 AT 8PM.

Present: Cllrs Andy Buckmaster (Chairman), Mike Hyett, Dafydd Lawday, Kath Pritchard, Caroline Ractliffe (Vice Chair) and Sheila Murray (Clerk)

There were no members of the public present

1/01.21 Public question time

None

2/01.21 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from District Councillor Mossman.

3/01.21 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th November, 2020 were accepted and approved as a true record. To be signed at an appropriate time by Cllr Buckmaster on behalf of the Council.

4/01.21 Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered on the Agenda

None

5/01.21 Member's declaration of interest to items on the agenda

None

6/01.21 Report on roads, ditches and footpaths in the village

6.1 Councillors confirmed that the work Highways were to carry out has not been done and requested the Clerk contact them.

6.2 Councillors debated the issues relating to flooding, blocked ditches, overhanging branches, fly tipping and road conditions and requested the Clerk arrange for a meeting with a representative from Highways to meet with Cllr Pritchard and Cllr Ractliffe to see first hand the causes of these ongoing problems. It was further agreed that Cllr Hyett would obtain some daily rate quotes for ditch clearing as this has not been done thoroughly for the last ten years.

6.2.1 Councillors requested the Clerk make arrangements for the road to be cleaned as in previous years.

6.3 Road Closures and restrictions for 8th and 9th February were advised by the Clerk

- Harescombe Lane to Haresfield Lane closure/restriction

9th February, 2021 install BT Telegraph Pole.

- Styles Lane restriction

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- Harescombe Lane to Spring Acre (Duckworth Cottage to Yew Tree Cottage)

8th and 9th February 2021 Closure – diversion information at site

Repair damaged ducting

7/01.21 District Councillor's report

Cllr Mossman extended his apologies due to illness.

8/01.21 Planning SDC decisions and new applications

8.1 Decisions

S20/1522/FUL Wood Cottage to replace dwelling erect garage/garden store/landscape Permission.

S20/2504/FUL Hill House Farm Permission

8.2 New Applications

S20/2793/HHOLD Wynstones Garden Cottage Stroud Road, Brookthorpe

Erect 2 storey side and rear extension.

Cllr Ractliffe proposed support for this application, seconded by Cllr Buckmaster vote: unanimous.

9/01.21 Cameras as a deterrent for Fly Tipping.

Cllr Buckmaster outlined the previous experience the Parish Council has had with the installation of cameras as a deterrent for fly tipping. It was agreed that the cost heavily outweighed the benefit and Councillors were not in favour of this action. It was agreed that a reference to this decision would be published in the local Voices magazine. In the meantime, any fly tipping should be reported to SDC immediately.

10/01.21 Finance

10.1 The financial reports were provided to Councillors prior to the meeting and included:

- A Bank Reconciliation
- Summary expenditure year to date
- Performance v budget.

Cllr Pritchard proposed approval of the documents, seconded by Cllr Hyett.

Vote: unanimous

10.2 Cllr Pritchard proposed that the following payments be made and the cheques signed at a convenient time. Seconded, Cllr Hyett. Vote unanimous.

Invoices for payment

20/01/2021	Mrs S Murray	Payroll December	445	£	95.37
20/01/2021	Mrs S Murray	Payroll January		£	95.37
20/01/2021	HMRC	PAYE DEC	446	£	23.80
20/01/2021	HMRC	PAYE JAN		£	23.80
20/01/2021	PATA	Payroll Services	447	£	23.25
20/01/2021	Village Hall Hire	Donation	448	£	200.00

10.3.1 Councillors approved the precept of £5,080 for the following year's budget 2021/22.

Based on:

Last year tax charge £103.22 + £50.06 giving a precept of £5167

This year tax charge £101.50 + £50.05 giving a precept of £5080

10.3.2 Cllr Buckmaster proposed that GAPTC be appointed as the internal auditor, seconded by Cllr Ractliffe. Vote unanimous.

10.3.3 The Clerk will arrange an on line internal audit with Cllr Ractliffe.

11/01.21 Timetable for 2021

A copy was sent to Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 23rd March 2021 on line via zoom.

12/01.21 Annual Parish Meeting

Cllr Buckmaster confirmed that the APM would follow the May meeting to be held on 26th May at 8.00pm. Venue to be confirmed.

13/01.21 Parish Council Project

Councillors agreed that monies should be invested in the clearing of ditches and roads and then they will look at alternative opportunities with input from the residents.

14/01.21 Correspondence

Cllr Buckmaster advised he has been contacted by local residents regarding the condition of the roads and ditches. Councillors agreed they have put in place actions to help resolve some of the issues.

15/01.21 Councillors' Submissions

None

16/01.21 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 23rd March, 2021 at 8pm via an on line Zoom link.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.20pm