

Parish Council of Hempstead
Minutes of the Meeting of Hempstead Parish Council
held remotely on Thursday 6th August 2020

Present:

Mr Sean McCarthy (Chairman), Mr David Drane, Miss Diana Frost, Mr Nicholas Turkentine, Mrs Laura Saxel, Mr Mark Welbourn and the Clerk.

The Parish Council meeting started at 8:00pm

42. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Alan Weedon, District Councillor Alan Storah and County Councillor Simon Walsh

43. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Sean McCarthy was nominated and re-elected as Chairman of Hempstead Parish Council.

44. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

County Councillor Simon Walsh and District Councillor Alan Storah had sent their monthly reports that had been circulated.

45. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2nd July 2020. Agreed as a correct record.

46. MATTERS ARISING

None

47. PLANNING

Yeoman's Cottage: UTT/20/1756/HHF. Demolition of existing stable block and one bay of existing garage and erection of detached annexe. NO COMMENTS REQUIRED

Bridge House: UTT/20/1376/HHF. Erection of first floor extension. APPROVED

Oak House: UTT/20/1383/HHF. Increase height to existing wall and construction of fence. REJECTED

Bramley Hollow: UTT/19/2082/OP. APPEAL AWAITING DECISION

Boytons Farmhouse: enforcement action still awaited.

48. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND WELLBEING

Mental Health Awareness – Laura Saxel to attend a half day course on 15 August. It was noted that a "Wellbeing Week" is taking place 26th-30th October.

Neighbourhood Watch – Laura Saxel to attend a seminar and will feedback at the next meeting.

Wellbeing Plan – Feedback on progress at next meeting.

49. CORRESPONDENCE

Wellyard Letters – Letters had been sent to residents of Wellyards regarding trees in vicinity.

"Refill and Reuse" Stall – To pitch outside the Bluebell on Wednesday's with the fruit and veg stall.

50. HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

Rights of way – Footpaths appear to have been cut, although no response from ECC had been received.

40mph Speed Limit – No update.

Affinity Water – The recent spate of water main leaks and resulting damage to road surface was discussed. David Drane to follow up with his contact.

51. ENVIRONMENT

Tree Survey – two quotes have been received for required work, awaiting a third. Most trees will be felled to the ground, with one requiring either felling, pollarding or crown reduction, which impacts price. Further update and decision required at next meeting after third quote received.

Railings – Aaron no longer able to carry out the repair and refurbishment. Another quote now required and Highway Rangers to be contacted to see if they can carry out the work.

52. FLOODING

Nick Turkentine to follow up with ECC regarding flooding issues experienced earlier in the year on Anso Road and High street, and update at the next meeting.

53. COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing to update.

54. FINANCE

Renewal of the Parish Council's insurance with CAS/Royal Sun Alliance. It was agreed that the renewal should be made on a 3 year Long Term Agreement basis, and premium payment of £286.75 was approved.

55. DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk will now resume responsibilities held by previous Clerk, including ensuring the defibrillator is regularly inspected and organising any training required. Clerk to liaise with Martyn Long to action.

56. VILLAGE HALL

The hall is still closed for external groups. It can now be used for Parish Council meetings, following social distancing guidelines and enhanced hygiene procedures.

57. EMERGENCY PLAN

All required information has now been obtained to start re-write. It was noted that not many responses from residents offering help of equipment and/or spare rooms in an emergency situation, had been received. Nick Turkentine to update on progress at the next meeting.

Future Meetings: 3rd September 2020 at 8pm, in the Village Hall

The meeting ended at 9:17pm