

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2019 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: S Cook (Chairperson), J Hobson, P. Wait and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs Percy, Bywater and District Cllr Dewey.

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226/19 Open Forum
None.

227/19 Apologies for absence
Cllrs Carter, Hobson and Percy.

228/19 Declarations of Interest by Councillors
None.

229/19 Report from District Councillor Dewey
None.

230/19 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st October were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meetings.

231/19 Planning
The council has received notification of the following planning applications:
 a) S.19/2174/LBC – Ham Farm, The Ham – alterations to the existing farmhouse. **SUPPORTED**
 b) S.19/2173/HHOLD – Ham Farm, The Ham – alterations to the existing farmhouse. **SUPPORTED**

The council has received notice of decision on the following applications:
 a) S.19/1576/FUL – Betworthy Farm, The Street – erection of agricultural building. **Permitted**

232/19 Accounts

Incomes received and payments for authorisation

Solar Farm	1301.19	Annual payment
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Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	406.40	Wages October 2019
Steve Marshall	176.80	Village maintenance
SDC	106.49	2 x dog bin emptying

233/19	<u>Clerks Report</u> a) The clerk has sadly received a letter of resignation from Gemma Carter, Cllr Cook to include a thank you article for Gemma in the next newsletter. b) Julian Ashman has contacted the clerk regarding the hedge through the village by Fox Meadow, this has recently been cut and Julian feels it is now too low. Clerk to contact SDC and request it is not cut so low in future. c) Cllr Patrick has contacted the clerk regarding the play days for next year, she is hoping to fund 2 days but it may only be viable to do the 1 day. Clerk to confirm the council is keen to support this project again.	Cllr Cook Clerk Clerk
234/19	<u>Tennis courts</u> The clerk spoke to the company who originally installed the courts and the floodlights, they have provided the clerk with an alternative number. Clerk to call. Cllr Hobson has been replenishing the tennis balls as they run low, Cllr Hobson would like to know if the council will be buying more balls. Clerk to check the prices and report back at the next meeting.	Clerk
235/19	<u>Village shop update.</u> Cllr Bywater reported back the council on the Silax loan, this would be borrowed to purchase solar panels to be installed on the new community shop to assist them to be carbon neutral. The loan would need to be paid back by the PC rather than directly from the shop, this could cause potential problems. It is thought Horsley PC has done a similar scheme, clerk to contact them for advice. Cllr Wait to speak to the shop committee to see if this is something they wish to pursue.	Clerk/Cllr Wait
236/19	<u>Village hall update</u> The council no longer has a representative on the village hall committee, Cllr Cook attended the AGM. The meeting informed those present that the 5 properties inherited by the village hall are now under management and will continue to be rented out. The committee hopes to stockpile funds over the next few years and then review the situation. Cllr Hobson put himself forward as the council's representative, all present supported this proposal.	
237/19	<u>Policing</u> Cllr Hobson visited the mobile police station whilst it was at the shop, they no longer hold monthly liaison meetings, any updates or relevant information is now emailed out.	
238/19	<u>Telephone Box</u> Clerk to contact Cllr Percy about ordering the information sign for the box.	Clerk
239/19	<u>Tree planting</u> Clerk to contact Five Valleys for an update regarding the tree planting in the village.	Clerk
240/19	<u>Footpath, ditches and stiles to be discussed</u> Cllr Cook reported the bridge behind the tennis courts, when it rains the bridge is completely submerged and cannot be utilised. Clerk to report to PROW.	Clerk

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| 241/19 | <u>Allotment Update</u>
Nothing to report, new councillor to be elected. |
| 242/19 | <u>Village Maintenance</u>
Nothing to report. |
| 243/19 | <u>Highways repairs and maintenance</u>
The speed monitoring strips have been in place; the council is now waiting for the report. |
| 244/19 | <u>Playarea Update</u>
Nothing to report |
| 245/19 | <u>Recreation field subcommittee report</u>
Nothing to report. |
| 246/19 | <u>Matters for forward consideration</u>
Tree planting. |
| 247/19 | <u>Items for press release</u>
Minutes |

Meeting closed at 8.05pm.