

**HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL REMOTE MEETING  
ON 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs J West (Chairman), R Alexander, C Carr, H Brewis, P Barham, P Baker and G Rushen. C Hibbert (Clerk).  
C Cllr K Soons; two members of the public.  
**Apologies:** WS Cllr T Clements.

The meeting was held remotely due to the Covid-19 outbreak; a recording was made. The filming statement was taken as read.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Noted.

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

**2.1 Public participation.**

No matters were raised.

**2.2 Covid-19 community response update.** The meeting heard that a team of volunteers continues to meet regularly to coordinate support for residents during the pandemic.

**2.3 County Council.** C Cllr K Soons, presented her report, a copy of which will be uploaded onto the website.

*KS left the meeting 7.45pm.*

**2.4 West Suffolk Council.** In WS Cllr T Clements' absence, his report was received, a copy of which will be uploaded onto the website.

**2.5 Police;** a link to the most recent police report will be uploaded onto the website.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

**3.1** No declarations of interest were received;

**3.2** No dispensations were granted in relation to any identified pecuniary interests.

**4. MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2020.**

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 were **APPROVED** and will be signed as a true and accurate record.

**5. REPORTS**

**5.1 Communications;** village email and WhatsApp communication groups continue to work well.

**5.2 Greens;** it was reported that the Green will be chain harrowed shortly.

**5.3 Footpaths and trees;** the meeting heard that the footpaths are in reasonable condition; path fingerposts which need repair have been reported to SCC – outcome awaited.

**5.4 Roads;** Havebury has confirmed that it is not minded to make any improvements to the parking arrangements at Whepstead Road for the time being; the relevant land is not owned by them and crucially there has been minimal if any demand for this from the tenants so the likely expenditure cannot be justified. It was **AGREED** that the Council would not pursue this issue further for the time being. Discussion about the possibility of reviewing the extent of the 30mph limits followed.

**5.5 Safety;** the meeting heard that the emergency plan has been updated and stands ready for use.

**5.6 Volunteers;** the meeting heard that projects which can be executed by the volunteer group in a socially distanced manner will be identified over the coming months.

**5.7 Clerk;** report received and **NOTED**. The clerk's appraisal is due.

*Member of public joined at 8.10pm.*

**6 TO CONSIDER**

**6.1 Agreement of response (if any) to the following NALC consultations dated 10 August 2020: Changes to the current planning system; planning for the future - the planning white paper; Transparency and competition: a call for evidence on data and land control;**

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Those present noted these consultations and **AGREED** to (i) familiarise themselves with underlying proposals for legislative change (via the forthcoming SALC webinar on the White Paper); and (ii) supply any comments to the clerk who will, if necessary, collate these and finalise a consultation response on behalf of the Council.

**6.2 Application for grant under s137;** An application was received for £150 towards the Macmillan Cancer appeal, in lieu of the usual donation towards the Macmillan Cancer coffee morning. **AGREED**

**6.3 Application for additional grant for car park repairs from HCC;** HCC requested funding from the Council towards car park repairs which was agreed previously; the actual cost of the works was more than originally anticipated and HCC has sought a further donation of £191.54 towards this work (50% of outstanding shortfall). **AGREED.**

**6.4 Village survey feedback;** The village survey results were received and the Council received a presentation in this regard; respondees commented positively that the village is quiet, unspoilt, with good community spirit and great people; the Green is greatly appreciated. Various suggestions – sometimes conflicting - were made for improvements/new projects. It was **AGREED** that an article summarising the survey results would be prepared for the Village Voice.

**6.5 Issues raised in resident’s email;** in response to various points the Council **NOTED** that it was agreeable in principle to; (i) providing printed copies of the Village Voice to those residents not on email, if they would like this; (ii) investigating a replacement sign for the Millennium Field; and (iii) the volunteer group would assess whether the bench in the Millennium Field is suitable for renovation. It was noted that the new orchard has been mown by a resident, for which thanks, and that the round bench has been moved.

**6.6 Whether the eligibility criteria for the general power of competence pursuant to the Localism Act 2011 s8(2) have been met and to make any declaration accordingly;** it was **NOTED** that the clerk having passed the Cilca qualification and at least two thirds of the Councillors having been returned via the election process, the eligibility criteria under the Localism Act 2011 s8(2) were met. The Council therefore **DECLARED** that it would adopt the General Power of Competence forthwith.

**6.7 Training.** Councillors were urged to access the planning webinars on the SALC website; these are free to subsequent delegates.

**7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND NOTIFICATIONS**

**7.1. DC/20/1310/HH Householder Planning Application - replacement windows and doors at Copperfield Barn Lawshall Road Hawstead IP29 5NR.** The Council **AGREED** to **SUPPORT** the proposals.

**7.2 Appeals and notifications.**

The following decisions were noted:-

**DC/20/0347/LB** Melpost House Whepstead Road Hawstead IP29 5NS; Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - 3no. bay cart lodge with first floor storage area and lean to log store (following demolition of existing garage) - Approved Fri 21 Aug 2020

**DC/20/0346/HH** Melpost House Whepstead Road Hawstead IP29 5NS: Proposal Householder Planning Application - 3no. bay cart lodge with first floor storage area and lean to log store (following demolition of existing garage); Approved Fri 21 Aug 2020

**DC/20/1032/FUL:** Metcalf Arms Lawshall Road Hawstead IP29 5NR; Planning Application - 1no. detached building for use as cycling/gym/exercise studio (Previous Application DC/20/0106/FUL); Approved Tue 18 Aug 2020

**8. FINANCES**

**8.1 To receive and approve the bi-monthly financial summary for July-August 2020;** received and **APPROVED.**

**8.2 To approve payments;** the following payments were **APPROVED:-**

Payee	Chq no/payment details	Net	Vat	TOTAL
CH 1 and 1	Online	59.97	11.99	71.96

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AP fuel	Online			15.01
Community Heartbeat Trust annual support	Online	135	27	162
Macmillan Cancer	Chq	150		150
HCC	Online			

**9. CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY:** The Chairman thanked those present for their various contributions; he has been participating in a SALC focus group with other chairs.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE AND CIRCULARS**

The following correspondence was received;-

10.1 Play area inspection report June-July 2020;

10.2 Letter from resident dated 14.07.20

10.3 Correspondence with WSC/resident regarding planning enforcement.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.30pm.

**12. STAFF MATTER**

**12.1 To resolve to exclude members of the public so that a confidential item can be discussed. APPROVED.**

**12.2 To consider a report on a staff matter.** The meeting received a confidential report and **APPROVED** the recommendations.

*The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.*

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