

## Draft Minutes of Haresfield Parish Council Meeting

**Held in the Village Hall on Tuesday October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024, 7.30**

**Present:** Councillors Ursula Jeakins, Alan White, John Hunt.

**Clerk:** Madeleine King    e'mail: [haresfieldpc@gmail.com](mailto:haresfieldpc@gmail.com)

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**Appoint Chair:** Cllr Alan White took the chair

**Public Participation:** none

**Apologies:** Cllr Nicky Ford, County councillor Stephen Davies, District councillor Mark Ryder

**Declaration of Interests /Dispensations:** none

**County Councillors and District Councillor's Report:** Cllr Stephen Davies reported:

- Two of Gloucestershire County Council's Leaving Care Team have been nominated for an award in recognition of the outstanding support they give to young people leaving care.
- Gloucestershire County Council's "Preperation for Adulthood" programme has been shortlisted in the National Association for Special Education Needs Awards.
- Gloucestershire Libraries have seen a 11% increase in footfall.

**Declaration of Interests /Dispensations:** none

**Minutes of last meeting.** The minutes of the previous meeting dated September 24th 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

### **Matters arising:**

**Village maintenance:** Payback team have been working in the village and completed a number of tasks, including the cutting of the Pampas grass. They have one more visit scheduled for the 2024 season. Painting of village hall yet to be completed.

Laurel hedge has not been done yet due to the issue of disposing of the waste. Clerk investigating ways to dispose of clippings including the option of hiring a skip.

**Village Hall / village activities:** Children's Society Box Opening and Coffee Morning Saturday 26 October, 10-12. Carol Singing – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, starting at the Christmas Tree. A proposal has been put forward to drop in at the Beacon Inn and finish with a gathering the Village Hall.

**Energy from Waste & CLG:** grant decisions have been made and local requests have been met. Village Hall will receive funding for disused external door work. People are encouraged to start thinking now about grant applications for next year.

**Highways, traffic and parking:** Grit bin on Beacon Lane has been damaged by Highways Lorry. Bin to be replaced free of charge. Water pipe overflowing on Beacon Lane still to be investigated.

**Network Rail:** No responses have been received on either of the two issues raised to NR, clerk to chase these.

**Biodiversity:** the swift boxes at UBB are in progress, with Rich Gibbs liaising with UBB, who have confirmed that they will fund these. Steve Coates has agreed to put barn owl boxes on his barns and assist with some machinery to install these. Funding yet to be decided for these.

**Merryfield Trustees:** The bench to commemorate Caroline Segelov has been decided upon and purchased by Becky and Gareth, with the Trustees laying the concrete plinth. The PC agreed to purchase the plaque and Caroline's children are to confirm the wording.

The National Trust have been in touch regarding reintroducing hedges where there are gaps in wildlife corridors, and may be able to assist in hedge replacement around the Merryfield. Clerk and Jenny Knight to meet NT rep.

It has been noted that dog fouling seems to have increased recently. Residents are reminded to be vigilant about dog mess, not to allow dogs to stray onto private driveways and to ensure they pick up after their dogs on the Merryfield. Please pay particular attention when the light is fading and you might be distracted enjoying a catch-up with neighbours. We are all keen to keep the Merryfield in a safe condition for use by our residents and school children.

**Road closures:** Road closure on Haresfield Lane – diversion map supplied via Hardwicke and Cole Avenue.

**Planning:** Clerk to chase Indurent (formerly St. Modwen) seeking clarification of plans for use of the old access gate which has been closed. Clerk also awaiting a response to the email regarding lorries which park overnight on the lane outside the site. Residents have reported this as a possible danger to traffic.

Councillors made no comments on Revised Consultation on a Planning or Associated Application Number: S.24/1276/REM Location: Land At Quedgeley Trading Estate East, Haresfield, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. Application Type: Reserved Matters Application Description: Reserved Matters (appearance, layout, landscaping & scale) for the erection of 5 no. industrial units for light industrial (E (g)(iii) general industrial (B2) & storage & distribution use (B8) with ancillary office & associated infrastructure pursuant to outline planning application (ref. S.16/1724/OUT & S.19/2744/VAR)

**Correspondence:** It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Ex-District Councillor Dave Mossman.

Following correspondence from the local authority, the clerk attended a seminar on the use of .gov domains for clerks email addresses, and the move towards all government bodies using them. This was put to councillors who approved the proposal to adopt a .gov.uk

domain name for the parish council. The clerk will undertake the process initially by gaining three quotations for this proposal.

**Finance & Clerks Report:** Following the announcement that WCGA 2.2 compliance is now coming into force, our website provider has confirmed the following “We will be updating your back-end code to allow full compliance. There is **no cost** associated with this for you as promised when you first signed up with us.” Clerk confirmed with SDC, as required following an election, that all DPI forms and the website are up to date and do not require any amendments.

***Transactions/payments agreed:***

*Cheque payments were agreed and authorised by councillors.*

**Any other business:**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup> 2024**