

Haselbury Plucknett Monthly Parish Council Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 11th December 2017, 7.00pm at
The Bible Christian Centre Chapel, Haselbury Plucknett

The 250 Club Draw took place; the winners are:

December draw
1 st prize no. 241 – T Harris
2 nd prize no. 76 – S Harris
3 rd prize no. 90 – J Hickey

Present: Cllrs, C Simmonds (Chairman), M Rendall, B Atherton, T Bagley, M Wroe, B Goss, J Kellaway, M Keating, D. Cllr R Pallister and L. Gibbons (Parish Clerk).

Members of the Public: Two

1. **Public Open Forum:** Mr Barnes Yellowley spoke on behalf of the PCC. They would like to employ the same contractor as the PC use for grass cutting and would like us to consider paying for this service rather than making a donation to them each year. It was agreed that we would put this on our agenda to discuss in January. The PC is also planning repairs to the vestry and the railing behind the Church.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** M Bryant
3. **Minutes of last Meeting 13/11/17:** Approved and signed as a true and proper record
4. **Matters Arising:** None
5. **Declaration of Interest:** J Kellaway – Planning application 17/04626/OUT
6. **C Cllr's M Keating Report:** As circulated.
D Cllr Pallister Report: The DC has announced that it has purchased the Wilkinsons building at the bottom of Middle St. There is one further commercial purchase, which is out of area, still to be completed. This should allow the DC to meet their on-going financial commitments.
7. **Mr Chris Cooper** –Chris gave us an overview of his job as manager of Street Scene and his background as a horticulturist. He then went on to tell us about the DC's approach to weed control. They use a total systemic weed killer, which kills the top growth and the roots of weeds. The product they use is Roundup ProBio, Glyphosate. This has a hazard rating of 'none'. One of the Councillors asked if Mr Cooper would be happy to walk his own pet dog on an area that had just been sprayed. He confirmed that he would.
8. **Planning:**
 - a) **Planning Applications:** None
 - b) **Planning Applications received after publication of Agenda:** 17/04626/OUT, Kellaway, Yew Tree Cottage, Puddle Town – The erection of 1 No. dwelling (Outline). The PC has no objections to the outline planning application and look forward to seeing the full plans.
 - c) **Decisions received:** None
9. **Finance: a) Invoices for payment:**
All payments were approved

SSDC	Lottery/Gambling licence	728	20.00
SSDC	Ranger, October	729	319.68
L Gibbons	Clerk Salary/Expenses	730	230.00
K M Dike	Grass cut Park	731	144.00

 - b) **Budget/Precept 2018/19:** The draft budget, which was discussed at the November meeting has been circulated. No further amendments were proposed; we therefore agreed to increase our precept to £12622. The average band D property will pay £42.80 this is an increase of £8.66.

10. Village Hall: No further update

11. The Park: a) JK and BG have completed the monthly inspection. No issues were found.

12. Road and Footpaths:

a) A30 Tunnel: No further Update

b) Roads and Highways Working Group: The white lines at the Swan Hill junction crossroads with the A3066 are disintegrating. The white lines on the virtual pavement are badly faded. The zigzags at the Church Lane junction with the A3066 also need lengthening. LG to e-mail Gary Warren SCC, to request a site meeting with a view to requesting white lining for the whole village.

With a large development potentially coming to the centre of the village, including a new village hall, we will be looking at a holistic approach to increasing the safety of the village, for the school and villagers. This may include speed calming measures and a crossing. The PC will be formulating a plan in the New Year, with the aim of submitting an application for a 'small improvement scheme' grant.

c) Footpath Working Group Feedback: The group are meeting with Les Braunton this week to consider further improvements that can be made.

13. a) War Memorial: CS is holding a site meeting with Uretec this week to negotiate the cost of the work.

b) Speed Watch: MW submitted a report that the Speed watch team carried out 10 sessions in November. They recorded 2000 vehicles of which 73 were speeding. The average speed of vehicles was 51mph on NP Rd (30mph) and 41mph on North St. (20mph). On the 21st November the Police attended a speed watch session (Keep safe day) and stopped four cars for speeding.

As reported in the November meeting, the speed watch team is no longer allowed to carry out speed checks on the North Perrott road. CS has sent a letter to the County Council detailing our concerns.

We have since received a letter from the County Council advising us that the SID service will cease with effect from the 31st March 2018. This is due to aging equipment and the cost of repairs.

c) Village Ranger: We have received a number of comments on the good work that the Ranger is carrying out. The drains that have been cleared are working well. This month he will clear the leaves at the top of Swan Hill and the Hollow.

Date for next Ranger visit is 18th December.

d) Hedge trimming: J French has been booked to cut the usual hedges around the village, as well as the road leading to the Park and the interior of the Park at a cost of £240.

e) Stake and rail fencing of deep-water area on Claycastle: The Ranger has raised concerns about the deep ditch in a short area along Claycastle. It was agreed that we would replace the low post and rail fence along this area. A spend of up to £100 was authorised. CS/MK to action in the New Year.

14. 250 Club: Councillors have started selling tickets. If anyone would like a ticket for next years draw please contact any of the Councillors or the Clerk. LG completed the lottery return 2017 for SSDC, which CS signed.

15. Memorial seat for Headly Martin: Has now been installed.

16. Matters to report: None

17. Notices for Village News: None in January

Next Meeting Date: Monday 8th January at 7.00pm at the Bible Christian Centre.

Items for December Agenda: Mrs L Jellyman - Villages in Bloom, Churchyard grass cutting.

Meeting closed 21:00