

Haselbury Plucknett Monthly Parish Council Meeting
held at 7.00pm on Monday 11th October 2021 at the Bible Christian Centre in Haselbury Plucknett

Present - Cllrs, C Simmonds (Chairman), M Bryant (Vice-Chair), M Rendall, B Atherton, J Prunty, H Williams, J Farrant, D Whitmarsh, R Bourne, Cllr M Keating and L Gibbons (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public present: Seven.

The 100 Club Draw took place; the winners are: 1st prize – 16 2nd prize – 25 3rd prize - 28

Open session: We received an update on the reconvening of Speedwatch. There are major issues with the organisation within Avon and Somerset Police and issues with the kit being issued to the group. WH is persisting and will get this up and running as soon as he is able to.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** D Cllr O Patrick
- 2. Record of business of last Month 13/09/2021:** Approved and will be signed as a true and proper record.
- 3. Matters Arising - None**
- 4. Declaration of Interest:** None
- 5. D Cllr O Patrick's Report:** As circulated

C Cllr M Keating's Report: As circulated.

The drainage in Puddletown is still delayed. The contractors are short on manpower and the equipment needed to carry out the work.

There is an issue with the gravel blocking the drains from the surface dressing that was recently carried out. MK will ask if the relevant drains can be emptied.

The Haselbury Plucknett sign outside Globe Farm is still on the ground. Mk will report this.

All help and information is now available in a single place on the SCC website <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-latest-advice/>

- 6. Planning:**
 - a) Planning Applications:** None
 - b) Planning Applications received after publication of agenda:** None
 - c) Planning applications considered prior to this meeting:** None
 - d) Decisions received:** 21/02576/Ful, Land South of New Lane - The erection of a detached dwelling – Application withdrawn.

- 7. Finance:**
 - a) Invoices for payment:** All payments were approved:

SSDC	Ranger August	£372.96
K M Dike	Grass Aug, Sept	£360.00
Forest and Tree Care Ltd	Felling Ash tree in park	£180.00
L Gibbons	Clerk salary/expenses	£265.05

b) Bank reconciliation: Was agreed.

- 8. The Park: Safety checks:** BA has circulated the safety checklist.
The painting in the park has gone well. BA now has the issue of how to reach the highest sections of the zip wire.

We will look into getting some form of suitable vehicle to allow this to be done.
HW and JF need to refix the bench that was moved in order to cut the tree down.

9. Road and Footpaths:

a) Roads and Highways Working Group: Nothing new to report.

d) Footpath Working Group Feedback: There is no update on the damage to the bridge on the footpath past Haselbury Mill. HW advised us that there is new signage coming in order to deter dog mess. MR will meet with the warden and show her where the worst issues occur.

Once the ground is softer, we will get the remaining gates put into the footpath network.

There is evidence of damage to the bridge in Frog Lane. HW will contact SCC to ask if they are responsible for this.

10. Village Maintenance:

a) Village Ranger: The Ranger did not arrive in the week commencing 4th Oct. We have heard nothing to confirm why. LG to contact SSDC to chase.

The Ranger will be asked to tidy up the triangle of land at Haselbury Firs, in preparation for oak bollards being put in place and re-planting. The Parish Council will maintain this piece of land by kind permission of The Baker Family Trust.

b) SID: This is working well currently. It will be moved from Puddletown to Leaze Farm next week.

c) Tree planting in Claycastle Lane: All the final permissions are now in place. AS has had a successful meeting with the landowner. The trees will be planted on the field side of the hedge, which will make planting easier. A wide margin will be left on the inside. The Wildlife and Habitats group are looking into sourcing the trees and trialling how difficult it is to plant them. The group will also investigate fundraising opportunities to pay for the trees. W Hunt has taken over as Chairman of the Wildlife and Habitats group. The group has lots of ideas for other locations to plant additional trees. Bat surveys have also been carried out which have identified many species. There was a recent sighting of a Water Vole at Small Brook in Claycastle.

11. Haselbury in Bloom: Haselbury in Bloom received a Gold award and also won the Mary Mortimer cup.

Furthermore, HP First School received a nomination for the Youth Category. This is an exceptional result for all those who were involved. The PC passed on its full congratulations.

HIB has received a £300 bequest for which they are very grateful. HW is in discussion with the family as to what it will be spent on.

12. Social Media Protocol: The HP Instagram and Facebook page has many followers. DW has drafted a Social Media Protocol. A reference to GDPR will be added. The PC agreed to adopt this.

13. Correspondence: None

14. Matters to report: There will be a memorial service for Brian Goss at 12:pm on Saturday 20th November at the Haselbury Mill in the Tythe Barn.

15. Notices Parish News: LG to advise H Sturridge that BA will send a precis of the meeting for publication in the Parish News.

16. Items for next meeting: Wildlife and Habitat Group update to be added as an agenda item.

17. Next Meeting Date: 08/11/2021 at the Bible Christian Centre at 7:00pm.