



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 2nd November 2020, Heckfield Village Hall, 7pm

Present Parish Cllrs Paul Burton (Chairman) Brian Baker, Ian Bowman, Simon Richards.
Clerk Susan Turner

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WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Apologies Stephen Harnett, David Hunt

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 15th September 2020, agreed.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on the Agenda – none

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COTTAGES

AGREED As per last meeting to seek means to make the Cottages habitable, as quickly as possible within existing budget. Village Hall reserves presently c £40K.

ACTION For all to seek a good builder with availability.

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VILLAGE HALL

34.1 Broadband

AGREED Need for Wifi at the Village Hall.

NOTED The Hall has an existing phone connection at the 'reception desk' in the entrance hallway, as used by the auction house.

ACTION Simon Richards to investigate phone and broadband provision.

34.2 'Hall-office'

AGREED To consider opening the Village Hall as a work-space – for those who may benefit from an alternative to the 'home office'. May also suit school / college students.

AGREED To consider viability of supplying laptops – possibly a couple of Chromebooks which many college / university students use.

ACTION Simon Richards to investigate re above.

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HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY

35.1 Ramblers project to find unregistered paths

'DON'T LOSE YOUR WAY.' The Rambler's Association are to shortly publish a report detailing some 49,000 miles of paths not included on the definitive maps. The Government has set a deadline of 1st January 2026 after which 'historical' paths can no longer be registered.

35.2 Paths through Coldpiece Farm

AGREED To use Parish Lengthsman hours to clear the majority of the routes, mostly through brambles and bracken.

35.3 Old Road to New Inn

Parish Lengthsman is scheduled to clear the route.

AGREED Neil Townsend from Arcadia Farm, Mattingley, to cut back overhanging trees and shrubs at the roadside with tractor mounted flailcutter. He is fully insured to work on the highway, and can provide signage needed while working. This is to clear sightlines opposite the New Inn; also for the road sign posts to be used for the data recorder.

Agreed this is the safest and most cost-effective way of getting this work done.

Highways have been notified – they advised this section of the B3349 isn't presently scheduled for cutting by HCC. (New Inn have also been advised.)

AGREED Price quoted of £40 per hour (max half a day £200).

ACTION Clerk to contact countryside services re a means to record 'old roads' as rights of way on the definitive map.

For signature

35.4 Traffic data recorder

- On loan from Mattingley – ‘Speed Limit Reminder’ sign with display switched off for use as data recorder.
- Confirmation from Highways no licence needed as no cabling. Attached as a ‘temporary sign’. See **APPENDIX I** for locations.

Recorder 1: Approval from Highways to attach to post for sign at transition from 50 to national speed limit. Just past layby opposite junction to School Lane (post 9).

- For two-weeks Mondays 5th to 19th October. First week northbound, second week southbound.
- Payment of £50 made as donation to Friends HMR churches, as requested by Frazer Hamilton and agreed by Mattingley Parish Council.

THANKS

to Frazer Hamilton for modifying and installing the sign, and providing data report.

- The software is Houston Radar StatsAnalyzer v9.00.0097. It can be downloaded free of charge but only work on Microsoft OS.
- Frazer presently in discussion with Houston Radar re anomalies in the data indicating number of vehicles.

Recorder 2: Approval from Highways to use post 11, t-junction sign in 60 zone near crossing point Heckfield FP4. (Clerk to advise Highways of dates it will be in place.)

35.5 Pedestrian refuge islands – road safety

Notes from phone call with HCC Road Safety on 18th September.

1. Heckfield Parish Council has agreed that ‘connectively’ within the Parish (ie without a car) is priority. So priority to improve road safety to facilitate this.
2. The Parish Council wishes to put its available resources to fund one ‘pedestrian refuge island’ on the B3349 and to seek means (grant funding / precept rise) to fund more than one. Likely cost c£11K, potentially up to £14K if extra work, eg some road widening, is needed.

Discussed that a series of features is usually considered most effective. Wish list is series of four crossing points between New Inn and Heckfield roundabout with associated ‘village gateways’.)

3. A road layout with hatching in the centre demonstrates sufficient width. And lends itself to central islands. Sightlines not a problem on straight section of road.
4. Strategic Transport has some developer funding left over for north of county, for Hart, allocated £11K for Heckfield, £11K for Mattingley. With this funding two crossing points are feasible.
5. Timescales are less positive. At present neither Strategic Transport nor Road Safety teams have available manpower to conduct the safety audit and design approval required. (Additional commitments with Covid-related projects, plus backlog of other work.)

Locations Two x maps plus photos submitted to HCC Road Safety. **APPENDIX II**

‘Crossing point 1’ – the more southerly of the two – is the point where the B3349 splits the Village - Church Lane to west and School Lane to east.

‘Crossing point 2’ further north is where Heckfield FP4 crosses the road.

- Both are crossing points secondary school children use for the Robert Mays bus.
- Both are used by walkers, joggers, dog walkers, cyclists, etc and connect the village to Laundry Lane and the footpath network to Hound Green and Mattingley.
- The southerly ‘crossing point 1’ in particular links the sections of the village. Ie children and adults to friends’ houses, to village hall for events and classes, (parish council meetings/ parish assemblies), church - particularly ‘seasonal’ services - all presuming covid-free), also linking those on the east side to the ROW.
- There is also access via crossing point 1 for Church Lane residents to the village pub to the south and for School Lane residents to the Hotel to the east.

For signature

36 FINANCE.

36.1 Bank transfer Cooperative Bank accepted request to transfer to them; then became apparent their criteria didn't accommodate a Parish Council account. Remaining option showing on the transfer site is Metro. They are presently not responding (website says waiting list of 12 weeks). Clerk to follow up.

36.2 Payments for approval

296	ST for RBL Poppy Appeal	£25.00
297	ST for HMR Churches (ref data recorder)	£50.00
298	ST for Salary x 4 Aug,Sept,Oct,Nov	£1,200.00

36.3 Accounts to date APPENDIX III**36.4 Draft budget and precept request 2021/22 APPENDIX IV**

NOTED The Village Hall Cottages, and traffic calming measures, both require major expenditure. Funds are needed from all available sources including the Parish Precept and grant funding. As soon as the Cottage is habitable it can generate a return. 'Pedestrian refuge islands' will require Parish Council funding via the Community-funded initiative. The Precept request needs to be submitted to Hart by 18th January. Email received from Hart saying the 2021/22 tax base figures will be published this coming week.

37 PLANNING**37.1 Parish Planning applications**

1. Approval of conditions application for Dog Day Care centre.

19/02467/CON (Validated 21 Oct) Rally Field, Wellington Country Park, Odiham Road. Change of use of agricultural land to a dog day care facility (Land use Class Sui-Generis), construction of building, provision of parking, access and fencing.

Approval of conditions for:

3- surface water drainage scheme

4- ecology and biodiversity and

5- drainage system maintenance.

NOTED Re Darwin Ecology's *Biodiversity Report* Clerk emailed a comment to the case officer that the proposed fencing would not allow for the 'suggestions to enhance the site for amphibians and hedgehogs'. Important for all the fencing apart from those around main dog areas should have means for small wildlife to get through. (Also mention of badgers but that would have to be for outside the main site.) Requested feedback from the Biodiversity Officer.

2. See **APPENDIX IV** for all current applications relating to the Parish.

37.2 Bunkers Hill Solar

AGREED The Parish Council is in favour of the proposals, being mindful of environmental benefits of solar power and potential for benefits to local ecology / biodiversity. (Noted the panels change the nature of the site hydrology as they concentrate and channel the rainwater to the ground.)

38 FURTHER REPORTS

38.1 Planning White Paper – response submitted.

38.2 'M31' – Question raised regarding 'M31' as mentioned in a letter by Ranil Jayawardena MP. Parish Councillors discussed and more information is needed.

38.3 Remembrance – Richard Quicke of Hazeley Lea has taken over from Stephen Alexander as the RBL coordinator for Heckfield. With thanks to Richard for organising and delivering wreath. Agreed to lay in memorial garden.

39 NEXT MEETING tba

Meeting closed 8.30pm with thanks to all present

APPENDIX I – DATA RECORDER LOCATIONS



APPENDIX II.I – PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLANDS – LOCATIONS

HECKFIELD VILLAGE B3349 PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLANDS

CROSSING POINT 1

*Photo 1: Crossing Point 1
From School Lane North exit
Looking North*

*Photo 2: Crossing Point 1
Looking West across B3349 towards
footpath (off Main Road) to Church Lane*

*Photo 3: Crossing Point 1
Looking East across B3349 from
footpath towards North end of
School Lane*

APPENDIX II.II – PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLANDS – LOCATIONS

HECKFIELD VILLAGE B3349 PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLANDS



Photo 4: Crossing Point 2
Looking North along B3349
Entry to footpath to Church Lane
circled

**CROSSING
POINT 2**

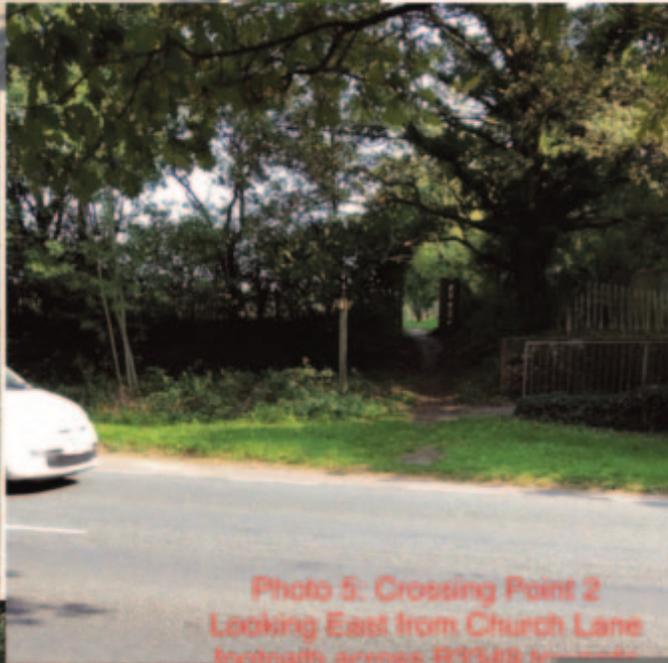
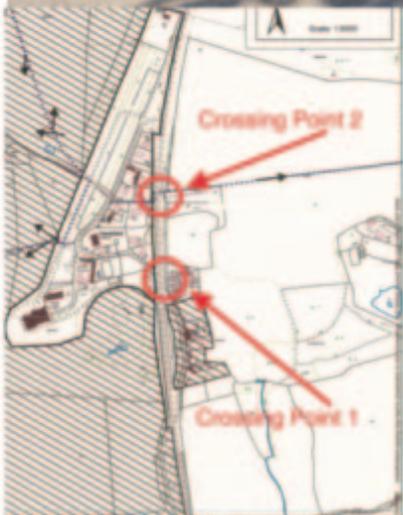


Photo 5: Crossing Point 2
Looking East from Church Lane
Footpath across B3349 to cemetery



Photo 6: Crossing Point 2
Looking West from cemetery
footpath across B3349 towards
footpath to Church Lane

PLANNING UPDATE – HECKFIELD – OCTOBER 2020

Current planning applications relating to the Parish

19/02467/CON (Validated 21 Oct) Rally Field, Wellington Country Park, Odiham Road.

Approval of conditions – pressing ahead with this..

3- surface water drainage scheme

4- ecology and biodiversity and

5- drainage system maintenance

pursuant to 19/02467/FUL Change of use of agricultural land to a dog day care facility (Land use Class Sui-Generis), construction of building, provision of parking, access and fencing.

Query raised re biodiversity proposals for wildlife movement through the site (amphibians, hedgehogs) in relation to the proposed fencing.

20/02518/FUL (Validated 16 Oct 2020) Wellington Riding Stables. Extension to existing parking area (retrospective).

20/02333/PRIOR (Validated 02 Oct 2020) Park Farm, Bramshill Road, Heckfield. Erection of an agricultural barn. Application for consideration of prior approval for Lawful Dev Certificate.

20/02350/CON (Validated 01 Oct 2020) Heckfield Place. Approval of condition 10- external lighting – pursuant to 11/01757/FUL Erection of building to provide fitness suite including swimming pool, including conversion of former gardeners' bothy.

20/02208/LDC (Validated 05 Oct 2020) Oates Cottage, Hound Green. Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness to confirm the breach of condition 2 of application HWR 1401 is lawful as it continued uninterrupted for 10 years since September 2009.

20/02173/FUL (Validated 28 Sep 2020) Park Farm, Bramshill Road, Heckfield. Erection of walk in refrigerated unit, security hut, back up generator and hardstanding and canopy for existing vegetable preparation area (retrospective).

Pending since last meeting

20/01905/PREAPP (Validated 13 Aug 2020) Whitewater Stables, Bramshill Road, Heckfield RG27 0LA. Replacement dwelling

20/01910/FUL (Validated 13 Aug 2020) Cherry Tree Farm, Chandlers Green. Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling with associated landscaping and car parking. On hold ref 20/01274/FUL below

20/01728/FUL (Granted 18th Sept, Validated 28 Jul 2020) Cold Piece Farm. Change of use of equestrian land to agricultural and agricultural land to equestrian. Extension to existing manege including surface and fencing and installation of a horse walker.

20/01701/LBC (Pending, Validated 20 Jul) Ragmoor Farm House (Wellington Riding). Proposed works to achieve HMO requirements as a shared house: Works to doors to restore their appearance and also provide more assured fire protection. Internal alterations to improve the means of escape and identify a clearer fire exit strategy. Reinstating front and rear entrance doors to match the historic doors. Provision of a new fire exit door to the rear in the place of a former door.

20/01274/FUL (Appeal on non-determination – Validated 12 Jun) Cherry Tree Farm, Chandlers Green. Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling with associated landscaping and car parking. Case officer Peter Lee – reported he requires accounts to prove business case. If those received in order he could consider recommending for approval.

Appeal validation letter from Inspectorate 7th Sept – Appeal Ref: APP/N1730/W/20/3257541. Inspector not yet assigned.