

Heath Hayes & Wimblebury Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting.
Held on Wednesday 5th December 2018.
Hayes Green Community Centre, Heath Hayes.

Present:

Cllrs A. Dean (Chair), J. Aston, A. Bernard, L. Bullock, M. Dean, D. Marsden, D. Todd, C. Woods, G. Wiggin.

In Attendance:

Residents P. Haden, C. Thomas and S. Thompson.
County Councillor J. McMahon.
Cannock Councillors M. Buttery, D. Snape.
S. Byfield, Horizon Cremation.
Clerk, R. Smythe.

Chair's Announcements and Public Participation.

Cllr A. Dean welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the year and wished everyone the compliments of the season.

At 7.30pm, there was a presentation by Mr Stephen Byfield about a proposed crematorium near to Five Ways Island on land within Norton Canes. He gave a brief overview of the history of the company and their business model, which identified areas nationally that would be projected to be in need of additional facilities. Land at Five Ways picked as it was rural, lower than the adjacent roads and a surprisingly quiet site.

Considerable thought had gone into the project, with the building design keeping local relevance as well as improving the guest experience. From entrance by vehicle or foot, the service, waiting and departure facilities were all planned to make this a popular facility. Once permission was obtained, it would take six months for the work to start.

Other points made included:

- Most funerals would take place between 11am and 3pm and would not adversely impact on local traffic.
- Possibly 1,500 funerals a year at peak.
- Average expected 15 vehicles per funeral.
- The site would be accessible by the public as an open space.
- Solar panels and heat recovery technologies were used.
- 90 seats inside.
- 70 car parking spaces. Gravel (not Tarmac) car parks to slow water run off.
- Electric car charging point.

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Mr Byfield was thanked for his interesting and informative presentation.

Cllr A. Dean expressed the Council's satisfaction with the new meeting table, which added to the facilities at the Centre and improved the meeting room.

P. Haden and S. Thompson were congratulated on raising nearly £2,000 for the Gorsemoor School PTFA with a Fayre at the Hayes Green Centre and a raffle. The Council had assisted by allowing free use of the Centre and was pleased to hear how successful the fund raising had been.

Concerns were expressed about reports of large delivery vehicles using Wimblebury Road at excessive speeds and when school children were on their way to and from school. The Council agreed that any relevant information from the Speedwatch Team could be used to highlight issues of concern to the vehicle operators. It was agreed to write to EDS Couriers to ask for their co-operation with the use of their vehicles.

RESOLVED: TO WRITE TO EDS COURIERS.

It was reported that the height barrier to the car park in Wimblebury Road, Heath Hayes, adjacent to Heath Hayes Park, had dropped lower and there was concern that vehicles might be damaged as the height warning may not be accurate. Cllr D. Todd reported that she would be at Cannock Council tomorrow and would deal with this as part of her duties as a Cannock Chase Councillor.

RESOLVED: NOTED.

1. Apologies. Consideration of acceptance of written apologies received before the meeting.

The meeting began at 8.10pm. Written apologies had been received and accepted from Cllrs D. Baker, J. Bernard and J. Cooper.

Apologies were also received from P. Hewitt, B. Jones, M. Sutherland.

RESOLVED: TO ACCEPT THE APOLOGIES.

2. Declarations of Interest and consideration of dispensations on Agenda Items.

There were none.

RESOLVED: NOTED.

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Meetings held on 7th November 2018 and consideration of any matters arising, not on the agenda.

3.1 Approval of the minutes was proposed, seconded and agreed.

3.2 Cllr A. Bernard was instructed that should she want to raise any legitimate issues regarding the minutes, she was to put them in writing to the Clerk.

RESOLVED: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

4. Planning.

4.1 Applications dealt with by Planning Committee.

- **18/419 – 103 HEDNESFORD ROAD, HEATH HAYES.** Change of Use. Dog groomers to tattoo centre. **(No Objection).**

4.2 Decisions reported by Cannock Chase Council.

The Council noted the approval of the following applications: **(None).**

4.3 It was proposed seconded and agreed that the proposal for a crematorium near to Five Ways Island (P77/78/19) was a good use of the land and would provide a necessary facility for the area and that the Council should write a letter of support. (CH/18/380).

RESOLVED: NOTED AND TO WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT.

5. Review of Remembrance Event on 11th November. To review the event and to consider arrangements for the 2019 event.

The Council reviewed the event and the arrangements that were in place and it was agreed that the event had been a great success in terms of the numbers attending and the planning of the event. The event was attracting many people each year and development of the operational plan was reviewed annually, now and in September.

It was noted that there had been many compliments and the last few years and the volunteers and the Clerk were thanked for their work.

The event started at 9.40am with a march to Bourne Church then 10.00am with services at St John's and the Bourne Methodist Churches. (The Community Life Church also held a service at the Hayes Green Centre). The services at both churches were timed to allow the congregation from St John's to assemble on the Hednesford Road outside the Bourne Church to start the parade at 10.40am to get to the Memorial Gates in time for the Last Post and a silence at 11.00am.

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There was a service, silence, readings and wreath laying. The speakers were clearly heard. This year, the Council was pleased to host the Wreath of Respect and to have Mr Trevor Evans (Retired Staffordshire Regiment) as the Parade Marshall.

The Drum Corps uniforms were again very smart and the Council was very appreciative for the police attendance.

RESOLVED: TO CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS IN SEPTEMBER.

6. Declaration of Casual Vacancy (Wimblebury Ward).

It was reported that as a result of failing to attend a Council meeting within a six-month period, former Councillor David Hill had ceased to be a Councillor. The Council declared a casual vacancy for the Wimblebury Ward.

As the vacancy had been declared within six months of the elections in May 2019, there was no requirement to call for a poll and the Council was in a position to co-opt to fill the vacancy. It was agreed to place the matter on the next agenda for further consideration.

RESOLVED: NOTED.

7. Cannel Mount. Consideration of current position and future action.

It was reported that the lease had been received, signed as authorised and would be returned for registration. The Clerk was commended for his work on this project.

It was agreed to further consider management of the site in the New Year.

RESOLVED: TO CONSIDER THE MANAGEMENT IN THE NEW YEAR.

8. Review of presentation about proposed crematorium.

Previously dealt with.

9. Community Funded School Crossing Patrols. Consideration of making an expression of interest to the County Council to fund school crossing patrols at a cost of £4,000 per patrol per year.

The Council discussed the matter and agreed that in principle and for financial reasons, it would not be making an offer to take over the funding.

RESOLVED: NO FURTHER ACTION.

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10. Memorial Benches at Five Ways Island. Consideration of current position and future action.

It was reported that two benches would cost £1,535 including delivery and that to install those two and relocate the two existing benches within Heath Hayes Park would cost in the region of £800. A total of approaching £2,400. This would be dependent upon there being no additional repair work and there being no adverse incidents with the installations and relocations.

Mr K. Yates at CCDC had agreed to the proposals in principle and had agreed to a site meeting in January to finalise the details should the Council wish to proceed.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to proceed with the project.

RESOLVED: TO AUTHORISE THE PROJECT.

11. Tesco.

11.1 Advertising Frame.

It was reported that a letter had been sent to Tesco but as yet, there had been no reply. A further attempt would be made after Christmas.

11.2 Noticeboard Base – Current position and future action.

Cllr G. Wiggin proposed that the base should be improved by using a timber frame with brackets, concreted into the ground and an outside covering of waterproof plywood. It was hoped that this could be done without cost to the Council. As yet, it was reported that there had been no response from Tesco. Cllr G. Wiggin was authorised to proceed with the project.

RESOLVED: TO CONTINUE WITH THE PROJECT.

12. Complaints about Mill Green contractors' vehicles using Hayes Way. Consideration of further action including referral to Cannock Chase Planning Department.

It was reported that the County Council Highways Department had confirmed that arrangements were in place to use wheel washing to reduce and hopefully stop mud being carried onto the local roads. Also, there were facilities for road cleaners to also operate on the affected roads if necessary.

RESOLVED: NOTED.

13. To note the incoming and outgoing correspondence.

The Council noted the incoming post, and the outgoing post, numbered 296 to 327/18.

RESOLVED: NOTED.

14. Accounts for Payment.

Authorisation of the payments totalling £4,595.50 as listed in Appendix A, was proposed by Cllr D. Marsden, seconded by Cllr M. Dean and agreed.

RESOLVED: TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS OF THE LISTED ACCOUNTS.

15. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 9th January 2019.

The date was agreed as 9th January 2019. Cllr A. Dean declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm, thanked those present for their attendance and wished everyone the compliments of the season.

RESOLVED: TO NEXT MEET ON 9th JANUARY 2019.

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