

# HYDE PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 at 7.15pm in the Memorial Hall.**

**Present:** 20+ members of the public, Cllrs McKenzie, Sevier (Chair) & Tully; CCllr Heron; 5 speakers (Inspector Korine Bishop and PC Matt Thewell, PCSO Lauran Wilder, Dai Morgan (Neighbourhood Watch), David Whitehead (Hyde Community Projects/Broadband); M.Coatham (Clerk).

### **1. Welcome**

The Chair welcomed those present and thanked them for attending the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Meeting of Hyde Parish Council.

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Jane Arigho, Andrew Briggs, Foster Herd, Jane Westbury and Cllr Tina Woodley.

**3. The minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018** were agreed and signed as a correct record, proposed by Alan Hayward, seconded David Whitehead, all in favour.

**Matters arising - Broadband Update:** the original project started in 2016 via the Parish Council, developing as a Community Project for the parish. Hyde Community Projects Ltd took the project forward, entering into a contract in April 2016 for delivery by April 2017. Five cabinets went live by October 2017 – and a further six months were provided to rectify any faults/issues. Very little feedback was received but issues were noted at Gorley Lynch, Chilly Hill and Ibsley Drove. An additional cabinet is planned at Gorley Vale Farm to improve the service for Gorley Lynch (requires planning permission), Chilly Hill has been resolved by the installation of fibre (an extension to the service from Frogham Cross did not work) and Ibsley Drove required an infrastructure upgrade from Ringwood. Currently Openreach are installing fibre from Stuckton to Hillwoods garage. The company is still in existence but is no longer required – suggestions for alternative uses for the company are invited before the team wind-up the company.

*Thanks were noted to the team for their hard work pushing the project forward.*

### **4. Accounts 2018 – 2019**

Copies of the Accounts for 2018-2019 were distributed and reviewed. The Clerk noted that the full accounts are posted on the Parish website – copies available on request. The accounts are being audited by the internal auditor appointed by the Council (IAC). The Clerk clarified that S137 payments relate to grants issue by the Parish Council.

### **5. Chairman's report 2018 – 2019**

Copies of the written report and of the accounts are appended to these minutes. Cllr Sevier presented a short version of the report. Thanks were noted to Jane Arigho for her service on the Parish Council for 10 years and to Bill Dow for his contribution to the Parish Council and District Council over the past 36 years. Residents were thanked for their support for litter picking in the parish over the year.

### **6. Inspector Korine Bishop, Strategic Rural Policing Inspector (Hampshire and Isle of Wight)**

Inspector Bishop and her team are responsible for covering rural crime in Hampshire. 85% of Hampshire is classified as rural. Over the last ten years police numbers have been reduced by one third, this means that the way policing is carried out has had to adapt. There are teams of volunteers assisting the police – for example the Humane Animal Dispatch Team may be called on to assist when

animals are injured. Active Citizenship is encouraged – Mounted Section, Dog Watch, Neighbourhood Watch, Farm Watch and Hampshire Horse Watch. The team have been trained to use a drone – this can help them search wider areas for missing persons or for crimes in action. The police are involved in lots of joint operations to resolve issues such as fly tipping or plant theft.

The team deal with plant theft, poaching, livestock worrying, hunting/shooting/fishing and wildlife related crimes, raptor persecution, Heritage crime, protected land and habitats, scrap metal thefts and equine related offences.

They operate “THOR” – threat, harm, opportunity and risk when assessing how to respond to information.

**What can residents do?** If you see anything, email information to the police – it might not be of immediate use but it might link to crimes and patterns may emerge which helps to resolve things in the future, helping to target police presence.

**How to report:** 999, 101 (may be slow) 0800 555 111 (Crime Stoppers), Whats App (Matt) or online reporting.

**Security advice:** make it difficult for thieves – shut gates, lock doors, put ditches in, park vehicles in front of doors to prevent access, paint it pink (batteries) register items with [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com).

**Other advice:** download the three little words app onto your smart phone – it identifies your location on the forest (where there are no postcodes) and helps the emergency services to locate you:

<https://what3words.com>. Property marking – the team can visit an area to help mark property – the Parish Council will establish demand and book a time, as required.

*Inspector Bishop and her team were thanked for their report.*

## **7. County Councillors Report (to include Parish roads)**

Cllr Heron reported that budget pressures continue to affect the County Council, with only £500 million of their budget falling under “discretionary” spend – with more savings required over the next two years. HCC are trying to deliver the best that they can given the pressures – Children and Adult Social Care services will always be the priority, so it continues to be challenging.

### **Highways Issues**

- Popes Lane culvert will be repaired during this financial year.
- Reporting road issues online is the fastest way to get things resolved.
- Discussion took place about the dragon patcher (hot fill) and edge fills in the forest – the road width cannot be increased with tarmac and edge fills tend not to last long. Projects are taking place to review alternative materials (with Natural England, to consider the ecological impact) but these will take time.
- Concern was noted about the online system – often these show as resolved when they are not – Cllr Heron noted that this was as a result of when the work is passed to contractors the HCC system marks it as complete (but it is not). This is being improved but is an IT fault – and will take at least 18 months to resolve. If residents have unresolved jobs with the relevant log numbers, send them to Cllr Heron to review/chase.

## **8. Police Report/Neighbourhood Watch**

PSCO Lauran Wilder gave an update about general crime in New Forest West: 3 drug warrants have been issued, a multi-agency operation took place in April resulting in 5 vehicles being clamped and a further one being fined. They work with the adjacent police forces in Dorset and Wiltshire. Over the past 12 months there have been 5 recordable crimes in Hyde, 1 recording of criminal damage to a crop field and other reported incidences have had no community impact.

The Contact Management System is being upgraded and this should speed up calls to 101 in the future. If anyone wishes to be involved in Dog Watch, contact Lauran for more information.

The Beat Surgeries continue in Woodgreen, Fordingbridge Library and at Hockeys Farm Shop – dates are on the parish website.

A request was made for knitters – patterns are available to knit “Bobbys Bears” – these are given to children involved in incidences where the police are present.

*Lauran was thanked for her support and presentation.*

Dai Morgan noted that the scheme since 2011 and currently sends messages to 375 registered members with information about incidents, local events, and lost property. In 2018, 59 messages were sent (approximately 1 per week) – there have been 25 so far in 2019. Information is shared with the local police.

*Dai was thanked for his continued work with the scheme.*

**9. Consideration of matters raised by the electors of the parish of Hyde and affecting the parish.**

- **Pride in Your Parish** – Cllr Tully gave a short report about the response to the PIYP questionnaire. 13% of the questionnaires were returned with the main priority highlighted being verge damage. A meeting had taken place at Gorley Green to review what could be done there with a view to rolling actions out across the parish. Improved communication was also noted. The Council will be holding an Drop-In Day on June 1<sup>st</sup> to present the results and promote further action.
- **Community Shed** – another project in the parish – this will be promoted at the Open Day
- **Mast/loss of mobile signal** – a property in the parish had requested the mast to be removed by the end of May. Trail holes have been dug on HCC common land to review appropriate sites for the replacement mast. HCC has agreed that a temporary mast could be sited adjacent to Fir Pound, it will be on a trailer, surrounded by fencing and will have a generator. Discussion took place about the impact of loss of signal, which providers were affected, the pressure to provide a service for the emergency services and to improve rural coverage (4G and 5G may require more and larger masts). Cllr Heron stated that he would not support infrastructure being placed on SSSI/commonable land but could not second guess the legal team at HCC – he will request an update from officers.
- **NPA Planning Appeals** – a resident noted concern about the report in the parish newsletter about the NPA not being able to afford to fight appeals in all cases.
- **Electric fencing** – a resident requested that any incidents involving electric fencing to be reported.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm, refreshments afterwards.

**CHAIRMAN**.....**DATE**.....