

HAWKCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Hawkchurch Village Hall on Tuesday 16th May 2023, commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllr's Dr A Nolan (Chairman), J Baker, S Bartlett, T Greenshields, D Searle and J Dodson

In Attendance: The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe) and two members of the public.

001	Election of Chairman Cllr Dr A Nolan was elected as chairman.
002	Declaration of Acceptance of Office Cllr Nolan made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk.
003	Election of Vice-chairman Cllr J Bartlett was elected as Vice-chairman
004	Appointment to Outside Bodies It was agreed that representatives would stay the same. Ms Fox would remain as the Hon. Rights of Way Officer
005	Annual Governance Statement The Annual Governance Statement was agreed
006	Annual Accounts Statement Members agreed the Annual Accounts Statement
007	Certificate of Exemption Members agreed that as both income and expenditure were below the ceiling limit of £25k an exemption would be sent to the External Auditor
008	Power of Well Being Resolved that as the Council had met the required criteria the Power of Well Being should be adopted for the next Four years.
009	Apologies Cllr I Hall had sent an apology
010	Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct made at this stage of the meeting.

011	Minutes The Minutes of the meetings held on the 21st March 2023 were adopted as a true record.
012	Matters Arising A vote of thanks was recorded for the services given by former Cllr Fox who had stood down from the council. It was noted that we had a new district councillor. .
013	Democratic Period Concerns expressed at the large number of potholes in the parish. A parishioner stated that she had found it difficult to use the Devon County Highways reporting portal. Concerns expressed that the post-box now gives a collection time of 9am. It was however pointed out that this is the situation with most post-boxes. Concerns expressed in relation to the possible reduction in cuts in the playfield. It was explained that because the football team are not playing at present there was generally a feeling that the frequency of cuts could be reduced. Concerns that a resident was placing a bin in the road in an effort to keep traffic to the speed limit. It was felt that this was causing a possible traffic hazard. The gentleman would be spoken to.
014	County Council Report A report had been circulated and noted.
015	District Council Report No report as possibly the new councillor has not yet attended his first meeting at the District Council.
016	Accounts for Ratification The following accounts were ratified: DALC £86.23, HMRC PAYE £189.20, Society Clerks £100.00, Mr T Day £80.00, Hawkchurch Ladies Group £300.00 and Coronation Mugs £225.00.
017	Financial Update Financial update note. Financial assets as of 5th May 2023 were £38,300.87

018	Defibrillator Chairman informed the meeting that 12 people had recently received training on the use of the defibrillator. It was understood that the code for unlocking the cabinet was in the parish magazine, however it was agreed that a flyer would be produced which would also contain other useful contact numbers.
019	Playfield Agreed that the Playfield Committee would be renamed the Community Asset Committee. It would meet prior to the July meeting at 6.30pm
020	Grass Cutting Contract It was agreed that Mr Ian Churchill would be awarded the contract to cut the grass and deal with the hedge by the school. David Searle was given the contract to cut the roadside hedges.
021	Highways Cllr T Greenshields reported that the data for the speed indicator system for January and February revealed the highest speed in the 20mph zone was 40mph. The device also indicated that the traffic flow was an average of 266 vehicles per day.
022	Rights of Way The clerk informed the meeting that Devon County Council had allocated Hawkchurch Parish Paths £1,400 for this financial year.
023	Section 106 This project remains ongoing.
024	Determination The Battery Energy Storage system at Axe View Solar Farm had been approved.
025	Planning Appeal Notice of an appeal by the applicants for the Battery Storage Unit in Pound Lane against the decision of EDDC to refuse planning permission. It was understood that the local action group were applying to be a Rule 6 Party and would keep the Parish Council informed.
026	Correspondence Correspondence had been circulated via email by the clerk when received
027	Items of Urgency Agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Thursday 22 nd June at 7pm. Light refreshments would be provided. Budget £50.
028	Next Meeting : Tuesday 18th July 2023

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