

HEDLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11th March 2019 at 7.30pm in the Feathers' Inn

Present: Cllrs Penny, Speak, Douglas Watkins, Rodgerson and Celino. Monica Anderton, Clerk was in attendance. County Cllr Horncastle was also in attendance.

938: **Apologies:** None

939: **Declarations of Interest:** None

940. **Minutes** from meeting of 11th February 2019: These were **approved** as a true record.

941. **Matters arising:**

- a) The Post Office Box is located on the Village Green. Cllr Penny will check the number on the box, if any.
- b) The War Memorial Plaque has not yet been followed up: Cllr Watkins will do this. She will also see about a coffee morning in the pub. As one has been recently held and with Easter soon, it was agreed this should possibly be in late May.
- c) The Clerk had chased up on the speeding survey. The Police are still waiting for NCC to check the traffic signs. Cllr Horncastle noted this.
- d) A quote for grass cutting for this year had been received from Mr colins. Costs had increased for him with increased insurance etc. so that he was charging £165 per cut this year. The Council Agreed this was acceptable and the Clerk would confirm with Mr Collins.

942. **County Councillor's report:** Cllr Horncastle reported that the new Director of pLanning has just started at County Hall. As he is very well known, it is hoped that he will be able to recruit more planning officers to replace those who had been lost in the last 2 years. There is no movement as yet on the Marley Tiles development. He has asked the local Highways people to look at the hedge again to see how bad it is. The original planning application number would be useful to help in seeing if all the conditions were met regarding the hedge. Cllr Penny though he might be able to find this to forward to Cllr Horncastle.

Re the Village Green issues: Cllr Penny asked if NCC legal department would be in a position to assist Hedley PC in the event of the barn conversion development beginning before the Village Green issue is sorted out. Proff that the Parish Council are the registered owners and copies of access payments made ine in 2005 would be forwarded to Cllr Horncastle whilst he investigated the matter. The Clerk would see if there is anything that our insurers could do on the matter as well.

943: **Correspondence:** Circulated as emails: weekly E News from NALC.

944. **Finance:** a) Balance at 1st March 2019 is £1289.52

b) The following payments were authorised:

MF Anderton, Clerk, January 2019	£127.50
Spanglefish, re website	£29.95

It was agreed to ask the gardener to quote for the upcoming season (and to query the chippings he had agreed to leave when the trees were trimmed).

934. **Information received:** None

935: **Roads:** NCC had inspected the requested road improvements and agreed to keep an eye on them as they were not bad enough to meet the County Council's criteria. Pavements were a separate issue to be followed up again with Cllr Horncastle.

936: **AOB:** ~ Cllr Watkins had been asked about moving the War Memorial plaque back into the village. She would follow this up;

~ the new bit of road surface near the Post Box has been dangerously slippery in icy conditions and the Clerk would enquire if Royal Mail could move the box to a safer location within the village.

937: **Date of next meeting:** 11th March 2019 at The Feathers at 7.30pm

Chair:

Date: