

## HAWKCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held at the Hawkchurch Village Hall on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**Present:** Cllr's R Churchill (Chairman, J Baker, S Bartlett, T Greenshields, R Fox, D Searle., A Nolan and L Harper

**In Attendance:** The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr P Hayward, Cllr I Hall and nine members of the public.

<b>024</b>	Apologies Cllr L Harper –away. Resolved to accept this apology.
<b>025</b>	Declarations of interest Cllr R Fox-Personal interest expenses claim Cllr T Greenshields. Prejudicial interest as representative of the Community Shop who are seeking funding. Cllr A Nolan declared a personal interest in the planning applicaton for an extension at Whatleigh.
<b>026</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The Minutes of the meeting held on the 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 were adopted as a true record.
<b>027</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> Cllr Dr Nolan provided an overview on a possible new specification for a website for the Council. It was agreed that a formal presentation would be made at the July meeting.  Cllr T Greenshields informed the meeting that the Playing Field Committee had agreed to go ahead with the registration of the strip of land knwn as the Rope walk.
<b>028</b>	<b>Police Report</b> No report
<b>029</b>	<b>County and District Report</b> .Cllr Hall spoke about the Axe Valley Forum stating that it would give the area a stronger voice. Two the issues being looked at were primary care and education. There were concerns over the lack of police resources in the area. He was concerned that the zigzag marks outside the school had still not been redone; and would look into it. Cllr Hayward had sent out a report prior to the meeting which was noted. He was concerned about the disposal of dog waste when all the Devon landfill

	sites close. It was expected that dual bins would replace the present separate dog bins in the future.
<b>030</b>	<b>Democratic Period</b> A member of the public questioned why the Solar farm now wished to extend the life of its activities to 40 years. A parishioner spoke about the Hawkwell Park application stating that possibly the proposal might help the local community and also reduce the number of travellers.
<b>031</b>	<b>Accounts for payment</b> Resolved to pay the following accounts: June Lottery wins £75.00, DALC £126.42, EDF £36.82, DCT £50,00, R Fox £21.29, A Downs £310.00, D Strawbridge £180.00
<b>032</b>	<b>Financial Update</b> Figures to be circulated by the clerk and approved at next meeting
<b>033</b>	<b>Bank Reconciliation</b> Inspected by Cllr Greenshields and found to be in order
<b>034</b>	<b>Annual Governance Statement</b> The statements were agreed
<b>035</b>	<b>Internal Auditors Report</b> The report by Mr D Knowles, the Internal Auditor was adopted
<b>036</b>	<b>Accounting Statements 2018/19</b> The accounting statements were adopted
<b>037</b>	<b>Certificate of Exemption from External Audit</b> Agreed that as both income and expenditure were below the ceiling limit of £25,00 the council would send a Certificate of Exemption to the External Auditors
<b>038</b>	<b>Community Shop</b> An application had been received from the Community Shop for funding towards their new premises. It was resolved that they be awarded £600 from the Solar Community Fund.
<b>039</b>	<b>Section 106</b> No update
<b>040</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 19/1056 Axe View Solar Farm: Extend the operational lifespan of solar farm to 40 years. There was a wide debate regarding this application resulting in the council deciding that they could not offer any material reasons for recommending refusal; so they would state no objections. The clerk would submit that a clause should be added stating that an additional community benefit should be considered by the applicants.</li> <li>b) Hawkwell Park: Certificate of lawfulness to establish use of Hawkwell Park in breach of gypsy/traveller occupancy condition imposed under planning permission.7/1853. There was a large debate regarding this application. Members felt that over the years the district council had been made aware of breaches of this condition on many occasions, therefore the council could not support the application.</li> <li>c) 19/1272/Ful Whatleigh, Hawkchurch: Single storey extension: Support</li> <li>d) 19/1231/PDQB Building at Berry Lane, Barcombe Farm: Prior</li> </ul>

	approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building to form a dwelling. The council supported this application noting that it had been farmed by this family for many years.
<b>041</b>	<b>Determinations</b> 19/0999/CPE Philly Wood Court: Forestry storage shed. The application had been approved.
<b>042</b>	<b>Highways and Rights of Way</b> A gritbin at Brimley Lane has been damaged. Works have been done at Blackwater Lane. There had been a complaint about the new drain placed near Castle. The works were to a very low standard and were felt to be a hazard  Agreed that verges and hedges would be cut  The surface on bridleway 14 had been concreted by the landowner. A new gate had been installed on footpath 16; and a new latch to the gate on footpath 14. There are some access problems on footpath 39.
<b>043</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> All correspondence had been circulated via email during the month
<b>044</b>	<b>Items of Urgency</b> Nil
<b>045</b>	<b>Closing of Meeting</b>  The meeting was declared closed at 9.55pm
<b>046</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b> <b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7,30pm</b>