



HIGHWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 15th January 2024 at 7.30pm at Highwood Village Hall (foyer)**

In Attendance

Cllr P Latham (Chairman)
Cllr T Horsnell (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr D Cameron
Clerk
2 members of the public

84/23 Declaration of Interests

None declared.

85/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Gill, Latham-Pearmain, Maclean and Maher.

86/23 Cllr Mike Steel/Cllr Nicolette Chambers

Cllr Steel and Cllr Chambers were not present. Cllr Steel circulated an update to members which included the following:

- Outcome of subsidised bus services consultation.
- DigiGo - extension for an extra two years.
- Fibre to the premise – Gigaclear rollout.
- National Grid pylons – study has begun which will analyse onshore and offshore options.
- ECC boundary review – to be in place for the May 2025 elections.
- Reducing speed limits on residential roads – motion to full Council lost.

87/23 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 20th November 2023 were approved and signed.

88/23 Public Forum

1 member of the public raised the following:

- Concerns about excessive speed on the A414, Radley Green.

Chris Davey, 'Ride London' Engagement Manager was unable to attend as planned.

89/23 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the following:

- VAT return submitted for financial year 2022/23. £3,413.32 has been received.
- Playdale has visited the play area to replace the swing top pole. The caps brought with them did not fit the equipment, so replacement ones are being sent to the Clerk.
- Site meeting at Edney Common play area with Proludic scheduled for 16th January. However, due to weather conditions, it will be rescheduled.



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90/23 Reports from Representatives

- (a) School Liaison – no update.
- (b) Play Area – no update.

91/23 Finance and General Purposes

- (a) **It was resolved** to approve the payments made since the last meeting as follows:

Unity Trust Bank	£18.00
DW Maintenance	£180.00
Solopress	£428.17
Mayor, Cuttle & Co	£96.00
Staffing	£1,385.68

- (b) **It was resolved** to agree the budget for the financial year 2024/25.
- (c) **It was resolved** to agree a precept of £40,030 for the financial year 2024/25 (no change).

92/23 Planning

- (a) The following submissions made outside of a meeting were noted:
 - (i) 18/00199/S73
Woodland House, Loves Green, Highwood – Removal of condition 2 to approved planning application 18/00199/FUL – **no comment**.
 - (ii) 23/01905/FUL
Highwood Stud, Wyses Road, Highwood – Erection of equestrian field shelter and show jump storage – **objection**.
 - (iii) 23/01894/FUL
The Old Granary, Old Barns Lane, Highwood – Construction of a menage – **enforcement requested**.

93/23 Environment

- (a) Following an update on the Local Highways Panel application process, it was agreed that Cllr Latham and the Clerk would work on the details required for (i) a 20mph speed limit near the school and (ii) Highwood Road (church to bus stop) footway/walkable verge.
- (b) The annual litter pick will take place on Sunday 24th March.
- (c) Play in the Park sessions during school holidays were considered, but will not be booked.

94/23 General Information

The following matters were raised:

- a) Request to consider Edney Common play area fencing quotes at the next meeting.
- b) Parking on verges in the village has caused damage.
- c) Rubbish build-up reported by a resident.

The meeting closed at 8.26pm