

HEDLEYHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the meeting with West View residents held on Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, East Hedleyhope

Present

Cllrs: T. Reeve (Vice Chair), C. Stobart, S. Woodroffe (Chair)

Also Present: D. Mortimer (Clerk), S. Reeve (Comm. Assoc.) and 5 residents of West View

SW presented a slideshow on the proposal to erect a boundary fence on the Village Green and the reasons for doing so. Residents were then invited to ask any questions that they had on the proposal. Key points raised and discussed were as follows:

What is the cost of the fence?

The fence will cost approximately £4,000.

Would the money be better spent on erecting a fence on the outer edge to prevent motorcycles, cars from accessing there and damaging the Village Green?

This could be done as well as the existing fence proposal. As the fence costs will be funded by a grant the Parish Council will investigate funding to incorporate the additional fencing either now or later.

Does the Parish Council have other plans for the Village Green?

No. The proposed fence is purely to provide a boundary for the Village Green to protect it. The Village Green is very much considered the Village's greatest attraction. The Parish Council have stated that no buildings/structures be erected on the parking strip as this would spoil/obstruct the view across the Village Green.

Little fences restrict parking.

A resident raised the point that fencing used to mark out separate parking areas restricts the parking. The Parish Council have stated that they would prefer residents not to erect any individual fencing to the parking strip.

Other matters raised by residents and discussed with the Parish Council included running water/drainage issues, ditch clearing, tree pruning and access/rights of way.

Residents were advised that the agenda for monthly Parish Council meetings includes an item for public participation. Residents are encouraged to attend and bring any relevant matters for discussion. The meetings are usually held on the last Thursday of every month.

It was also noted that there are vacancies on the Parish Council and interested persons should contact the Parish Clerk via email for further details – hedleyhopeparishcouncil@gmail.com