

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the remote meeting held on Thursday 3rd December 2020 starting at 8.00pm

Present:- Councillor Browne (Chair), Councillor Brown, Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Hampton, Councillor Janes, Councillor Johnson and County Councillor John Barnes and District Councillor Mary Barnes (*from 20.17*).

The RFO, David Hilbourne and the Clerk were in attendance along with one member of the public.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: -

Councillor Kenchington (*unknown*), Councillor Price (*unknown*) and Councillor Wright (*unknown*).

2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: -

To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the remote meeting held on the 3rd November 2020.

Minutes proposed by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Duddridge.

3.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS, *in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct: to receive any disclosure by Members of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.*

Councillors Browne declared an interest in agenda item 6.2 planning application RR/2020/1997/P as he has previously done work for the applicant and is well known to him

Councillor Janes declared an interest in agenda item 4.3 Community Shop as a relative is an applicant for leasing the premises.

3.1 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION – *to consider written requests from Members for Dispensation and to consider the length of time the dispensation should be granted for i.e. as a one-off relating to a matter on this agenda, or ongoing for a set period and relating to any agenda within that period.*

None received.

4.0 COMMUNITY- Activities and reports: -

4.1 Neighbourhood Plan, progress report (Cllrs. Brown & Wright).

Councillor Brown gave the report.

County Councillor John Barnes and District Councillor Mary Barnes joined the meeting at 20.17.

Councillor Brown asked the Council to approve the motion below.

- i) That this Council, for reasons of good governance, shall approve the proposed Neighbourhood Plan project timetable as is presented before it today.

The motion was unanimously approved.

- ii) Judging of children's Lodge Field park redesign drawings

The local school children have all produced designs of what they would like to see in the playground and the school have asked the Council to choose the winners in the various groups. It was suggested that a small prize could be awarded for each group winner within a total budget of £50-£60.

The motion was unanimously approved.

4.2 Public Access Defibrillator

This issue is still outstanding with concerns that when the battery runs out there will be no cover. Clerk to try contacting Gary Spray again as suppliers need to be sourced.

Councillor Janes declared an interest in the next agenda item and abstained from contributing to the discussion and vote.

4.3 Community Shop update. Report and recommendations to be given by the Community Shop working party

Councillor Browne gave the report.

Three interested parties had given presentations to the working party all with different proposed uses and outcomes. A preferred candidate was selected and more information and business plan requested. Councillor Browne asked the Council if they wished to support the preferred candidate selected by the working party.

The motion was unanimously approved

4.4 Discussion over the concept of awarding the Freedom of the Parish

Councillor Brown briefed the Council on the Freedom of the Parish powers that exist for local government organizations. The Council discussed the merits of this. It was resolved that Councillor Brown should prepare a draft policy for the scheme to be reviewed at the next meeting. It was agreed that the Freedom of the Parish would co-exist alongside the existing village award system, as unlike the Community Award, there would be no requirement for the freedom of the parish to be awarded annually.

4.5 Clerk's report

The Clerk emailed out the report prior to the meeting.

4.6 Parish Correspondence and local resident issues

Circulated prior to meeting and reported in Clerk's report.

4.7 Urgent issues requiring attention

Councillor Johnson asked if any response had been rec'd re the two dangerous trees overhanging footpath 6? Clerk has not heard anything more and will chase.

4.8 Councillors questions, none rec'd

5.0 TRANSPORT, ROADS & FOOTPATHS

Councillor Johnson had no issues to report.

5.1 A21 issues

Letter rec'd from local resident concerned re A21 and speeding. Had had a near miss on the pedestrian crossing when vehicle had failed to stop at red light. Forward correspondence to MP.

6.0 PLANNING: -

6.1 RDC Planning decisions

RR/2020/391/P - Bexhurst Oast, Merriments Lane, Hurst Green TN19 7RA. First floor extension over existing single storey flat roof addition. (Retrospective). **Granted.**

RR/2020/1362/P - Corner Cottage, London Road, Hurst Green Demolition of garage. First floor side and rear extension new higher roof and cladding to whole building. **Planning Permission granted subject to conditions.**

RR/2020/1633/P - Lime House, Merriments Lane, Hurst Green Demolition of walls and creation of new footings and complete rebuild of the property. The replacement rebuild to be to exactly the same plans set out in RR/2019/2765/P **Planning Permission granted subject to conditions**

RR/2020/1649/P - 52 London Road, Pidgeon House, Hurst Green TN19 7PN. Variation of condition 2 imposed on RR/2020/1042/P to allow addition of bi-fold door and windows to stop inclement weather. **Granted.**

6.2 Current Applications.

Councillors Browne declared an interest in the item below as he knows the applicant.

RR/2020/1997/P - Boundary Farm, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QY. Erection of a stable block. No comment except to link to property with a section 106 if approved.

7.0 Finance/RFO's Report:-

The RFO, David Hilbourne gave his report

7.1 Current financial position

Balance of accounts

Community Account (6752)	£40,981.70	as at 26 th Nov 2020
Community Savings (6779)	£37,588.94	as at 26 th Nov 2020
Renewals A/C (6760)	£30,107.31	as at 26 th Nov 2020

These figures are the position as at the latest statements received as shown. They do not include monies received or paid away subsequently.

Direct Debit payments

23 rd Oct	Eon	Gas A/c Old church	£8.64
23 rd Oct	Eon	Electricity A/c Old church*	£16.52

Payments received

None rec'd.

7.2 Motion to approve invoices and approval and issue of Cheques

Urgent cheques drawn and paid away and not reported

Cheque No. 1001220 - HMRC, remitt PAYE collected.	£4.00
Cheque No. 1001221 - Harper Landscapes Nhood Plan exps	£1,741.21

Cheques to be authorised for this meeting

Cheque No. 1001222 - J Ellis, Clerk's salary (November)	£587.44
Cheque No. 1001223 - D Hilbourne, RFO's salary (November)	£150.04
Cheque No. 1001224 - ES Pension Fund, Clerk's Pension contribs (November)	£175.56
Cheque No. 1001225 - Pet Waste, Clear dog bins (November)	£135.19
Cheque No. 1001226 - G Browne, mowing for October.	£192.00
Cheque No. 1001227 - Alison Eardley, Neighbourhood Plan.	£7740.00
Cheque No. 1001228 - Alison Eardley, Neighbourhood Plan.	£2700.00
Cheque No. 1001229 - Alan Harvey-Legg, Neighbourhood Plan.	£495.00
Cheque No. 1001230 - RALC, Subscription	£35.00
Cheque No. 1001231 - Harper Landscapes Nhood Plan exps	£3,494.45
Cheque No. 1001232 - Hello Print, Nhood Plan exps	£170.22

A resolution for approval is sought for past and present invoices (*as circulated via email prior to the meeting to all Councillors*) and issue of Cheques.

Approval of Invoices and Cheques proposed by Councillor Janes and seconded by Councillor Johnson.

* The RFO noted that the meters in the old shop building needed reading on the 8th or 9th of each month. Councillor Browne undertook to do this.

7.3 Motion to approve Asset Register

Some discussion as to what actually is an asset therefore to be discussed at precept working party meeting and postponed to the next meeting.

8.0 **Playing & Stage Fields**

Councillor Johnson has met with three companies to discuss potential play equipment and adult gym in Lodge Field.

Councillor Browne stressed the need to consult with local children re the plans for the new play equipment to see what they wanted.

Councillor Brown noted that the Council should be looking into grant funding and what was available. Councillor Browne will look at Lund funding for Stage Field's wildflower meadow project.

9.00 Items for the next agenda

Neighbourhood Plan.

Other items to be emailed to Clerk as necessary.

10.0 Date and time of next Meeting

The next Council meeting to be held remotely on Tuesday 26th January 2021 at 8.00pm.

Precept working party meeting to be held remotely on the 7th January 2021 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.32pm.

Distribution of Minutes: -
All Parish Councillors
Parish Council Noticeboard
Parish Council Website
ESCC Councillor J. Barnes
RDC Councillor M Barnes.

Signed
Chairman

Cllr.Graham Browne

Dated

26th January 2021