

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Hurst Green Village Hall on Tuesday 22nd January 2019 starting at 8:00pm.

Present:- Councillor Browne (Chair), Councillor Johnson, Councillor Price, Councillor Wright and District Councillor Prochak.

The RFO, David Hilbourne and the Clerk were in attendance. No public present.

1.0 Apologies for Absence: - Councillor Brown (*away*), Councillor Duddridge (*illness*), Councillor Janes (*illness*), Councillor Kenchington (*family commitments*) and County Councillor Barnes (*unknown*).

2.0 Minutes of the last meeting: -

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the Tuesday 27th November 2018

Minutes proposed by Councillor Price and seconded by Councillor Browne.

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.*
None declared.

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 and to pass any necessary resolutions (Cllrs. Brown & Wright)

No report given in Councillor Brown's absence but as requested by the Neighbourhood Plan group a general discussion took place re the latest proposals for development on part of the Foundry Close site. It was felt that the latest plans were a big improvement on previous plans but that there was still insufficient parking allocation when taking into consideration all the issues regarding the A21 and on-street parking along with realistic estimates of modern household car ownership.

Councillor Price expressed concern that some sections of the community were not getting any information about that was going on in the village due to lack of IT skills. It was agreed that an information board in the Community Shop would help address this issue.

4.2 Clerk's report – circulated

Report previously circulated by email. No questions rec'd.

Chair left the meeting to move car at 8.10pm and returned at 8.14pm. No matters discussed in this time.

4.3 Parish Correspondence and local resident issues (*including Oldwood Surgery and Battle Health Centre Patients Participation Group request for donation and presentation & allotment lease*)

The Council agreed to invite Oldwood Surgery and Battle Health Centre Patients Participation Group to do a short presentation.

The Council agreed that the Allotment sublease should be to be done on a formal basis and signed.

4.4 Urgent issues requiring attention

No urgent issues requiring attention.

4.5 Councillors questions

None rec'd.

5.0 TRANSPORT, ROADS & FOOTPATHS

Councillor Johnson expressed concern about the flagstones which had been put down on footpath 6 at

the top of Ridgeway leading into Burgh Wood on health and safety grounds. Clerk to write to ESCC Rights of Way team to see what the position was in this case.

5.1 Community Speedwatch Initiative report

Councillor Price reported in Councillor Kenchington's absence that the group was still waiting to be contacted re training.

5.2 A21 issues and update (Cllr Johnson)

A successful village protest at lack of action on A21 improvements was held on the 14th December with Huw Merriman MP in attendance and widely reported in the media.

The Chair thanked all who took part and in particular Councillor Kenchington for all of the banners and signs he produced.

5.3 Urgent written response to Planning Inspectorate re footpath 23

Clerk asked to draft response to this and circulate via email for approval.

6.0 **PLANNING: -**

6.1 RDC Planning decisions

RR/2018/2667P - Coopers Corner Farm, Merriments Lane, Hurst Green TN19 7RA. Construction of traditional oak framed open bay garage with storage above. **Refused.**

RR/2018/2927/P - Boarzell Cottage, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QY. Extension to existing domestic garage. **Refused**

RR/2018/2737/P - 66 London Road, Lilly Joes Cottage, Hurst Green TN19 7PN. New window and revised internal layout to the ground floor and first-floor flat roof rear extension above the kitchen area. **Granted.**

RR/2018/2464/P - 54 London Road, Royal George, Hurst Green TN19 7PN. Erection of a single storey timber studio. (Retrospective). **Granted.**

6.2 Current Applications.

RR/2019/56/P - Merriments Barn, Merriments Lane, Hurst Green TN19 7RQ. Variation of condition 2 imposed on RR/2016/241/P regarding alterations to plans. **Supported**

RR/2018/3165/P - White Horse Inn, Silverhill Oast, Silverhill, TN19 7PU. Removal of Conditions 3, 4 and 5 of planning permission RR/2011/316/P to allow the existing holiday let to be used as permanent residential dwelling. **Not supported, (majority decision with one abstention).**

RR/2018/2977/P - 47 London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QP. Conversion of ground floor shop/office to studio flat. **Supported.**

RR/2018/2945/L - Merriments Barn, Merriments Lane, Hurst Green TN19 7RQ. Proposed internal alterations to a Listed Building in relation to approved consents RR/2016/242/L & RR/2016/241/P. **Supported.**

7.0 **Finance/RFO's Report:-**

The RFO, David Hilbourne gave his report which had previously been circulated by email.

7.1 Current financial position

Balance of accounts

Community Account (6752)	£24,418.97	as at 4 th Jan 2019
Community Savings (6779)	£3,946.19	as at 4 th Jan 2019
Renewals A/C (6760)	£10,089.93	as at 4 th Jan 2019

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

None.

Payments received

None.

7.2 Motion to approve invoices and approval and issue of Cheques

Urgent cheques drawn and paid away

Cheque No. 100992 - J Ellis, Clerk's Salary (December).	£563.38
Cheque No. 100993 - D Hilbourne, RFOs salary (December).	£137.65
Cheque No. 100994 - East Sussex Pension Scheme, re Clerk (December).	£164.54
Cheque No. 100995 - HMRC, Remit PAYE collected.	£103.20
Cheque No. 100996 - HG Village Hall, hire of hall for Neighbourhood plan meetings.	£264.00
Cheque No. 100997 - HG Village Hall, hire of hall for parish meetings.	£385.34
Cheque No. 100998 - Montrose Glass, immediate repairs to Shop following break-in.	£330.00
Cheque No. 100999 - Pet Waste Solutions, clearance of dog bin (4) waste for December.	£135.17
Cheque No. 1001000 - Zurich Insurance, Policy excess on shop break-in.	£100.00

Cheques to be authorised for this meeting

Copies of invoices re items below previously circulated via email to all Councillors.

Cheque No. 1001001 - J Ellis, Clerk's Salary (January).	£563.38
Cheque No. 1001002 - D Hilbourne, RFOs salary (January).	£137.65
Cheque No. 1001003 - East Sussex Pension Scheme, re Clerk (January).	£164.54
Cheque No. 1001004 - SSALC, Clerk's Networking day in November.	£96.00

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 Johnson and seconded by Councillor Price.

7.3 Resolution to approve precept for 2019/20 of £41,960 as per recommendations from working party meeting held on the 11th December 2018

This was proposed by Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor Johnson and was **unanimously supported**.

8.0 Playing & Stage Fields

Councillor Browne reported that Drewetts Field fencing had been urgently repaired due to straying horses on the ground. Had been an ongoing issue.

8.1 Drewetts Field – resolution to support mole control in field

Still waiting for third quote. Councillor Johnson will supply details of another mole catcher and will email the Clerk.

8.2 Stage Field progress report on grant application and to pass any resolutions necessary

The grant application is in the process of being completed and all necessary documentation being gathered together.

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 meeting is on Tuesday 26th February 2019 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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

Signed Graham Browne
Chairman

Dated 26th February 2019