**HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held in Hurst Green Village Hall on Tuesday 30th June 2015 starting at 8:00pm.

**Present: -** Councillor Browne (Chairman), Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Harrison, Councillor Janes Councillor Johnson, Councillor Peacock, Councillor Wright and District Councillor Prochak.

The Clerk was in attendance. Ten members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies for Absence:-**Councillor Funnell, the RFO, David Hilbourne and County Councillor Barnes.
2. **Co-option to fill one vacancy on the Council**

Lilian Cruse, who had previously expressed interest in this position attended the meeting and the Chair put this to the vote. ***Lilian Cruse was unanimously voted onto the Council*** and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office before taking up her seat.

**3.0 Minutes of the last meeting:-**

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 19th May 2015.

Minutes proposed by Councillor Peacock and seconded by Councillor Harrison.

* 1. **Matters arising from the Minutes: -**

No matters arising.

1. **Declaration of Interests: -**

None declared.

1. **Adoption of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**

To be postponed to the next meeting when the RFO is present.

1. **Community:-** Guest speaker

No Guest speaker.

Phyllis Cowling asked the Council if it would make a donation again this year to the Children in Need Theatre production put on in the Village Hall. A sum of £250 was requested. To be put on the next agenda.

6.2 Redundant Hurst Green Village sign

This sign was removed from the A21 at the northern end of the village as it has been replaced by a new sign and the resident beside the sign wanted it moved due to a change in their entrance access.

The Council thought that it would be a nice idea to re-site this sign in front of the Village Hall. Councillor Wright will approach Sue Endean and see what the Village Hall management committee think of this idea**.**

6.3 County/District Councillors Report

District Councillor Prochak reported that a full Rother Council meeting had taken place on the previous evening although there were a lot of absences due to holidays. The De La Warr is now doing very well and attracting a lot of visitors. A strategy on consultation on planning applications is being worked on and it was noted that Rother is the only Council that does not allow the public to speak at meetings.

1. **Parish Council Website**

The Clerk updated the Council in the RFO’s absence on the progress of the website. A supplier has been agreed by Councillors via email and a domain name has been registered. The content of the site is now being worked on and contributions from Councillors is needed.

**8.0 Planning: -**

8.1 RDC Planning decisions

**RR/2015/1023/P –** Lodge Farm Cottage, 1 London Road, Hurst Green. Provision of improved means of

enclosure to existing dwelling. **Refused.**

**RR/2015/1052/P -** Rosewood, Silverhill, Hurst Green TN19 7QB Proposed side extension over existing garage with front and rear dormer windows. **Approved.**

**RR/2015/850/P -** 4 Colemans Way, Hurst Green TN19 7NY. Construction of a dormer window in bedroom 3. Construction of a balcony in bedroom 1. **Approved.**

**RR/2015/1144/P** - Ashdene Garage North, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QR Extension to existing shop, store, and back office. **Approved.**

**RR/2015/1146/P** - Ashdene Garage South, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QR Extension to existing shop, store, and back office. **Approved.**

8.2 Current Applications

**RR/2015/1472/P -** Hadlow Lodge, Burgh Hill, Hurst Green TN19 7PE. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission RR/2013/2391/P to increase ridge height of new house by approx 900mm and extension of central bay by 900mm. **Majority** **supported.**

**RR/2015/1358/P -** 12 Vicarage Way, Hurst Green TN19 7Q. Single storey front extension. **Majority not supported.**

**RR/2015/1144/P** - Ashdene Garage North, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QR Extension to existing shop, store, and back office. **Already approved by RDC**

**RR/2015/1146/P** - Ashdene Garage South, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QR Extension to existing shop, store, and back office. **Already approved by RDC**

**RR/2015/961/P -** 31 & 33 London Road Hurst Green TN19 7QP. Front porches. **Supported.**

**RR/2014/2539/P -** The Oast (White Horse Inn), Silverhill, Hurst Green TN19 7PU Timber shed/garden room & ground works (Retrospective**). Majority not supported.**

**9.0 Finance/David Hilbourne,RFO’s Report:-**

In The RFOs absence the Clerk gave the financial report as provided by David Hilbourne.

9.1 Current financial position

Balance of accounts

Community Account (6752) £11,334.95 as at 15th June 2015

Community Savings (6779) £690.34 as at 15th June 2015

Renewals A/C (6760) £13,063.36 as at 15th June 2015

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.

9.2 Approval and issue of Cheques

*Urgent cheques drawn and paid away*

Cheque No. 100571 – Spoilt -

Cheque No. 100572 – DG Browne, Cut grass in April and May. £240.00

Cheque No. 100573 – C Allen, In Party Tents. Balance on marquee hire for Fete. £245.00

Cheque No. 100574 – SLCC, subscription for Clerk. £103.00

Cheque No. 100575 – H & D Air Con, balance of air-con for community shop. £1968.00

Cheque No. 100576 - J Ellis, Clerk’s Salary (June. £416.66

Cheque No. 100577 - D Hilbourne, RFOs salary (June) £96.00

Cheque No. 100578 - HMRC, remit PAYE collected. £385.00

Cheque No. 100579 - Andrew Ferguson, band for fete. £150.00

Cheque No. 100580 – East Sussex Pension Scheme, re Clerk. £143.85

Cheque No. 100581 - Heathfield hire, generator for fete. £69.36

Cheque No. 100582 – H & D Air Con, balance of air-con for community shop. £1968.00

*Cheques to be authorised for this meeting*

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

Cheque No. 100583 – R Cruse, maintenance of Corner Garden. £380.00

Cheque No. 100584 - SSALC, Councillor training £360.00

Cheque No. 100585 - RDC, Election expenses. £165.35

A resolution for approval is sought for past and present issue of Cheques.

Cheques proposed by Councillor Peacock and seconded by Councillor Duddridge.

**10.0 Playing Fields:-**

Election of representative for Stage Field

Councillor Browne reported that Councillor Duddridge was happy to take on this role. This was unanimously supported.

10.1 Stile at Stage Field

Local residents have expressed concern about the height of the stile at the entrance to Stage Field which was proving difficult to climb over. Councillor Browne offered to arrange to see to the stile being lowered to improve access.

10.2 Proposed Memorial Seat in Drewetts Field

Different types off seating has been looked at and Councillors **unanimously resolved to purchase** a sturdy almost indestructibly bench seat without arm rests, the Phoenix seat from Glasdon currently £353.00 for Drewetts Field. A memorials seat for the Corner Garden is to be put on the next agenda.

10.3 Update on Lodge Field play equipment repairs

Councillor Janes met one company on site with the requisite insurances and identified all the work to be done. Quote was considered to be high and another quote is to be obtained.

1. **Footpaths, Transport & Roads**

Councillor Janes has rec’d information from Highways England re the proposed speed changes on the A21 to the north of the Village, with a proposed 50mph limit from Boarzell to Hurst Green. To be put in village Magazine.

11.1 Footpath 23 (off London Road by Jesses)

There was a lot of concern from local residents concerning the re-routing of footpath 23 through the property known as Jesses, off London Road. A formal complaint has been sent in to East Sussex County Council and a reply has been received which was unsatisfactory to the recipient.

The Council was supportive of the residents’ concerns about the diversion and East Sussex are to be consulted with on this issue.

**12.0 Notices and Correspondence:-**

*Correspondence previously circulated via email*

Clerk noted that the Council had rec’d a formal letter from Stephen Hardy re Robertsbridge and Salehurst’s proposed Neighbourhood plan. This has been distributed to Councillors via email.

12.2 1 Urgent issues requiring attention

The Chair requested that the issue of disabled access to Drewetts and Stage Field should be put on the next agenda as concern has been expressed about this issue.

Overgrown hedge at no. 33 Ridgeway and dislodged kerbstones outside Two Hoots to be reported by Clerk.

**13.00 Items for the next agenda:-**

Parish Website

**14.0**  **Date and time of next Meeting:-**

The next meeting is on Tuesday 28h July 2015 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Distribution of Minutes: - Signed

All Parish councillors.

Parish Council Noticeboard.

ESCC Councillor J. Barnes. Chairman

RDC Councillor S. Prochak. Dated