

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Hurst Green Village Hall on Tuesday 25th October 2016 starting at 8:00pm.

Present: - Councillor Browne (Chair), Councillor Cruse, Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Funnell, Councillor Janes, Councillor Peacock, Councillor Wright, District Councillor Prochak and County Councillor Barnes. The Clerk was in attendance along with 4 members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for Absence:- Councillor Johnson, Councillor Harrison and the RFO David Hilbourne

2.0 Minutes of the last meeting:-

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 27th September 2016.

Minutes proposed by Councillor Peacock and seconded by Councillor Janes.

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.*

No declarations rec'd.

4.0 Community Activities and reports:-

None rec'd.

4.1 Hurst Green Car Park update

All documents pertaining to the Car park have now been rec'd and circulated to councillors.

Query on one of the documents referring to valuation of buildings. Clerk to find out more about this.

Questions to be asked of Rother, what happens with dumped vehicles, can we contract out to Rother's enforcement team and chase up enquiry re emptying of bins.

4.1 a) Resolution to accept or not Rother District Council's offer of a one off payment in lieu of 10 yr. maintenance plan

Majority resolution to accept one off payment with one abstention.

4.2 Feedback on Village Fete

Councillor Browne thought the Council had now rec'd all the available information on this.

4.3 Application for donation from Battle Area Community Transport

This item was discussed but Councillor Janes had checked it out and could not see that this service was active in Hurst Green and the request therefore did not meet the Council's criteria for a grant of money.

4.4 Village Hall Garden (Cllr Johnson)

In Councillor Johnson's absence Sue Endean was invited to speak by the Chair on this subject.

The Village Hall Garden, which was previously cared for by the local British Legion, has been cleared and a weed proof membrane put down. The Village Hall would like to put up a Christmas tree but needs funding for the lights which would be around £160 for five lengths of lights.

The Council unanimously agreed in principle to purchase the lights for the hall and gift them.

To be put on the next agenda for formal approval.

Councillor Browne reminded Sue Endean that the old village sign was to be put up somewhere in the Village Hall grounds.

5.0 Planning: -

Information rec'd from Rother that enforcement action was being taken against Hayes Mill Oast re non-compliance with prior approved applications relating to use of buildings for ancillary use only. Notice will come into force on the 21st November and the occupants have six months to comply.

5.1 RDC Planning decisions

RR/2016/2027/P - 24 Station Road, Excelsior, Hurst Green TN19 7PL. Outline: New single dwelling detached house. **Refused.**

RR/2016/2120/P - **Stage Field, Silverhill, Hurst Green.** Formation of vehicular access & parking. **Granted.**

5.2 Current Applications

None rec'd.

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

Financial report given by the Clerk in the absence of the Responsible Financial Officer, David Hilbourne.

6.1 Current financial position

Balance of accounts

Community Account (6752)	£18,807.15	as at 4 th October 2016*
Community Savings (6779)	£2,736.33	as at 4 th October 2016
Renewals A/C (6760)	£10,073.13	as at 4 th October 2016

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

**Note there is currently £2,200 in unpaid cheques which payees have not yet banked as of 4th October*

Direct Debit payments

None

Payments received

3rd October, Rother District Council, Precept part 2. £16,637.50

6.2 Approval and issue of Cheques

Urgent cheques drawn and paid away

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

Cheque No. 100714 - R Janes, replacement of cheque 100645 (27/02/16) not banked re HG mag. £500.00

Cheques to be authorised for this meeting

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

Cheque No. 100715 - J Ellis, Clerk's Salary (Oct).	£437.66
Cheque No. 100716 - D Hilbourne, RFOs salary (Oct).	£125.13
Cheque No. 100717 - East Sussex Pension Scheme, re Clerk.	£153.93
Cheque No. 100718 - Pet Waste Solutions, clearance of dog bin waste for October.	£56.33

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

Cheques proposed by Councillor Cruse and seconded by Councillor Wright

7.0 **Playing & Stage Fields**

The Risk Assessment for Lodge Field has been rec'd. Several items of concern which Councillors will investigate further tomorrow with a site meeting arranged for 10.30am.

7.1 Lodge field Playground repairs update

Councillor Janes reported that the work had been done although slightly over budget.

7.2 To be considered, Hurst Green Cricket Club's lease of Drewetts field (Cllr. Funnell)

Councillor Funnell outlined his concerns over the current Cricket Club lease which he felt should be updated. Clerk provided some historic documentation but the RFO had further documents pertaining to the current lease which was not available at the meeting. Much debate about this issue. The Cricket Club management committee is currently being overhauled.

The Chair recommended that the issue should be looked at in depth with a meeting in six months to look at the way forward and gather more evidence to inform a reasoned debate.

8.0 Footpaths, Transport & Roads

8.1 Update on Footpath 23 (off London Road by Jesses) and footpath 27

The section 130 notice has been served with Parish Council's amendments included. Claire Barrett read out a letter re the DMMO (Definitive Map modification Order) which was sent to ESCC.

Re footpath 27 by Mill Cottage at the Stage, diversion order has been refused at the current time.

9.00 Notices and Correspondence:-

Correspondence previously circulated via email.

9.1 Urgent issues requiring attention

Seat at Bus Stop outside The George needs removing urgently due to its poor state of repair.

10.00 Items for the next agenda:-

Form for requests for donations

Other items to be emailed to Clerk as necessary.

11.0 Date and time of next Meeting:-

The next meeting is on Tuesday 29th November 2016 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Distribution of Minutes: -

All Parish councillors.

Parish Council Noticeboard.

ESCC Councillor J. Barnes.

RDC Councillor S. Prochak.

Signed

Chairman

Dated