

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Hurst Green Village Hall on Tuesday 29th March 2016 starting at 8:00pm.

Present: - Councillor Browne (Chairman), Councillor Cruse, Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Harrison, Councillor Janes, Councillor Peacock and County Councillor Barnes.

The Clerk was in attendance and 8 members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for Absence:- Councillor Funnell, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Wright, District Councillor Prochak 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 23rd February 2016.

Minutes proposed by Councillor Peacock and seconded by Councillor Duddridge.

3.0 Declaration of Interests: -

Councillor Janes declared an interest in agenda item 4.4 donation to Community Shop as Duty Manager and committee member of the Community Shop.

4.0 Community Activities:-

No reports rec'd.

4.1 Queen's Celebrations, beacon event.

The working party met and came to the conclusion that as it would be a late event and mid-week unlikely to attract many people so there would only be small scale refreshments on offer. Marshalls in Hi-Viz jackets would be in attendance and the beacon would be lit at a time of the attendees choosing.

4.2 Community Friends Groups, update

Mandy Janes, Sue Endean and a representative from Rother Voluntary Action met to discuss a community survey.

4.3 Village Fete

Councillor Browne reported that Councillor Johnson has had a meeting and has started to organise the event for this year.

4.4 Resolution to approve a donation to the Community Shop a sum of up to £3,000 for connection to main drainage under LGA 1972, s137

Councillor Janes declared an interest in this agenda item and did not take part in the discussion or vote.

The Council unanimously resolved to donate a sum up to £3,000 towards the connection to main drainage under s137.

4.5 Resolution to approve a donation to the Village Hall a sum of £1,000 towards replacement windows under LGA 1972, s137

Councillor Browne explained that Rother have agreed to give £3,500 towards this project on the condition that the Village Hall finds fund of £1,000 towards the costs.

The Council unanimously resolved to donate a sum of £1,000 towards the installation of new windows under s137.

4.6 County/District Councillors Report

County Councillor Barnes gave his report. Council Tax demands now being sent out.

A new Highways contract will start soon with a contractor new to local government which may see alternative ways of doing things.

Community resilience in public health will be looking at what is happening in the villages and will want to work with parish councils to try and plug any gaps.

Still waiting to see how much money can be expected from the business rates which are to take over from Government grants.

District Councillor Browne, reported that he has asked Rother to re submit their request for the Parish Council to take over the Car park.

5.0 Planning: -

5.1 RDC Planning decisions

RR/2015/3146/P - 58 London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7PN. Variation of planning permission RR/2015/946/P, conditions 2 and 3. Redesign of garage to provide single garage and domestic storage area.. **Granted**.

5.2 Current Applications

Councillor Browne declared a late interest in planning application RR/2016/699/P as the applicant had worked for him. Not previously noticed.

RR/2016/699/P - 1 Ticehurst Road, Hillside Cottages, Hurst Green TN19 7QT. Proposed demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of new building with office over to store and repair agricultural machinery. **Supported**.

RR/2016/615/P - Haydon Lodge, Silverhill, Hurst Green TN19 7QB. Retention of mobile home for a temporary period of 2 years. **Supported**.

RR/2016/517/P - 1 London Road, Lodge Farm Cottage, Hurst Green TN19 7QP. Replacement of existing dwelling and conversion of existing garages to form family annexe/holiday accommodation. **Supported**.

RR/2016/241/P - Merriments Barn, Merriments Lane, Hurst Green TN19 7RQ. Conversion of Grade 2 Listed barn to residential dwelling. Erection of new four bay garage and pool building. Change of use from agricultural to residential. **Supported**.

RR/2016/242/L - Merriments Barn, Merriments Lane, Hurst Green TN19 7RQ. Conversion of Grade 2 Listed barn to residential dwelling. Erection of new four bay garage and pool building. Change of use from agricultural to residential. **Supported**.

RR/2016/422/P - Hays Mill Oast, Etchingam TN19 7QJ. Change of use of ancillary swimming pool and studio building to self-contained dwelling house within Use Class C3, including variation/removal of condition 2 of RR/2009/1152/P to use as a separate dwelling house. **Not supported**.

RR/2016/423/P - Hays Mill Oast, Etchingam TN19 7QJ Change of use of annexe/ancillary building to self contained dwelling house within Use Class C3, including variation/removal of condition 2 of RR/2005/2745/P to allow use as a separate dwelling house. **Not supported**.

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)	£5,368.54	as at 16 th March 2016
Community Savings (6779)	£2,159.03	as at 16 th March 2016
Renewals A/C (6760)	£10,069.04	as at 16 th March 2016

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

22nd March - Biffa, waste collection for Drewetts. £40.56

Payments received

None rec'd.

6.2 Approval and issue of Cheques

Urgent cheques drawn and paid away

Cheque No. 100644 - Staples, stationery (29/02/16). £56.50

Cheques to be authorised for this meeting

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

Cheque No. 100646 - J Ellis, Clerk's Salary (March).	£433.06
Cheque No. 100647 - D Hilbourne, RFOs salary (March).	£123.98
Cheque No. 100648 - East Sussex Pension Scheme, re Clerk.	£149.54
Cheque No. 100649 - HMRC, remit PAYE collected.	£418.00
Cheque No. 100650 - ESCC, Street Light electricity and maintenance.	£815.74

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

Cheques proposed by Councillor Janes and seconded by Councillor Duddridge.

6.3 Resolution to adopt the Council's Risk Assessment for 2016

It was unanimously resolved to adopt the Council's Risk Assessment for 2016.

6.4 Resolution to make a donation to Victim Support

It was unanimously resolved to donate a sum of £50.00 to Victim Support under LGA 1972 s137.

7.0 Playing fields

Councillor Janes reported that there was a delay to the repairs to equipment in Lodge Field as the contractor was unable to make meeting due to transport issues.

Issues with moles in both Drewetts and Lodge fields. Clerk to look into contractors.

New 'No dogs' signs to be obtained for Lodge Field and existing gates to be refurbished and repainted.

New goal post net is now up in Drewetts Field.

7.1 Stage Field entrance and parking, resolution to pay for planning application for new entrance

It was unanimously resolved to pay for the planning application for a new entrance way to Stage Field.

8.0 Footpaths, Transport & Roads

Pothole on Burgh Hill near Hadlow Lodge. Clerk to report.

Issues with bagged dog waste left on footpath 6/6a. Biffa to be contacted re second bin placed at top of turning circle at Ridgway to see if this is effective.

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

Councillor Barnes reported from his briefing with East Sussex Rights of Way that the path was late in being registered as it had been missed. Photographs from the 1930s concur with the 1960s photos which show that the path could not have run on the line that the landowner has currently moved the path to. The Rights of Way team are now reporting back to the landowner. The Parish Council has still not been informed about this by ESCC.

Councillor Barnes feels that the duty solicitor at Rother Police was at fault concerning Claire Barrett's case and that a complaint should be made to the Law Society.

9.0 Notices and Correspondence:-

Correspondence previously circulated via email

Clerk noted the medals being offered by one company to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday, one of which had been donated to the Council.

9.1 Urgent issues requiring attention

The Chair reported that Councillor Johnson had nominated Phyllis Cowling for this year's Community Award to be given out at the Parish Assembly. Councillor Browne asked if there were any further nominations.

No other nominations rec'd.

The Council unanimously agreed to make the award to Phyllis Cowling this year.

10.00 Items for the next agenda:-

None rec'd

12.0 Date and time of next Meeting:-

The next meeting is on Tuesday 26th April 2016 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.30pm.

The Annual Parish Assembly will take place on Tuesday 12th April at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Distribution of Minutes: -

All Parish councillors.

Parish Council Noticeboard.

ESCC Councillor J. Barnes.

RDC Councillor S. Prochak.

Signed

Chairman

Dated