

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Hurst Green Village Hall on Tuesday 30th August 2016 starting at 8:00pm.

Present: - Councillor Browne (Chair), Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Funnell, Councillor Harrison, Councillor Janes, Councillor Johnson and County Councillor Barnes. The Clerk and the RFO David Hilbourne were in attendance along with 9 members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for Absence:- Councillor Cruse, Councillor Peacock, Councillor Wright and District Councillor Prochak.

Councillor Browne thanked Councillor Janes for taking the Chair at the last meeting.

2.0 Minutes of the last meeting:-

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th July 2016.

The RFO David Hilbourne noted that cheque no.100679 should be recorded as cheque no. 100691, agenda item 6.2

Minutes proposed by Councillor Janes and seconded by Councillor Harrison.

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 Duddridge and Harrison declared an interest in agenda item 4.3 (allotments) as allotment holders.

4.0 Community Activities and reports:-

Councillor Janes reported that a Community Shop customer had asked if the Harvest Supper could be resurrected. The shop are therefore going to host this. Councillors Browne and Johnson offered to help with running a nostalgia event at the supper.

The Luncheon club for the over 75s is still a work in progress.

4.1 Hurst Green Car Park update

Much debate over possible monitoring of vehicles parked in the car park and methods of doing so.

Clerk read out details of the Rother District Council offer of a one off payment as against a maintenance agreement over 10 years.

Councillors requested more information re the recycling units in the car park and their retention as well as what was happening about the flooding after heavy rainfall before they could make a decision.

Clerk to contact Rother for information

Councillors Funnell and Peacock are the working party on this issue.

4.2 Feedback on Village Fete

Councillor Johnson does not have all the information yet so this item to be postponed to the next meeting.

The RFO thought that slightly more had been spent out this year at £595.60 but Councillor Browne pointed out that this was well within the allotted budget and that attendee's appeared to enjoy themselves.

Councillors Harrison and Duddridge declared an interest in the next agenda item as allotment holders.

4.3 Renewal of Lease and Tenancy for Allotment Field

The lease of the Allotment Field is due to run out in 2019 which leaves two growing seasons. For this reason allotment holders need to know what their future position is.

Councillor Browne will contact David Pennock via his agent to see if the lease is likely to be extendable.

4.4 County/District Councillors Report

County Councillor Barnes reported that the County had received very good reports on its local secondary

schools which were performing well above the national average although he had no specific details for Robertsbridge.

Councillor Barnes expressed concern over the junction of the A265 with the A21 which is getting increasingly more congested and it is his belief that East Sussex should help pay towards improvements here. He asked the Clerk to put on the next agenda for a resolution for East Sussex County Council to look at hazard control in this area. Suggested East Sussex should be asked when they last did a survey and vehicle movement count in this area and what the figures were.

District Councillor Browne had nothing to report.

5.0 Planning: -

Clerk reported that a lot of reports had been rec'd from concerned residents re planning breaches at Hayes Mill Oast. Clerk has reported, enforcement ref number - ENF/110/16/ETC.

Rother are now prosecuting 11 Station Road, for breaches in planning.

5.1 RDC Planning decisions

RR/2016/1590/P - 107 London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7PN. Rear single storey extension. **Granted.**

RR/2016/1556/P - St. Etienne, Burgh Hill, Hurst Green TN19 7PE Single storey side extension including replacement garage and alterations. **Granted.**

RR/2016/1859/P - **The Oaks**, Burgh Hill, Hurst Green TN19 7PE. Single storey rear extension with flat roof. **Granted.**

5.2 Current Applications

RR/2016/2122/P - Brockhurst, Burgh Hill, Hurst Green TN19 7PE. Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. **Supported.**

RR/2016/2027/P - 24 Station Road, Excelsior, Hurst Green TN19 7PL. Outline: New single dwelling detached house. **Not supported.**

RR/2016/1874/P - 1 Silverbank, Silverhill, Hurst Green TN19 7QB. Replacement of an existing asbestos workshop and store with a double garage and permeable external hardstanding. **Supported.**

6.0 Finance/RFO's Report:-

Financial report given by the Responsible Financial Officer, David Hilbourne.

6.1 Current financial position

Balance of accounts

Community Account (6752)	£6,722.75	as at 22 nd August 2016
Community Savings (6779)	£2,736.03	as at 22 nd August 2016
Renewals A/C (6760)	£10,072.00	as at 22 nd August 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

15th August, Public works Loan Board, interest and capital payment on Parish Loan. £2097.50

Payments received

None.

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. 100692 - Solopress, Leaflet re local planning application (Cllr. Peacock).	£80.00
Cheque No. 100693 - Pet Waste Solutions, clearance of dog bin waste for July.	£39.00
Cheque No. 100694 - Rother DC, planning application for Stage field entrance.	£195.00

Cheques to be authorised for this meeting

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

Cheque No. 100695 - J Ellis, Clerk's Salary (August).	£437.66
Cheque No. 100696 - D Hilbourne, RFOs salary (August).	£125.13
Cheque No. 100697 - East Sussex Pension Scheme, re Clerk.	£153.93
Cheque No. 100698 - DC Browne, grass cut July.	£120.00
Cheque No. 100699 - Simon Goodwin, annual web site support up to Sept. 2017.	£150.00
Cheque No. 100700 - Phyllis Cowling, donation under s137 for Children in Need Theatre Group.	£250.00
Cheque No. 100701 - Kaspersky, anti-virus software for Clerk and RFO up to Sept 2017 (5).	£54.99
Cheque No. 100702 - William Smith, Materials and repair to Lodge Field play equipment and ground.	£792.00
Cheque No. 100703 - Hurst Green Cricket Club, donation under s137 for Cricket square.	£250.00
Cheque No. 100704 - Pet Waste Solutions, clearance of dog bin waste for August.	£56.33

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

Cheques proposed by Councillor Funnell and seconded by Councillor Janes

6.3 Resolution to donate £250 to Children in Need theatre production group under LGA 1972 s. 145

This resolution was unanimously approved by the Council.

6.4 Resolution to donate unspecified (as yet) sum to Hurst Green junior football Club under LGA 1972 s137

No request has formally been received by the Council which names the specific sum being looked for. The RFO suggested that the Council resolved in principle to help the junior football club but wait for a formal request specifying the amount wanted with a detailed list of the equipment needed with costs. The Parish Council can purchase the equipment and reclaim the VAT and then donate to the club. The Council unanimously approved this suggestion. The RFO will contact the football club and ask for a formal request for help with a detailed list of requirements and costs. To be put on next agenda.

7.0 Playing & Stage Fields

7.1 Lodge field Playground repairs

Councillor Janes reported that the further repairs to Lodge Field would cost another £250 which was mainly due to the high cost of the specialised buffalo board that was needed for the repair.

The Council was happy to approve this and get the work completed, formal resolution on next agenda.

7.2 Update on Stage Field planning

Some delay in this due to the need for an Archaeological and Heritage statement but as the proposed work was mainly surface this should not be an issue.

8.0 Footpaths, Transport & Roads

Clerk gave a brief update on her meeting with A-One+ in the Village Hall.

A-one+ are responsible for carrying out all work on the A21 for Highways England in our area.

The two street lights on the A21 which were out are now working but are not up to specified standard so will need to be replaced and a full survey will be undertaken but this could take up to three years to complete the process. Apologies were given over the time taken to cut the verges which was partly due to the new contract and delays in getting equipment to the right place and the need to do an ecological survey before the work could be done.

The overgrown footpath by Swanfield off of the A21 has been cut back by ESCC.

8.1 Update on Footpath 23 (off London Road by Jesses) and ESCC intent re 130 notice, resolution to approve.

The Section 130 notice has been received back from ESCC after their investigation of the blocked line of the path with their suggested wording for Parish Council approval.

Councillor Funnell read out the document to the Council.

Concern was expressed that ESCC did not request that the path was opened up to a cart tracks width so approval for the wording by the Parish Council should be done with the explicit warning that this should not prejudice the Parish Council's view that the path should be open to a full cart tracks width when all investigations have finished.

It was resolved that in order to expedite the opening of the path the wording should be approved with this proviso and that point 3 should request that the five bar gate should be fully openable.

Councillor Funnell requested that the wording to ESCC Rights of Way team should be approved by the Councillors before emailing it to Andrew Le Gresley. Clerk will email it to Councillors and await their approval before sending.

8.2 Footpaths in Burgh Wood

A local resident was concerned that as most footpath walks in Burgh Wood were permissive that they may be lost if the land changed hands. Councillors thought that the existing official footpaths should be sufficient if this did happen but would look into the line of the official paths.

8.3 Street Lights on the A21

Clerk reported on this under agenda item 8.0.

9.00 **Notices and Correspondence:-**

Correspondence previously circulated via email.

9.1 Urgent issues requiring attention

No issues raised.

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

To be emailed to Clerk as necessary.

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

The next meeting is on Tuesday 27th September 2016 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Distribution of Minutes: -

All Parish councillors.

Parish Council Noticeboard.

ESCC Councillor J. Barnes.

RDC Councillor S. Prochak.

Signed

Chairman

Dated