

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Hurst Green Village Hall on Tuesday 7th January 2014 starting at 8:00pm.

Present: - Councillor Browne (Chairman), Councillor Cruse (from 8.30pm), Councillor Hampton, Councillor Janes, Councillor Peacock and District Councillor Prochak.

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

1.0 Apologies for Absence: - Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Greenfield and County Councillor Barnes
Regrettably the Chair announced that he had just rec'd Councillor Harniman's letter of resignation due to health reasons. The Chair thanked Councillor Harniman for his work for the Council and wished him a speedy recovery.

2.0 Minutes of the last meeting:-

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th November 2013.

Minutes proposed by Councillor Hampton and seconded by Councillor Peacock.

2.1 Matters arising from the Minutes: -

No matters arising.

3.0 Declaration of Interest: -

Councillor Janes declared an interest in agenda item 4.0, Precept setting, re the Parish Magazine as the editor.

4.0 Precept setting and proposed expenditure for 2014/15

The Chair moved this agenda item to after Planning and Finance

5.0 Planning: -

5.1 RDC Planning decisions

Previously circulated via email.

RR/2013/2150/P

BELLHURST OAST, COOPERS CORNER, MERRIMENTS LANE, HURST GREEN TN19
DEMOLISH EXISTING GREENHOUSE AND ERECT NEW CEDAR GREENHOUSE. MR ALAN BLEWETT .

Approved.

RR/2013/2160/A

ASHDENE SERVICE STATIONS, LONDON ROAD (NORTH BOUND), HURST GREEN TN19 7QR
CONTINUATION OF EXISTING POLE SIGN (OLD APPROVAL EXPIRED. ASHDENE SERVICE
STATIONS LTD. **Approved.**

RR/2013/2234/P -

28 STATION ROAD, HURST GREEN TN19 7PL
ERECTION OF REAR DORMER + INSERTION OF ROOFLIGHTS + GROUND FLOOR BAY WINDOWS
TO FRONT ELEVATION. MR MALCOLM COX **Refused.**

5.2 Current Applications

RR/2013/2384/P-

27 STATION ROAD, HURST GREEN

PROPOSAL, TWO STOREY FRONT AND SIDE EXTENSION TO REPLACE SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION,
PORCHCREATED & NEW MONO-PITCHED ROOF OVER EXISTING GARAGE.

APPLICANT, MR & MRS B SPRAY 27 STATION ROAD, HURST GREEN. **Already Approved.**

RR/2013/2471/P

CARAVAN TECH SERVICES, LONDON ROAD, HURST GREEN

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF EXTENSION TO EXISTING WORKSHOPS TO FORM THREE VALETING BAYS. **Already Approved**

RR/2013/2391/P

HADLOW LODGE, BURGH HILL, HURST GREEN.

REDUCTION IN FOOTPRINT AND REDESIGN OF HADLOW LODGE. MR STEVEN READER.

Not Supported.

RR/2013/2392/P

HADLOW LODGE, BURGH HILL, HURST GREEN.

TO CREATE NEW DWELLING HOUSE BY MEANS OF EXTENSION TO EXISTING ANNEX BUILDING.

MR STEVEN READER. **Not Supported.**

6.0 Finance/David Hilbourne, RFO's Report: -

6.1 Current financial position

Balance of accounts

Community Account (6752)	£6,032.02	as at 29 th December 2013
Community Savings (6779)	£2,915.26	as at 29 th December 2013
Renewals A/C (6760)	£11,057.05	as at 29 th December 2013

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

27th December - DD, BT, Village Hall telephone. £98.21

Payments received

None

6.2 Approval and issue of Cheques

Urgent cheques drawn and paid away

Cheque No. 100433 - Rural Rother Trust, donation under s137.	£100.00
Cheque No. 100434 - Ernest Doe, Wasp killer and padlock for Drewetts Field.	£34.76
Cheque No. 100435 - DG Browne, re mowing for October.	£120.00
Cheque No. 100443 - British Legion, donation for Poppy Appeal under s137.	£50.00
Cheque No. 100444 - Friends of Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital, donation under s137.	£500.00
Cheque No. 100445 - HG Parochial CC, donation to Churchyard under LGA 1972, s125(6).	£900.00
Cheque No. 100446 - J Ellis, Clerk's Salary (December).	£365.88
Cheque No. 100447 - D Hilbourne, RFO Salary (December).	£96.00
Cheque No. 100448 - East Sussex Pension Scheme, re Clerk (December).	£127.76
Cheque No. 100449 - Greencore, rubbish collection, Drewetts Field.	£21.71
Cheque No. 100450 - Biffa, removal of fly tipped rubbish, Drewetts Field.	£60.00

Cheques to be authorised for this meeting

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

Cheque No. 100451 - HMRC, income tax PAYE remitted. £346.80

Approval is sought for past and present issue of Cheques.

Cheques proposed by Councillor Hampton and seconded by Councillor Peacock.

4.0 Precept setting and proposed expenditure for 2014/15

The RFO, David Hilbourne provided a full breakdown off current and expected expenditure, which had previously been sent to all Councillors via email.

There was much discussion re expected expenditure for 2014/15 and it was noted that a careful eye would need to be kept so that the budget was not exceeded. Any further requests from the community would need to be looked at for the 2015/16 budget.

The Chair asked that money be allocated to this year's fete, which was expected to be combined with Twinning celebrations.

The RFO made adjustments to the figures as requested and will come back with a final figure at the meeting of the 28th January as RDC must know before the end of January.

Precept figure looked to come in at about £32,000.

7.0 Notices and Correspondence:-

Correspondence previously circulated via email

7.1 Urgent issues requiring attention

The RFO asked for two Councillors to complete this year's Risk Assessment. Councillors Hampton and Peacock agreed to do this but thought that Councillor Greenfield should be consulted first.

Clerk advised that there were now two Council vacancies and that she would advise Rother about the latest resignation for the official notices to go up.

Councillor Cruse asked if the Clerk could contact the Highways Agency about the hedge alongside the A21 at Meadow View that needed cutting back.

8.0 Items for the next agenda:-

As previously discussed.

9.0 Date and time of next Meeting:-

The next meeting is on Tuesday 28^h January 2014 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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

Signed

Chairman
Dated