

## HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.25pm after extended public consultation.

**Present:-** Councillor Browne (Chair), Councillor Brown, Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Hampton, Councillor Janes, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Kenchington, Councillor Price, Councillor Wright County Councillor Eleanor Kirby-Green and District Councillor Mary Barnes.

The Clerk and RFO, Anita Emery, were in attendance along with seven members of the public.

The Chair welcomed Councillor Eleanor Kirby-Green, newly elected East Sussex Councillor to her first parish meeting.

### 1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: -

None.

### 2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: -

To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Annual General meeting held remotely on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Minutes **proposed by Councillor Janes and seconded by Councillor Duddridge.**

**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.*

Councillor Brown noted that he was a neighbour of planning application RR/2021/495/P Merriments Gardens & Nursery although he does not personally know the applicants.

**3.1 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION** – *to consider written requests from Members for Dispensation and to consider the length of time the dispensation should be granted for i.e. as a one-off relating to a matter on this agenda, or ongoing for a set period and relating to any agenda within that period.*

None received.

**The Chair moved agenda item 5.0 Finance and RFO's report forward in order to allow the RFO to leave the meeting after her report.**

### 5.0 FINANCE/RFO Report

5.1 To approve expenses and payments as itemised on the schedule (appendix attached)

The detailed expenses and payments reports were emailed to all councillors prior to the meeting. Approval of Invoices and payments proposed by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Hampton. **Unanimously approved.**

5.2 To approve combined bank balances and corresponding bank statements from 4<sup>th</sup> May.

**Unanimously approved.**

5.3 To note internal auditors report and to readopt the AGAR

Postponed to the next meeting.

5.4 To discuss the cost and use of RBS Rialtas Parish Council accounting package

Postponed to the next meeting.

5.5 Request to the Council to cover the Clerk's annual SLCC subscription

**Unanimously approved.**

5.6 To consider requests for grants

- i) Request for a grant of £1,000 for the upkeep of the churchyard under LGA 1972 s125(6)

**Unanimously approved.**

- ii) Request for a grant of £1,000 towards the upkeep of the Village Hall under LGA 1972 s137  
**Unanimously approved.**

*The Chair thanked the RFO, Anita Emery for her report and she left the meeting.*

#### **4.0 COMMUNITY Activities and reports**

##### **4.1 Neighbourhood Plan, progress report (Cllrs. Brown & Wright)**

The report was given by Councillor Brown.

A member of the public presented an impact statement to the Council on sites HG22 and HG43 and discussed at length during the public consultation before the meeting started.

##### **4.2 Old Community Shop Building, to discuss the current situation and the way forward (Cllr. Browne)**

Councillor Browne reported back on the two meetings with the Pakenham's which were also attended by Councillor Price and later discussed at a working party meeting in June.

Two proposals came forward.

(1). A without prejudice offer of £50,000 to relinquish the lease

(2). Councillor Browne put forward a compromise of retaining the existing lease and using the Baxter's as tenants for ten years after which time it would be returned to the Pakenham's and accepting a lower compensation package. This was agreed by the Pakenham's.

Both were discussed at the working party and both dismissed

No agreement was reached re the lease.

Another interested party has come forward with a proposal which was outlined to the Council.

Issue with funding as no source identified.

The Chair asked the Councillors for their thoughts. Majority still think that the Baxters proposal is the best on offer. Councillors Browne and Janes did not give an opinion due to interest in site, Cllr Browne as Tenant of the Pakenhams and Councillor Janes due to previous close connection with the site.

The Council agreed to wait for a more in-depth plan from the latest interested party (two-week deadline to be given for this).

##### **4.3 District and County Councillors reports**

**Councillor Barnes** gave her report which included an update on the newly formed Bexhill Parish Council and the long delays in the Rother Planning process which are now taking up to 6 months to deal with.

**Councillor Kirby-Green** gave her report which included issues with pothole repairs

##### **4.4 Clerk's report**

The Clerk gave her report which had been emailed out to all Councilors prior to the meeting.

##### **4.5 To allow Officers and named individuals access to email system**

**Unanimously approved.**

*Councillor Kenchington left the meeting at 9.27pm*

##### **4.6 Parish Correspondence and local resident issues**

The Clerk reported that the Council had rec'd two emails concerning car parking issues in the Village and notification from the School about seeking Academy status. To be put on the next agenda.

##### **4.7 Urgent issues requiring attention**

Councillor Browne asked the Council if they were in agreement re inviting a few residents along to David Hilbourne's retirement tea, paid from the Chairman's allowance to thank them for the exceptional work they have done for the village during the pandemic. This was **unanimously supported.**

#### **5.0 FINANCE/RFO Report**

Moved up agenda and minuted above.

#### **6.0 TRANSPORT, ROADS & FOOTPATHS**

##### **6.1 Speeding issues through the Village (Cllr. Hampton)**

Councillor Hampton has been investigating various speed cameras and has obtained quotes for the different types available.

Local resident who has shown an interest in speeding problems in the Village to be asked to join the working party along with Councillors Browne and Hampton.

## 7.0 PLANNING

Enforcement Issues - Thai Kitchen, London Road Swiftsden, RDC say not an enforcement issue  
**New entrance and driveway off of Horns Road A229**, entrance to be blocked up.

### 7.1 RDC Planning decisions

**RR/2021/457/P**, Bexhurst Oast, Merriments Lane. Proposed garden room extension. **Refused**

**RR/2019/1956/P**, Windmill Farm, Land adj, Silverhill. Outline: Erection of three dwellings, new access and parking. **Refused**

**RR/2021/439/T** – 1 South View Close, Burgh Hill, reduction of Copper Beech tree by 2m. **Consent given.**

### 7.2 Planning applications

**RR/2021/609/P** - 23 Great Oak, Hurst Green TN19 7QF. Extension to existing garage building.

**Not supported** (Majority decision with 5 abstentions)

**RR/2021/495/P** - Merriments Gardens & Nursery, Merriments Lane, Hurst Green TN19 7RA. Erection of cabin for commercial dog grooming. **Supported.**

## 8.0 PLAYING & STAGE FIELDS

### 8.1 Lodge Field progress report

Nothing to report.

## 9.00 Items for the next agenda

Neighbourhood Plan.

Other items to be emailed to Clerk as necessary.

## 10.0 Date and time of next Meeting

The next Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.45pm.

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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.05pm.

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Signed

Chairman

Cllr. Graham Browne

Dated

27<sup>th</sup> July 2021

