

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th September 2021 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.10pm after public consultation.

Present:- Councillor Browne (Chair), Councillor Brown, Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Hampton, Councillor Janes, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Kenchington, Councillor Price (*from 8.30pm*), Councillor Wright, District Councillor Barnes and County Councillor Eleanor Kirby-Green. The Clerk and the RFO Anita Emery were in attendance along with four members of the public.

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 meeting held on Tuesday 31st August 2021. Councillor Brown requested that 'factual changes' should be used instead of just 'changes' to his report, agenda item 2.0

With the above change minutes **proposed by Councillor Wright and seconded by Councillor Johnson.**

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 Browne and Janes declared an interest in agenda item 4.2 the old community shop building Councillors Browne, Brown, Duddridge and Wright declared an Interest in planning application RR/2021/1816/P

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/RFO report up the meeting to allow the RFO to leave the meeting early.

5.0 FINANCE/RFO Report

The RFO, Anita emery gave the report.

First report using the RIAS software now uploaded to the laptop.

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 Kenchington. **Unanimously approved.**

5.2 To approve bank reconciliation

The Council **unanimously approved** the bank reconciliation emailed out to Councilors prior to the meeting.

5.3 To discuss Community Shop solicitor costs

The RFO requested details of the solicitor's costs re the old community shop which appeared to stand at £350+ VAT at the current time. To be looked into further.

5.4 Charge for hire of the Cricket Square by HGCC

Due to the pandemic only two matches have been played to date on the Cricket field hence it was **unanimously agreed** to bill the Cricket club for the £50 annual hire charge but then to waive it due to covid-19.

Councillor Price joined the meeting at 8.30pm

Anita Emery the, RFO left the meeting at 8.30pm.

4.0 COMMUNITY Activities and reports.

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

The report was given by Councillor Brown.

The first Public exhibition for the Neighbourhood Plan will take place on Saturday 30th October from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Councillor Brown asked if Councillors could be present throughout the day working on a rota system.

4.2 Old Community Shop Building, update and to pass any resolutions associated with ongoing re-leasing of the building

Councillor Browne and Councillor Janes declared an interest in this agenda item.

The Community Shop working party are still in agreement that the lease should be offered to the Baxters however Councillor Janes pointed out that their Community Interest Company was not showing up as registered and thinks that this should be looked into along with their Community statement and the asset lock showing that it is a not for profit company before proceeding further.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Baxters re this issue.

4.3 District and County Councillors reports

Councillor Kirby-Green gave her report and noted that ESCC's Children's Services was rated as outstanding.

Councillor Barnes gave the RDC report noting that there had been a discussion re the amount of 'stalled sites' approved for planning but not being developed. The Housing Associations now have access to a lot of Government money via Homes England.

Discussion re RDC's action or lack of action regarding Hayes Mill Oast.

Councillors expressed their continued disappointment at the District Council's failure to effectively pursue relevant enforcement action within the parish. It was resolved that the Clerk should draft a letter to Malcolm Johnson expressing the Parish Council's concerns.

4.4 Clerk's report

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

4.5 Parish Correspondence and local resident issues

In Clerk's report.

4.6 RDC consultation - Public Space Protection Order Review:

The Council unanimously supported the recommendations although queried the position re drinking in public spaces when linked to organized events such as fetes and festivals.

4.7 NALC consultation - DEFRA Local Nature Strategies

Postponed to the next meeting due to time constraints.

4.8 Urgent issues requiring attention

None reported.

5.0 FINANCE/RFO Report

Moved up the agenda after 3.1.

6.0 TRANSPORT, ROADS & FOOTPATHS

Councillor Janes reported that the A21 Puffin crossing was not functioning correctly. Clerk to report. Councillor Duddridge reported that the street light near Gravel Bank, opposite the school was obscured by tree and hedge growth. Clerk to report.

6.1 Highways England remote A21 meeting report

Remote meeting took place but felt that representatives lacked familiarity with local issues. Currently looking at safety issues and are trying to harmonize the speed limits along the A21

7.0 PLANNING

APPEALS - RR/2021/457/P Bexhurst Oast, proposed garden room extension, has been appealed.

7.1 RDC Planning decisions

RR/2021/495/P - Merriments Garden Centre, cabin for commercial dog grooming. **Granted**

RR/2021/1134/P - 26A Station Road, demolition of existing garage and erection of garden room/home office. **Granted**

RR/2021/1136/P - 26A Station Road, roof extension. **Granted**

7.2 Planning applications

RR/2021/1174/P - 76 London Road, Ravynsden, Hurst Green TN19 7PN. Erection of double garage and domestic workshop with home office over. **Supported.**

RR/2021/1975/P - Wincot, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QS.Demolition of shared out shed and erection of single storey extension. **Supported.**

RR/2021/1976/P - Shanti Shanti, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QS. Demolition of shared out shed and erection of single storey extension. **Supported.**

RR/2021/1898/P - Abertawe Cottage, Silverhill, Hurst Green TN19 7PU. Demolition and rebuilding of walls and laying of concrete base. (Part retrospective). **Supported** (majority decision).

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RR/2021/1821/O - Silverhill Pump House Business Unit Bodiam Road Silverhill. TN19 7QD.

Certificate of Lawfulness for the change of use of building from Class B8 (storage and distribution) to Class B1a (office). **Not supported** (majority decision).

Councillors Browne, Brown, Duddridge and Wright declared an Interest in planning application

RR/2021/1816/P below

RR/2021/1816/P - London Road - Land off, Hurst Green TN19 7PN. Erection of 36 dwellings (including affordable housing) with associated open space, access, parking (including community car park), drainage, landscaping and other associated works. **Supported.**

RR/2021/1756/P - The Granary, Bodiam Road, Silverhill, TN19 7PX. Demolition of a garden wall and removal of oil tank, construction of a new single storey rear extension. **Supported.**

RR/2021/1572/L - 121 London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7PN. Repair to chimney to fix issues with water ingress. **Supported.**

8.0 PLAYING & STAGE FIELDS

Issue with moles in both Drewetts and Lodge Fields now needs addressing. Clerk to get quote and proceed if Councillors agree price via email.

8.1 Motion, to replace and renovate the play equipment in Lodge Field.
Proposed by Cllr. Johnson

The motion was proposed by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Wright.
Unanimously supported.

8.2 Lodge Field playground fence replacement quotes.

Three quotes have been received with the Council **unanimously agreeing** to go with the cheapest quote from Paine & Son Fencing for £569.00. (Tate £1,235.00 +VAT and SC Tree Surgery £1,680.00).

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 26th October 2021 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.45pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Distribution of Minutes: -

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ESCC Councillor J. Barnes

RDC Councillor M Barnes.

Signed
 Chairman

Cllr. Graham Browne

Dated

26th October 2021