

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Hurst Green Village Hall on Tuesday 24th September 2019 starting at 8:05pm.

Present:- Councillor Browne (Chair), Councillor Brown, Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Hampton, Councillor Janes, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Kenchington (*from 8.10pm*), Councillor Price, District Councillor Barnes and County Councillor Barnes.

The RFO, David Hilbourne and the Clerk were in attendance along with fifteen members of the public.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: - Councillor Wright (*reason unknown*)

2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: -

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on the 27th August 2019 and the Extraordinary meeting held on the 12th September 2019

Minutes held on the 27th August **proposed by Councillor Price and seconded by Councillor Hampton.**

Minutes held on the 12th September **proposed by Councillor Hampton and seconded by Councillor Duddridge.**

Councillor Kenchington arrived at 8.10pm.

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 Janes declared an interest in agenda item 8.3 the Breakfast Club as he helps to run it.

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.

4.0 COMMUNITY- Activities and reports: -

The Chair moved agenda item 8.3 up the agenda due to the public interest in this item which had been discussed before the meeting in Parish consultation time.

8.3 Motion to continue to support the Breakfast Club (Cllr. Browne)

Councillor Browne proposed a motion to continue to support the Breakfast Club under s132 and this was seconded by Councillor Johnson.

There was much debate on this item **in which Councillor Janes did not take part due to declaration of interest and did not vote.**

Motion was passed by 6 to 1.

4.1 Neighbourhood Plan, progress report and to pass any necessary resolutions (Cllrs. Brown & Wright)

Councillor Brown gave the report and also answered questions from Councillors.

Grant money has or will shortly be rec'd of £2,493 for itemized spending and a further grant is being sort for Community Led Housing (affordable homes)

i) Review progress of call for more potential sites

Councillor Brown wished it to be known that potential new site applications would be welcome and this was still open to owners.

4.2 Community Shop report and position statement and to pass any resolutions proposed.

Councillor Janes gave the report and noted that the process of winding down the business was ongoing but expected to be finished soon.

4.3 May Bank Holiday celebrations, VE Day 75th anniversary (Cllr. Browne)

Councillor Browne reported that he would like the village to participate in this event, a view that was supported by the Council. To this end a working party was set up consisting of Councillors Browne, Hampton, Janes and Johnson.

4.4 Clerk's report – circulated

The Clerk was late circulating this by email and therefore handed out hard copies of the report No questions rec'd.

4.5 Parish Correspondence and local resident issues

Councillor Barnes reported on updates he had rec'd re Sweethayes Farm, dumping of soil which has ceased and soil dumping at Lime House Merriments Lane which is an ongoing investigation.

Councillor Barnes was asked if any dumped soil was to be removed from Sweethayes due to the amount dumped. Councillor Barnes will look into this.

4.6 Urgent issues requiring attention

None reported.

4.7 Councillors questions, none rec'd

5.0 Parish Council matters

5.1 Motion, That this Council, for the purpose of avoiding discrimination, and in accordance with Standing Order 32, part B, will by the next full meeting of Council, amend all references within its standing orders from 'his' to 'their'. (Cllr. Brown)

This motion was unanimously passed. Clerk to action.

6.0 TRANSPORT, ROADS & FOOTPATHS

Councillor Johnson reported two water leaks in the road near the entrance to Great Oak and outside Lodge Field.

Councillor Barnes was asked to get an update re enforcement action on footpath 27 at The Stage.

Councillor Browne reported that the illegal sign on the gate at Coopers Corner would be removed by the 3rd October.

Gutters along the A21 are blocked. Clerk to contact Aone+.

Councillor Brown reported on his A21 speeding data and that a scheme has been drawn up for the A21 from Lamberhurst to Hastings but it is very much only a drawing board exercise at the moment.

Councillor Barnes suggested that a formal request be put to Huw Merriman to put a question to Parliament concerning the issue of the A21.

6.1 Community Speedwatch Initiative report

It was reported that Kent Police have different rules for Speedwatch than Sussex Police and different criteria. Speedwatch signs have now been printed.

6.2 RDC - Introduction of civil parking enforcement and formal consultation on proposed changes to parking restrictions

Although no direct changes in Hurst Green Councillor Barnes suggested that the Council should use this opportunity to ask for yellow lines to be looked into in relation to Station Road and in particular at the corner near the Village Hall. Clerk to respond.

7.0 PLANNING: -

Appeals – RR/2018/1683/P, Silverhill Pump House Business Unit, Bodiam Road, Silverhill.

Alterations and Change of Use to form a dwelling. **Appeal dismissed.**

7.1 RDC Planning decisions

RR/2019/1706/P - 99 London Road, Lynwood, Hurst Green TN19 7PN Proposed loft conversion with front former and rear balcony. First floor rear terrace with external stairs. **Refused.**

RR/2019/1424/L - 46 Station Road, Rose Cottage, Hurst Green TN19 7PQ Renewal and repair of fenestration, tile hangings, kitchen, bathroom and plastering. Address damp issues and repoint chimney. Construct 2 connecting doors with no. 48 Station Road. **Granted.**

RR/2019/1450/P - 46 Station Road, Rose Cottage, Hurst Green TN19 7PQ. Erection of replacement potting shed. **Granted.**

RR/2019/1800/L - 48 Station Road, Burghwood Cottage, Hurst Green TN19 7PQ. Replace bay window, installation of plaster to front elevation. Repair chimney and insert two internal door openings. **Granted.**

7.2 Current Applications.

Councillor Browne declared an Interest in the next agenda item as applicant well known to him and therefore did not take part in the discussion or vote.

RR/2019/2015/T - 15 Acorn Way, Hurst Green TN19 7QG. Oak Tree - Shaping and cutting back. **Supported.**

Councillor Mary Barnes and Councillor John Barnes left the meeting at 9.40pm.

8.0 **Finance/RFO's Report:-**

The RFO, David Hilbourne gave his report.

8.1 Current financial position

Balance of accounts

Community Account (6752)	£25,287.02	as at 21 st Sept 2019
Community Savings (6779)	£2,268.66	as at 21 st Sept 2019
Renewals A/C (6760)	£99.10	as at 21 st Sept 2019

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

None

Payments received

30th August – Rother DC, part 2 of the precept. £20,980.00

8.2 Motion to approve invoices and approval and issue of Cheques

Urgent cheques drawn and paid away

Cheque No. 1001082 - HG Shop, Breakfast Club meals under s132 (June & July).	£160.00
Cheque No. 1001083 - Clarke and Baker, 2 nd instalment Stage Field Project.	£14,400.00
Cheque No. 1001093 - Clarke and Baker, 3 rd and final instalment Stage Field Project.	£5,025.01
Cheque No. 1001094 - DG Browne, mowing Lodge, Drewetts and Stage Fields	£384.00

Cheques to be authorised for this meeting

Cheque No. 1001095 - J Ellis, Clerk's Salary (Sept).	£574.65
Cheque No. 1001096 - D Hilbourne, RFOs salary (Sept).	£146.83
Cheque No. 1001097 - East Sussex Pension Scheme, re Clerk (Sept).	£170.87
Cheque No. 1001098 - PKF Littlejohn, Audit fee, external auditors	£240.00
Cheque No. 1001099 - Pet Waste solutions, dog waste bin empty (Sept).	£135.19
Cheque No. 1001100 - G Hardy, Maintenance work in Lodge Field during 2017.	£300.00
Cheque No. 1001101 - HMRC, remit PAYE collected.	£109.60

A resolution for approval is sought for past and present invoices (*as circulated via email prior to the meeting to all Councillors*) and issue of Cheques.

Approval of Invoices and Cheques proposed by Councillor Kenchington and seconded by Councillor Johnson.

The RFO reported that the external Auditor had completed the Audit for year ending March 2019 and there were no queries and therefore asked for this to be approved.

The Council unanimously approved the Audit.

8.3 Motion to continue to support the Breakfast Club (Cllr. Browne)

This agenda item was moved up the agenda and discussed after agenda item 4.0

8.4 Resolution to donate £1,000 to the Village Hall for year April 2019 to March 2020 as agreed from the precept working group report.

Councillor Brown declared an interest in the next item as his wife is Secretary to the Village Hall committee and therefore did not take part in the vote.

The Council unanimously approved the resolution.

9.0 Playing & Stage Fields

Moles in Drewetts Field are causing concern to the Cricket Club who will arrange for a quote for removal.

9.1 Stage Field progress report

Councillor Browne reported that the work was almost finished, just a small area of fencing and the barriers to be removed.

10.00 Items for the next agenda

Neighbourhood Plan.

Other items to be emailed to Clerk as necessary.

11.0 Date and time of next Meeting

The next Council meeting is on Tuesday 29th October 2019 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.45pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.57pm.

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

Signed Cllr. Graham Browne
Chairman

Dated 29th October 2019