

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Hurst Green Village Hall on Tuesday 28th February 2017 starting at 8:00pm.

Present: - Councillor Cruse, Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Funnell, Councillor Harrison
Councillor Janes (Vice- Chair), Councillor Johnson, Councillor Wright and County Councillor Barnes.
The Clerk was in attendance along with 4 members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for Absence:- Councillor Browne, Councillor Peacock, District Councillor Prochak and the RFO, David Hilbourne.

In the absence of Councillor Browne Councillor Janes took the Chair.

2.0 Minutes of the last meeting:-

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 31st January 2017.

Minutes proposed by Councillor Harrison 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.*

No interests declared.

4.0 Community Activities and reports:-

No reports rec'd.

Councillor Barnes updated the Council on current County Council activities including the council tax rise of 4.94% (inclusive of 3.0% Adult Social Care rise). Currently looking at a totally new model for freeing up NHS beds by Health and Adult Social Care working together.

4.1 Breakfast Club, progress report (Cllr. Johnson)

Councillor Johnson now has a list of thirteen interested people who have responded to the Hurst Green Magazine article and more are known to be interested in registering. This should be enough for the project to proceed with an implementation date of May 2017. Costings to be re-visited. Councillor Funnell asked about details of membership and conditions. To be put on next agenda.

4.2 Neighbourhood Plan, progress report

The Clerk has contacted FERIA who have now been commissioned by a number of town and parish councils to do their plans, so there will be a delay in the initial meeting for Hurst Green until after Easter when they hope to schedule Hurst Green in.

It was agreed that it would be a good idea to put an article in the Hurst Green Magazine to alert residents of the forthcoming meetings and for them to express an interest. Residents who have already expressed an interest to be alerted of date of meeting as soon as it is agreed.

Councillor Funnell volunteered to Chair the meeting.

Councillor Barnes suggested that the Etchingham Clerk could provide website details for neighbourhood plans and forums.

5.0 Planning: -

An appeal has been lodged for Hayes Mill Oast against refusal of planning permission.

Appeal Ref : APP/U1430/W/16/3163287 Start Date: 14th February 2017

Appeal By: Mr M Salliss , Site Address: Hays Mill Oast, Hurst Green

Development: Change of use of ancillary swimming pool and studio building to self

contained dwelling house within Use Class C3, including variation/removal of condition 2 of RR/2009/1152/P to use as a separate dwelling house.

5.1 RDC Planning decisions

RR/2017/38/T - 8 Station Road, Ravenswood, Hurst Green, TN19 7PL. T1 - Monterey Pine - Fell. **Withdrawn.**

RR/2016/3139/P - Silverhill House, Hurst Green TN19 7PU. Proposed vehicle crossover. **Granted.**

5.2 Current Applications

RR/2017/328/L - **Merriments Barn, Merriments Farm**, Merriments Lane, TN19 7RQ. Removal of existing roof tiles and weather boarding to facilitate the works previously approved under Listed Building consent

RR/2016/242/L. **Supported.**

RR/2017/319/P - **2 Marl pits Cottages, Merriments Lane**, Hurst Green TN19 7RE. Proposed side extension. **Supported.**

RR/2017/223/P - **52 London Road, Pidgeon House**, Hurst Green TN19 7PN. Part demolition of a modern rear extension, erection of a single storey replacement rear extension and associated works. **Supported.**

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RR/2017/190/P - **7 Great Oaks**, Hurst Green TN19 7QF. Erect a conservatory to side. **Supported.**

RR/2017/146/P - **1 Marl pits Cottages, Merriments Lane**, Hurst Green TN19 7RE. Erect front porch and dormer window together with alterations to the front and side fenestration and erection of a fence and gate. **Supported.**

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

Financial report read out by the Vice Chair, Councillor Janes in David Hilbourne's absence.

6.1 Current financial position

Balance of accounts

Community Account (6752)	£6,363.57	as at 20 th February 2017
Community Savings (6779)	£2,736.69	as at 20 th February 2017
Renewals A/C (6760)	£10,074.48	as at 20 th February 2017

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 February - Public Works Loan Board, Capital & interest repayments for PC Loan. £2,069.25

Payments received

None.

6.2 Motion to approve invoices.

Proposed by Councillor Cruse and seconded by Councillor Wright. Unanimously approved.

6.3 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. 100745 - British Legion, LGA1972, s137 donation, agenda item 6.7, 31/01/2017	£50.00
Cheque No. 100746 - Staples, stationery order, to replace spoilt cheque no. 100744.	£32.92

Cheques to be authorised for this meeting

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

Cheque No. 100747 - J Ellis, Clerk's Salary (February).	£437.46
Cheque No. 100748 - D Hilbourne, RFOs salary (February).	£134.41
Cheque No. 100749 - East Sussex Pension Scheme, re Clerk (Feb).	£153.93
Cheque No. 100750 - Pet Waste Solutions, clearance of dog bin waste for February.	£56.33
Cheque No. 100751 - Spoilt	-
Cheque No. 100752 - GKS, consultancy work re proposed new Stage Field access.	£385.00
Cheque No. 100753 - Holy Trinity Church, donation under LGA1972 s137, agenda item 6.6 31/01/2017, for repairs/asbestos removal.	£1,500.00

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

Cheques proposed by Councillor Cruse and seconded by Councillor Wright.

6.4 Form for donation requests to the Parish Council

Forms previously sourced thought to be too complicated for the parish's needs. Clerk will work on and email out to councillors before the next meeting.

7.0 **Playing & Stage Fields**

On a site visit to Stage Field Cllrs Funnell and Wright found that the padlock was missing from the bunker entrance and must have been cut off as it was coded. Councillor Duddridge purchased new padlock and replaced. Councillors expressed a wish to see the site plans for the proposed new entrance to the field. Councillor Browne to be asked to supply a hard copy.

7.1 Quotes for removal of mole infestation in Drewetts and Lodge Fields, update

Delay in actioning this as Chair thought previous person to quote should be given an opportunity to do so again but no formal quote rec'd so Clerk will action as per previous resolution to go with the more expensive quote of £650 as opposed to £560. Concerns raised that cheaper quote did not mention tidy up and would charge for lost or stolen traps leading to potential for escalating costs.

7.2 Lodge Field, quotes for replacement fencing

Clerk has arranged for two quotes which have not yet been rec'd and has just requested a third. Will chase up and get more quotes if necessary. To be asked to quote for new post and rail using old mesh fence and new post and rail with new mesh fence.

7.3 Resolution to approve use of Drewetts Field for local resident's fun day

Councillors unanimously approved use of field for local resident's fun day with family and friends. Date still to be decided and to fit around Robertsbridge Cricket Club's fixtures in the field.

8.0 **Footpaths, Transport & Roads**

Councillors noted several new and impending pothole on the A21 but the ones on Station Road have been repaired. Andrew Le Gresley has acknowledged the Parish Council's comments re footpath 23 but no further updates have been rec'd.

Still much disagreement over the enforceable width of the original path with more work to be done.

Debate over the rubbish alongside the path and whether this is an enforceable issue.

Alan Fisher of the Footpath Action Group expressed the opinion that there had been a complete failure of process by ESCC's Rights of Way team since July 2015. Councillor Barnes is not sure this is actually true but did acknowledge that they did make an initial mistake of not upholding the original line.

Councillor Funnell left the meeting briefly and returned.

9.00 **Notices and Correspondence:-**

Correspondence previously circulated via email.

Clerk reported that the s137 amount has been set for 2017/18 at £7.57 per elector

The Air Ambulance has written to request a grant. To be put on next agenda

9.1 Urgent issues requiring attention

Clerk asked Councillors if they wished to get in a different company this year to inspect the play equipment. To be put on the next agenda.

Clerk asked Councillors to set a date for the Annual Parish Assembly. Settled for either Wednesday the 26th April or Friday 28th April. Clerk to check for availability of the main Hall as Councillor Wright would like a different format this year and would organise the event.

10.00 Items for the next agenda:-

Community Award for outstanding commitment to the community.

Neighbourhood Plan

Items to be emailed to Clerk as necessary.

11.0 Date and time of next Meeting:-

The next meeting is on Tuesday 28th March 2017 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.30pm.

On a final note the Clerk and Council congratulated Councillor Barnes on his award of an MBE earlier in the day at Buckingham Palace.

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