

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Hurst Green Village Hall on Tuesday 31st March 2015 starting at 8:00pm.

Present: - Councillor Browne (Chair), Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Hampton, Councillor Peacock, Councillor Janes and District Councillor Prochak

The RFO David Hilbourne and the Clerk were in attendance.

1.0 Apologies for Absence:- Councillor Cruse, Councillor Greenfield, Councillor Wright and County Councillor Barnes.

2.0 Minutes of the last meeting:-

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 24th February 2015.

Minutes proposed by Councillor Peacock and seconded by Councillor Janes.

2.1 Matters arising from the Minutes: -
No matters arising.

3.0 Declaration of Interest: -

No declarations rec'd.

4.0 Community: -

4.1 Guest speaker

No PCSO present but emailed Hurst Green crime figures to the Clerk who circulated to Councillors.

Clerk has asked the PCSOs to keep a watch out for anti-social parking at the Village Hall with some vehicles parking on the pavement and preventing wheelchair access to the hall.

4.2 Community reports

No community reports rec'd

4.3 Community Award

Awarded by the Council at the Annual Parish Assembly to a local resident who has provided an outstanding

contribution to the community it was **unanimously decided to award this year's honour to Derek Johnson** for his work on the Village Fete.

4.4 County/District Councillors Report

District Councillor Prochak reported that she had attended a boundary review today.

The planned waste strike over two incidents where 2 workers were sacked has been called off after negotiations.

An Extraordinary meeting of the Council (RDC) has been called re transparency errors over publication of financial issues such as not publishing every spend over £5,000 and redundancy costs.

5.0 **Planning: -**

5.1 RDC Planning decisions

RR/2014/2356/P - Mr Rafe Harradine, Bugsell Mill Farm Cottage No 1, Bugsell Mill Lane, Hurst Green. Demolish existing 3 bedroomed cottage and replace with a new 3 bedroomed timber framed house. **Approved.**

RR/2014/2372/P - Mr Rafe Harradine, Bugsell Mill Farm Cottage No 2, Bugsell Mill Lane, Hurst Green. Demolish existing 3 bedroomed cottage and replace with a new 3 bedroomed timber framed house. **Approved.**

RR/2015/149/P - Mr S Winterburn, 1 Swiftsden Cottages, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QS Proposed single storey extension to the rear and garage to the side of the existing dwelling. **Approved.**

RR/2015/150/P - Mr & Mrs Bourne, 25 Station Road, Hurst Green TN19 7PL Two storey rear of side extension. **Approved.**

RR/2015/156/P - Mr A Fisher, Ashdene Garage, London Road, Hurst Green TN21 7QR Proposed M.O.T test centre. **Approved.**

RR/2015/220/O - Mrs Bridget Walker, Roundwood House (formally Bellhurst Farm Cottages), Ticehurst Road, Hurst Green. Installation of swimming pool within the residential curtilage of house. **Certificate of Lawful use or Development.**

APPEAL - **RR/2014/1569/P**, Mr Chris Waddington Abertawe Cottage, London Road, Silverhill, Hurst Green. Proposed change of use from redundant and unused holiday let to residential accommodation. **Appeal dismissed.**

5.2 Current Applications

RR/2015/543/P - 15 Acorn Way, Hurst Green TN19 7QG. Single Storey Rear Extension. **Support**

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

6.1 Current financial position

Balance of accounts

Community Account (6752)	£10,318.90	as at 30th March 2015
Community Savings (6779)	£690.22	as at 30th March 2015
Renewals A/C (6760)	£3,062.45	as at 30th March 2015

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

5th March 2015 - HMRC, Vat recovered. £611.96

6.2 Approval and issue of Cheques

Urgent cheques drawn and paid away

None.

Cheques to be authorised for this meeting

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

Cheque No. 100549 - J Ellis, Clerk's Salary (March).

£390.59

Cheque No. 100550 - D Hilbourne, RFOs salary (March)

£96.00

Cheque No. 100551 - East Sussex Pension Scheme, re Clerk.

£132.25

Cheque No. 100552 - HMRC, PAYE tax collected for Clerk

£370.00

Cheque No. 100553 - ESCC, Street lighting supply and maintenance 2014/15. *

£857.05

The RFO noted that there was still an unrepresented cheque outstanding for £1000.00 which will impact on the above figures.

* The lighting bill is the second one we have had to pay this financial year. This current invoice is for the supply and maintenance for year 2014/15. An invoice paid in April 2014 related to the previous year's supply.

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Approval is sought for present issue of Cheques.

Cheques proposed by Councillor Peacock and seconded by Councillor Hampton.

7.0 Parish Risk Assessment

David Hilbourne thanked Councillors Hampton and Peacock who helped him with the new Parish Risk Assessment review. This has now been completed.

8.0 Playing & Stage Fields:-

The Clerk reported that there was a significant mole problem in Drewetts Field. The Chair has this in hand and is waiting for a costing.

Greencore can no longer provide a rubbish bin emptying service for the parish and the Clerk has just arranged for Biffa to take this on. The RFO is dealing with the paper work involved.

8.1 Update on Lodge Field Play Equipment Inspection report 2014

The Clerk has given Councillor Janes a play equipment spares catalogue to cost out the replacement equipment that will be needed. Councillor Browne will investigate a contractor with the relevant insurance cover to see what the labour costs will be.

9.0 Footpaths, Transport & Roads

The A21 road surface outside the Church and Hawthorne Cottage is now very bad. Clerk to report.

Councillor Janes has been approached as Editor of the Parish Magazine about a change of speed limit on the A21. No details.

10.0 Notices and Correspondence:-

Correspondence previously circulated via email

Email rec'd via RDC from a Geocache enthusiast requesting permission to put one in Stage Field.

The Council had no problems with this although the Observation bunker request as a site would not be possible. Clerk to respond accordingly.

10.1 Urgent issues requiring attention

None.

11.0 **Items for the next agenda:-**

Elections.

12.0 **Date and time of next Meeting:-**

The next meeting is on Tuesday 28th April 2015 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.30pm.

The Annual Parish Assembly has been booked for Tuesday 21st April at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Distribution of Minutes: -

Signed

All Parish councillors.

Parish Council Noticeboard.

ESCC Councillor J. Barnes.

Chairman

RDC Councillor S. Prochak.

Dated

