

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Hurst Green Village Hall on Tuesday 26th August 2014 starting at 8:00pm.

Present: - Councillor Browne (Chair), Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Greenfield, Councillor Hampton, Councillor Janes and Councillor Peacock.

The RFO, David Hilbourne and the Clerk were in attendance. Six members of the public attended.

1.0 Apologies for Absence: - Councillor Cruse, Councillor Wright, District Councillor Prochak and County Councillor Barnes

2.0 Election of Committees and Representatives

- a) Representative to the Rother Association of Local Councils - as no nominations have been received for this position since the last meeting it was decided to leave this post vacant and ask any available Councillor to attend meetings when they take place.

2.2 Council Vacancies

No interest has been shown in the vacancy but the Council will continue to canvas to fill the remaining position.

3.0 Minutes of the last meeting:-

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 29/07/14.

Minutes proposed by Councillor Hampton and seconded by Councillor Greenfield.

3.1 Matters arising from the Minutes: -

No matters arising.

4.0 Declaration of Interest: -

No interests declared.

5.0 Community:-

5.1 Guest speaker

PCSO, Iain Tomsett attended the meeting and gave an update on the current criminal activity in the area which continues to be mainly theft from garden sheds. Wants to work with the local Speedwatch team.

Clerk to email his details to Gerald Harniman

5.2 Community reports

No Community Reports

5.3 County/District Councillors Report

District Councillor Browne had nothing to report.

6.0 Planning: -

6.1 RDC Planning decisions

RR/2014/1248/O Home Farm, Haremill Lane, Hurst Green TN19 7QJ

Occupation of the property known as Home Farm in non-compliance of an agricultural occupancy condition for a period of more than 10 years. **Granted.**

RR/2014/1668/O - Prosperity Cottage, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QP

Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed conversion of garage to create pool room. **Refused**

6.2 Current Applications

In public consultation before the meeting members of the public expressed concern re planning application RR/2014/1821/P

Councillor Browne, due to his previous connection to the property did not vote on application RR/2014/1821/P

RR/2014/1821/P 1 Swiftsden Cottages, London Road, Hurst Green

Proposed single storey extension to the rear and garage to the side of the existing dwelling.

Not supported.

RR/2014/1822/P Wincot, London Road, Hurst Green

Proposed single storey extension to the rear and an extended garage to the side of the existing dwelling

3-2 Not supported.

RR/2014/1886/P 14 Acorn Way, Hurst Green TN19 7QG

Proposed demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey extension.

Proposed internal alterations. Installation of new flue. **Supported.**

Ticehurst Parish

RR/2014/1680/P Bantham, London Road, Ticehurst TN19 70Y

Relocate B1(a) use (Art Studio) as approved under RR/2013/2533/P and change of use of land for siting of B1(a) building & creation of extended access track. **Not supported.**

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

7.1 Current financial position

Balance of accounts

Community Account (6752)	£3,249.45	as at 19 th August 2014
Community Savings (6779)	£636.32	as at 19 th August 2014
Renewals A/C (6760)	£3,061.22	as at 19 th August 2014

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

28th July - Greencore, rubbish removal, Drewetts. £21.71

15th August - PWLB, Parish loan repayments. £2,210.50

Payments received

No payments rec'd.

7.2 Approval and issue of Cheques

Urgent cheques drawn and paid away

None.

Cheques approved but not recorded

Cheque No. 100473 - 29th April, Active Risk Management, playground inspection for 2013. £56.00

Cheque No. 100477 - Hurst Green School Assn, donation under s 137 for School Bus £5055.00*

*(replacing cheque No. 100472 for £4955.00)

Cheques to be authorised for this meeting

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

Cheque No. 100511 - J Ellis, Clerk's Salary (August). £370.18

Cheque No. 100512 - East Sussex Pension Scheme, re Clerk (August).

£125.31

Approval is sought for present issue of Cheques.

Cheques proposed by Councillor Peacock and seconded by Councillor Janes.

7.3 Resolution to approve Parish Council Pension Policy and Redeployment and Redundancy Policy

David Hilbourne explained the background to this with new legislation meaning that the Council has to prepare and agree new employment policies for Hurst Green Parish Council.

Using Rother District Council's updated policies as a guide the RFO prepared and circulated the proposed policies to Councillors before the meeting and asked for formal consent to these policies.

The **resolution** to approve the Parish Council Pension and Redeployment and Redundancy Policies was formally **agreed** and **unanimously passed** by the Council at this meeting.

8.0 **Playing & Stage Fields:-**

Councillor Browne has moved the damaged bin from Lodge Field.

Councillor Greenfield reported that the fence and stile at the entrance to Stage Field needed to be repaired as someone had removed a section of fence and the stile was damaged. Councillors Greenfield and Browne will arrange this.

Councillor Greenfield has been speaking to the Hurst Green junior football club about the use of Stage Field but the Club do not think it will be a suitable venue now due to the entrance and road.

8.1 Lodge Field Play Equipment Inspection report 2014

Some problems have been identified in the report with the new equipment that was passed on completion of the project last year. Councillor Janes will look for the Inspection Report which Sovereign arranged after installation of the equipment and contact them re conflicting reports.

9.0 **Footpaths, Transport & Roads**

Councillor Peacock reported that a contractor working on the A21 said that it was known that the road was the worst constructed trunk road in the country and needed constant repairs.

Query about when the pedestrian crossing lights would be properly restored after being smashed into by a passing car. Clerk will check.

10.0 **Notices and Correspondence:-**

Correspondence previously circulated via email

10.1 Urgent issues requiring attention

Councillor Hampton told the meeting that she would now be the contact for community groups wishing to hire the School Mini bus and that she would liaise with the Hurst Green School Association. Needed to hire out the bus to boost revenue and cover costs.

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

Donation request from Rural Rother Trust, Kent & Sussex Air Ambulance and Hurst Green Children in Need theatre production.

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

The next meeting is on Tuesday 30th September 2014 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Distribution of Minutes: -

All Parish councillors.

Parish Council Noticeboard.

ESCC Councillor J. Barnes.

RDC Councillor S. Prochak.

Signed

Chairman

Dated