

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Hurst Green Village Hall on Tuesday 28th January 2014 starting at 8:00pm.

Present: - Councillor Browne (Chairman), Councillor Greenfield, Councillor Hampton, Councillor Janes, Councillor Peacock and District Councillor Prochak.

The RFO, David Hilbourne and the Clerk were in attendance. One member of the public was present.

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

1.1 Council Vacancies

The Council now has two vacancies. One person has expressed an interest and the Chair will visit them to explain the role of a Councillor. Councillor Janes will advertise the vacancies in the Parish Magazine.

2.0 Minutes of the last meeting:-

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th January 2014.

Minutes proposed by Councillor Hampton and seconded by Councillor Peacock.

2.1 Matters arising from the Minutes: -

No matters arising.

3.0 Declaration of Interest: -

Councillor Hampton declared an interest in agenda item 4.3, School project, as a School Governor.

4.0 Community:-

4.1 Guest speaker:-

No guest speaker. Email updates from Rother Police not being rec'd by the Council. Clerk to look into.

4.2 Community Reports

None rec'd.

4.3 School Project, update

The Head Teacher, Graham White, was arranging for a representative from the Parent Association to attend the P.C. Meeting in order to update the Councillors with a 'business plan' re the proposed Minibus project but no representative has arrived. Councillor Hampton will pursue this.

4.4 Holy Trinity Church .

The insurance money of £500 has come through for the damaged windows although it cost £1,000 to replace them. Someone left a message on the answer phone from South East Water re a water leak at the Church but Councillor Browne could not find any evidence of this either in or outside the building.

4.5 Allotments, renewal of lease

Councillor Hampton has had a friendly conversation with Brian Stevens re the allotments and both agreed that access to the allotments by vehicles cannot always be guaranteed although it was not thought to be a major issue.

Councillors unanimously resolved to renew the lease for another five years. Clerk to check with Roger Taylor at Hedley's to see if the lease needs to be modified and signed or if an amendment can be added.

4.6 County/District Councillors Report

District Councillor Prochak reported that she had spent the last week looking at modification of the Core Strategy. Councillor Prochak noted her objection to the increase in housing numbers across Rother that doubled Hurst Green's requirement to 81.

The next stage is an adopted Local Plan and then consultation on the proposed sites with local residents.

Councillor Browne reported on the budget and finance setting.

5.0 Planning: -

Two enforcement notices have been issued, one for Swiftsden.

It was noted that at the former hairdresser, Teknique the downstairs has not been altered therefore there are no issues with change of use.

5.1 RDC Planning decisions

None rec'd.

5.2 Current Applications

Councillor Browne declared an interest in this as a previous owner of the land.

RR/2014/38/P - Mr R & Mrs L Pelham, Shanti Shanti, London Road, Swiftsden, Hurst Green, for OLD ORCHARD - ADJ WINCOT, LONDON ROAD. CONSTRUCTION OF TIMBER AGRICULTURAL/HORTICULTURAL STORAGE SHED ON AN EXISTING ORCHARD. **Supported.**

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

6.1 Current financial position

Balance of accounts

Community Account (6752)	£5,645.43	as at 25 th January 2014
Community Savings (6779)	£2,915.43	as at 25 th January 2014
Renewals A/C (6760)	£11,057.71	as at 25 th January 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

None

Payments received

None

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. 100453 - J Ellis, Clerk's Salary (January).	£366.28
Cheque No. 100454 - D Hilbourne, RFO Salary (January).	£96.00
Cheque No. 100456 - East Sussex Pension Scheme, re Clerk (January).	£127.76
Cheque No. 100455 - Greencore, rubbish collection, Drewetts Field.	£21.71
Cheque No. 100457 - Staples, Stationery.	£72.38

Approval is sought for past and present issue of Cheques.

Cheques proposed by Councillor Janes and seconded by Councillor Peacock.

The RFO noted that to save time and postage he intended to set up a direct debit for Greencare, which would allow them to collect their monthly charge of £21.71. For this to happen he requires a signature on the direct debit mandate form.

6.3 Precept for 2014/15

The RFO, David Hilbourne provided an updated and full breakdown off current and expected expenditure taking into account adjustments agreed at the meeting of the 7th January, which came out at £32,047.

Councillors unanimously resolved to set the precept for 2014/15 at £32,047.

Councillor Greenfield noted that the newly formed Hurst Green Junior Football Club might benefit from some sponsorship via their banner scheme. Councillor Peacock noted that they were currently in a good

financial position but might benefit from this at a later stage and should be considered in the precept for 2015/16. He will talk to the club.

6.4 Risk Assessment

It was agreed that Councillors Greenfield and Hampton would do this and that Councillor Peacock would act as backup. Will visit the RFO who has the relevant software.

7.0 **Standing Orders**

David Hilbourne has provided Councillors with an updated version of NALC's model Standing Orders that have been personalised to reflect Hurst Green Parish Council. It was agreed to hold a separate working party meeting before the next normal meeting on the 25th February, starting at 7.00pm.

8.0 **Playing & Stage Fields:-**

Nothing to report.

9.0 **Footpaths, Transport & Roads**

It was noted that Mick Gould's yard at Flimwell would be used as the new HGV plating centre when the premises at Ore are vacated. This could see an increase in HGV vehicles using the A21 and have implications for the Village.

10.0 **Notices and Correspondence:-**

Correspondence previously circulated via email

10.1 Urgent issues requiring attention

None.

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

Councillor Browne noted that Lee Richardson wanted to attend and give a presentation re Burgh Wood.

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

The next meeting is on Tuesday the 25th February 2014 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.30pm. Working Party meeting to start at 7.00pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Distribution of Minutes: -

All Parish councillors.

Parish Council Noticeboard.

ESCC Councillor J. Barnes.

RDC Councillor S. Prochak.

Signed

Chairman

Dated