

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Hurst Green Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 starting at 8:00pm.

Present:- Councillor Browne (Chair), Councillor Brown, Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Hampton, Councillor Janes, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Price and Councillor Wright. The RFO, David Hilbourne and the Clerk were in attendance along with four members of the public.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: - Councillor Kenchington (*family commitments*), County Councillor John Barnes (*another meeting*) and District Councillor Mary Barnes (*another meeting*).

2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: -

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on the 29th October 2019.

Minutes **proposed by Councillor Price 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.*

Councillor Janes and Councillor Browne expressed an interest in agenda item 6.2, RR/2019/2370/P as applicants are well known to them.

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: -

4.1 Request from The Comedy Capers Theatre group for a donation to help support their work in the Community.(Cllr. Wright)

It was unanimously resolved to grant a donation of £500 to the Comedy Capers Theatre Group as recommended by the precept working party.

4.2 Request for help to obtain grant funding for energy saving initiatives in the Village Hall and possible provision of Broadband. (Cllr. Johnson)

The Village Hall committee are hoping to insulate the main hall roof thereby saving on heating costs. Currently getting quotes for various different options.

The Council was unanimous in its support for the Village Hall and will try and help source potential funding sources.

4.3 (4.1 wrongly numbered on agenda) Neighbourhood Plan, progress report and to pass any necessary resolutions (Cllrs. Brown & Wright)

Councillor Brown gave the report.

i) Review progress of call for more potential sites

No report.

4.4 (4.2 wrongly numbered on agenda) Old Community Shop building report and position statement and to pass any resolutions proposed relating to the building

Agenda item not discussed as Council is waiting for the owner's position re usage of site due to restrictions in the head lease re this issue.

4.5 (4.3 wrongly numbered on agenda) Clerk's report

The Clerk had circulated this prior to the meeting. No questions rec'd.

4.6 (4.4 wrongly numbered on agenda) Parish Correspondence and local resident issues

To note horses have been out again but due to Drewetts field being fenced no access to field or road by this route. Clerk to contact PCSO re options if Council wants to take on ownership.

4.7 (4.5 wrongly numbered on agenda) Urgent issues requiring attention

Nothing reported.

4.8 (4.6 wrongly numbered on agenda) Councillors questions, none rec'd

5.0 TRANSPORT, ROADS & FOOTPATHS

Aone+ have been surveying the A21 re the road surface.

Councillor Price reported that the 20mph sign, southbound, by the school is overgrown. Clerk to report.

Continuing problem with vehicles parking on pavements on the A21 especially outside the Claypot.

Street light on the wall in Station Road has still not be replaced after the house fire. Clerk to chase.

Hedges at No. 8 Great Oak need cutting back. Clerk to send out standard letter.

Councillor Johnson noted that the water leak in Station Road had been repaired.

5.1 Community Speedwatch Initiative report

The Speedwatch co-ordinator Steve O'Connell will attend a Council meeting although to date no new volunteers have come forward to operate the scheme.

6.0 PLANNING: -

6.1 RDC Planning decisions

RR/2019/2219/P - Merriments Barn, Merriments Lane, Hurst Green TN19 7RQ. Proposed gates and fencing. **Granted.**

APPEAL - RR/2019/982/P - Abertawe Cottage, Silverhill, Hurst Green. Change of use from holiday let to residential. **Dismissed.**

6.2 Current Applications.

Councillors Browne and Janes declared an Interest in this agenda item as applicants are well known to them and therefore did not take part in the discussion or vote.

RR/2019/2370/P - 12 London Road, The Coach House, Hurst Green TN19 7QP. Replacement of existing fencing, gate and hedge at front of property with taller fence and gate. **Supported.**

7.0 Finance/RFO's Report:-

The RFO, David Hilbourne gave his report.

The RFO reported to the Council that its PCs were running Windows 7 which would soon be unsupported.

7.1 Current financial position

Balance of accounts

Community Account (6752)	£32,975.80	as at 29 th Nov 2019
Community Savings (6779)	£7,924.27	as at 29 th Nov 2019
Renewals A/C (6760)	£99.16	as at 29 th Nov 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

The RFO reported that he has recovered all of the funding support from the WARR Partnership for the Stage Field project together with most of the VAT.

7.2 Motion to approve invoices and approval and issue of Cheques

Urgent cheques drawn and paid away and not reported

Cheque No. 1001102 - Hurst Green Village Hall, donation towards upkeep.	£1,000.00
Cheque No. 1001114 - Comedy Capers Theatre Group, LGA 72, s145 donation.	£500.00

Cheques to be authorised for this meeting

Cheque No. 1001115 - J Ellis, Clerk's Salary (Nov).	£555.65
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Cheque No. 1001116 - D Hilbourne, RFOs salary (Nov).
£145.83

Cheque No. 1001117 - East Sussex Pension Scheme, re Clerk (Nov).	£170.87
Cheque No. 1001118 - Pet Waste solutions, dog waste bin empty (Nov).	£135.19
Cheque No. 1001119 - HG Breakfast Club, s137 donation for October.	£100.00
Cheque No. 1001120 - HG Village Hall, hall hire for PC meetings 2019.	£336.00
Cheque No. 1001121 - HG Village Hall, hall hire for Neighbourhood plan meetings*.	£312.00
Cheque No. 1001122 - RFO, reimbursement of petty cash A/c.	£100.00
Cheque No. 1001123 - World Meadows Services, Neighbourhood Plan grassland survey.*	£1,000.00

**Costs for these covered by a Government grant*

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 Wright and seconded by Councillor Hampton.

Councillors Mary and John Barnes arrived at 9.25pm

8.0 Playing & Stage Fields

8.1 Request from Hurst Green Cricket Club for a sign at the entrance to the lane off the A21

The Council thought this was an excellent idea but would need further details.

9.00 Items for the next agenda

Neighbourhood Plan.

Other items to be emailed to Clerk as necessary.

10.0 Date and time of next Meeting

The next Council meeting is on Tuesday 28th January 2020 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.45pm. *Note* Precept working party meeting is on the 7th January.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Distribution of Minutes: -
All Parish Councillors
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Signed Bob Janes
Vice Chairman

Dated 28th January 2020