

## HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held in Hurst Green Village Hall on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 starting at 8:00pm.

**Present:** - Councillor Browne (Chairman), Councillor Brown, Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Hampton, Councillor Janes, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Kenchington, Councillor Price (*from 8.10pm*)) Councillor Wright, District Councillor Mary Barnes and County Councillor John Barnes. The RFO David Hilbourne and the Clerk were in attendance. Ninety seven members of the public were present.

**1.0 Apologies for Absence:** - No apologies.

**2.0 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 declared a personal interest in agenda item 3.0 pertaining to the Community Shop as Duty Manager and member of the board of the Hurst Green Community Shop and Centre Limited. Applications for Dispensation, Dispensation given by the Clerk for the Parish Council who as head leaseholder has an interest in the site.

### **3.0 COMMUNITY SHOP, the way forward**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Councillor Janes in his capacity as a Member of the Community Shop board to address the meeting and give a background to the history of the shop and its current status.

Primary issues to note are that although the café element is successful both the Shop and Post Office are losing money with an overrule monthly deficit in the region of £200 to £300 which is coming out of reserves but this is not sustainable hence the decision to cease trading at 5pm on Thursday 20 June and has informed the Parish Council of this whilst alternative sets ups are investigated.

It was noted that a serious lack of volunteers has had a real impact on the delivery of this service.

The Chair thanked Councillor Janes for his report and asked the public present for any questions and suggestions on what they wanted the building to be used for.

Much discussion followed.

Majority support for a café and Post Office facility with other associated community activities but the shop element is not needed now or wanted.

Chair asked those present who could volunteer to help but very little volunteer support was offered.

The Chair asked the Hurst Green Community Shop and Centre Limited Board to come back with their proposals to the Parish Council in order for funding issues to be looked into.

Those present overwhelming thanked Claire Vidler for all the work she had put into the Shop as manager and the Chair thanked Bob and Mandy Janes for keeping it running in difficult circumstances.

### **4.0 Date and time of next meeting:-**

The next meeting is on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.45pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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Signed	Cllr. Graham Browne
Chairman	
Dated	25 <sup>th</sup> June 2019