

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the remote meeting held on Tuesday 23rd February 2021 starting at 8.00pm

Present:- Councillor Browne (Chair), Councillor Brown, Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Hampton, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Price and County Councillor John Barnes and District Councillor Mary Barnes.

The RFO, David Hilbourne and the Clerk were in attendance along with Anita Emery, newly appointed RFO.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: -

Councillor Kenchington (*away*), Councillor Janes (*unknown*) and Councillor Wright (*unwell*).

2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: -

To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the remote meeting held on Thursday the 28th January 2021.

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.*

None declared.

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 Neighbourhood Plan, progress report (Cllrs. Brown & Wright).

Councillor Brown gave the report. Noted that Hurst Green had been successful in their bid for £30,000 towards the regeneration of the playground from Rother District Council.

4.2 Hurst Green Masterplan and Councillor draft review (Cllr. Brown)

Distributed via email by Councillor Brown.

4.3 Launch of new Parish Website (Cllr. Brown)

Councillor Brown gave the report and displayed the new site for Councillors to see.

Councillor Price proposed that the new site should be launched now and was seconded by Councillor Browne. **Unanimously agreed.**

The Clerk and RFO to receive training on using the new site from Councillor Brown. Councillor Brown to be contacted to arrange this.

The Clerk and RFO to populate the new website with legally required documents and historic data.

4.4 Clerk's report

The Clerk emailed out the report prior to the meeting.

4.5 Parish Correspondence and local resident issues

Circulated prior to meeting and reported in Clerk's report.

4.6 Urgent issues requiring attention

Councillor Browne expressed concern that he believed a rough sleeper had been using the old metal shed behind the old shop. Removal of shed to be considered as a solution.

4.7 Councillors questions, none rec'd

5.0 Finance/RFO's Report:-

The Chair welcomed Anita Emery the new RFO to her first meeting and invited the outgoing RFO David Hilbourne to give his final financial report.

5.1 Current financial position

Balance of accounts

Community Account (6752)	£17,797.51	as at 19 th Feb 2021
Community Savings (6779)	£37,589.99	as at 19 th Feb 2021
Renewals A/C (6760)	£30,108.08	as at 19 th Feb 2021

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

1 st Feb	Eon	Gas A/c Old church	£12.38
1 st Feb	Eon	Electricity A/c Old church	£22.08
16 th Feb	PWLB	2 nd annual payment re loan and interest	£1,843.25

Payments received

None rec'd. Still waiting for HMRC refund for VAT reclaimed on the 13th Jan 2021 of £3,412.78

5.2 Motion to approve invoices and approval and issue of Cheques

Urgent cheques drawn and paid away and not reported

Cheque No. 1001233 - Planning Consultancy, N/P	£1,130.00
*Unreported cheque	-
Cheque No. 1001250 - Nick Oliver, mole treatment in Drewetts. .	£250.00
Cheque No. 1001251 - Gardenscape,, grit for road bins.	£86.40
Cheque No. 1001252 - Computer for incoming RFO	

Cheques to be authorised for this meeting

Cheque No. 1001253 - J Ellis, Clerk's salary (February)	£589.44
Cheque No. 1001254 - D Hilbourne, RFO's salary (February)	£149.84
Cheque No. 1001255 - ES Pension Fund, Clerk's Pension contribs (February)	£175.30
Cheque No. 1001256 - Pet Waste, Clear dog bins (February)	£135.19
Cheque No. 1001257 - Harper Landscape Architects, Neighbourhood Plan consultancy	£60.00
Cheque No. 1001258 - HG Cricket Club, maintenance Drewetts Field for 3 yrs 2018, 2019, 2020 @ £200 per year.	£600.00
Cheque No. 1001259 - KPCM Display Ltd, 'No Dog' signs for Lodge Field.	£17.75

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 Johnson and seconded by Councillor Duddridge.

The Chair thanked David Hilbourne for all his years of service and reported that a small leaving event would take place when Covid restrictions allowed.

5.3 To consider requests for grants

i) Victim support, grant of £100 requested.

It was unanimously agreed to support a grant of £100 under s137 to Victim Support.

- ii) Tim & Julie Weare re restoration and structural work to the cloak tower, grant of £5,000 to £7,000 requested

There was much debate over this and the history and ownership of the Clock and Tower To be deferred to the next meeting.

6.0 TRANSPORT, ROADS & FOOTPATHS

Councillor Johnson has located more potholes, details to be emailed to the Clerk.

Councillor Hampton has been researching speed reactive cameras for Station Road and has obtained some costings for these.

6.1 A21 issues and resident's correspondence

Another resident has emailed the Clerk re concerns over the A21 with speeding and road safety a primary concern.

7.0 PLANNING: -

7.1 RDC Planning decisions

None rec'd.

7.2 Current Applications.

RR/2020/2584/P - 31 London Road, Rose Cottage, Hurst Green TN19 7QP. Proposed single storey rear infill extension and front porch extension. **Three in support with three abstentions due to lack of detail.**

8.0 Playing & Stage Fields

Children from all classes at the local school have produced drawings representing their vision for the new playground.

A local resident, Robert Johnson, sorted out all the entries into different themes and counted the entries. Clerk to send letter of thanks for this time-consuming task.

Certificates and small gifts to be given out from the Chairman's allowance.

8.1 Resolution to formally create a working group for Lodge Field playground, supported by Councillors Brown and Johnson (Cllr. Brown)

Councillors Browne, Brown, Hampton and Johnson agreed to be on the Lodge Field playground regeneration working party. **This was unanimously supported.**

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 to be held remotely on Tuesday 30th March 2021 at 8.00pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.58pm.

Distribution of Minutes: -
All Parish Councillors
Parish Council Noticeboard
Parish Council Website
ESCC Councillor J. Barnes
RDC Councillor M Barnes.

Signed
Chairman

Graham Browne

Dated

31st March 2021, for 30th March 2021