

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Hurst Green Village Hall on Tuesday 25th February 2020 starting at 8:00pm.

Present:- Councillor Browne (Chair), Councillor Brown, Councillor Hampton, Councillor Janes, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Price (*from 8.10pm*), County Councillor John Barnes, and District Councillor Mary Barnes.

Rother District Councillor Brian Drayson (Guest) Vice Chair of RDC.

The RFO, David Hilbourne and the Clerk were in attendance along with two members of the public.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: - Councillor Duddridge (*unknown*), Councillor Kenchington (*family commitments*) and Councillor Wright (*unwell*)

Councillor Browne thanked Councillor Janes for chairing the last meeting and welcomed Councillor Drayson from Rother District Council to the meeting.

2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: -

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th January 2020.

Minutes **proposed by Councillor Janes and seconded by Councillor Hampton.**

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 Browne declared an interest in agenda item 4.1 as Vice Chair of the Bowling Club.

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 Hurst Green Bowls Club for a donation to help support the purchase of a new mat (Cllr. Johnson)

Councillor Browne declared an interest in this item and refrained from participation.

Councillor Janes took the Chair for this agenda item.

The Bowls Club, which has been going for around 20 years, are looking for a donation of £400 which is half the cost of a new mat

Councillor Brown suggested that Rother District Council should be approached for a grant of £200 from its Community Fund with Hurst Green match funding this.

Councillor Janes put this to a vote with the proviso that Hurst Green would grant a **donation of up to £400 under s137** with the understanding that Rother would be asked to provide £200 match funding from its fund first.

This was unanimously approved.

Councillor Price joined the meeting at 8.10pm

4.2 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

Nothing to report.

4.3 Old Community Shop building report and position statement and to pass any resolutions proposed relating to the building

The Clerk reported that the advert had gone in inviting Expressions of Interest for the site.

The Chair suggested a viewing day for the Old Shop premises for those expressing an initial interest

This was agreed.**4.4 Clerk's report**

The Clerk gave the report.

Councillor Hampton requested a copy of the Lodge Field play equipment risk assessment.

Clerk to send via email.

4.5 Parish Correspondence and local resident issues

Councillor Barnes was asked if there was any information on match funding for speed signs from ESCC

Councillor Barnes thought this very unlikely as they did not think there was an issue in Station Road

and he suggested contacting the Safer Rother Partnership re this issue.

Councillor Barnes also suggested contacting Nick Skelton at ESCC re a Strengthening Local Relations meeting.

The group arranging the VE day celebrations are hoping to get funding for the whole day celebrations on the 9th May from RDC.

4.6 Urgent issues requiring attention**i) Security cameras in the village (Cllr. Johnson)**

Councillor Johnson reported that there appeared to be an increase in burglary cases and suggested that security cameras might be a useful deterrent. Councillor Mary Barnes reported that Ticehurst parish had recently secured funding for this from the police.

Councillor Brown thought that a working party should be set up to look into this issue.

Councillor Browne though this was a good idea and asked Councillor Johnson to set up a working party.

4.7 Councillors questions, none rec'd**5.0 TRANSPORT, ROADS & FOOTPATHS**

Huw Merriman MP has been sent a video of the overflowing gullies on the A21 as Highways England seem to have a problem with this.

The litter bin at the entrance to Ridgeway has come off its base. Clerk to report to RDC.

Councillor Johnson agreed to arrange a litter pick in the Village.

6.0 PLANNING: -

Councillor Mary Barnes declared an interest as she is on the Planning Committee at RDC.

Appeal- RR/2019/1784/P, land adjacent to Pentwood Place, London Road has been appealed.

6.1 RDC Planning decisions

None rec'd.

6.2 Current Applications.

RR/2019/2765/P - Lime House, Merriments Lane, Hurst Green. Erection of extension (revised scheme following refusal of RR/2018/1043/P). Updated plans not clear therefore **no comments made.**

7.0 Finance/RFO's Report:-

The RFO, David Hilbourne gave his report.

7.1 Current financial position**Balance of accounts**

Community Account (6752)	£25,234.23	as at 23 rd Feb 2020
Community Savings (6779)	£7,928.27	as at 23 rd Feb 2020
Renewals A/C (6760)	£99.20	as at 23 rd Feb 2020

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

6th Feb - Castle Water, Water for Old Shop building.

£42.34

17th Feb - Public Works Loan Board, Parish loan repayment.

£1889.75

Payments received

None rec'd

7.2 Motion to approve invoices and approval and issue of Cheques

Urgent cheques drawn and paid away and not reported

Cheque No. 1001139 - Spoilt	-
Cheque No. 1001140 - Spoilt	-
Cheque No. 1001141 - R Pelham, 30% deposit on barrier for Stage Field.	£307.00
Cheque No. 1001142 - Culverwells, Padlock & chain for entrance gate, old shop site.	£82.21

Cheques to be authorised for this meeting

Cheque No. 1001143 - J Ellis, Clerk's Salary (Feb).	£555.65
Cheque No. 1001144 - D Hilbourne, RFOs salary (Feb).	£146.83
Cheque No. 1001145 - East Sussex Pension Scheme, re Clerk (Feb).	£170.87
Cheque No. 1001146 - Pet Waste solutions, dog waste bin empty (Feb).	£135.19
Cheque No. 1001147 - HG Breakfast Club, s137 donation for Jan & Feb. .	£200.00

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 Janes and seconded by Councillor Johnson.

7.3 Risk Assessment

The RFO, David Hilbourne has done the Risk Assessment for the Parish and no issues have been noted.

8.0 **Playing & Stage Fields**

Entrance fence panel at Lodge Field has gone and needs replacing. 'No dog' signs also needed.

Mole heaps in Drewetts beginning to appear around the boundaries.

Hedge at Stage Field needs to be cut back soon or it will be too late to do this season.

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 31st March 2020 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.45pm.

The Annual Parish Assembly will take place on Friday 3rd April.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.55pm.

Distribution of Minutes: -

All Parish Councillors

Parish Council Noticeboard

Parish Council Website

ESCC Councillor J. Barnes

RDC Councillor M Barnes.

Signed

Janet Ellis, Clerk, signed on behalf of the Chairman due to remote meeting

Dated

23rd June 2020