

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Hurst Green Village Hall on Tuesday 29th October 2019 starting at 8:00pm.

Present:- Councillor Browne (Chair), Councillor Brown, Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Hampton, Councillor Janes, Councillor Kenchington, Councillor Price (*from 8.30pm*), District Councillor Barnes and County Councillor Barnes.

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

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: - Councillor Johnson (*another engagement*).

2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: -

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on the 24th September 2019.

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

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 rec'd.

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 and to pass any necessary resolutions (Cllrs. Brown & Wright)

Councillor Brown gave the report.

i) Review progress of call for more potential sites

Councillor Brown reported that they had heard back from one of the owners of a potential site behind Ridgeway which was promising.

Councillor Price joined the meeting (8.13pm).

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

Councillor Janes gave the report. The former shop has now been handed back to the Council with a Deed of Surrender signed before the Parish meeting.

Councillor Janes submitted a proposal for future use of the building which is a joint venture with other local residents. This will be reviewed by the Council.

Councillor Kenchington will look into security of the building whilst the RFO David Hilbourne will speak to the insurance company re maintaining cover.

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Councillor Brown proposed the motion,

“That this Council, in the interests of good governance and transparency, and to avoid any unnecessary delay, agree to instruct the Council’s official representative to launch in short order, a valid and open public expression of interest activity to identify parties who are potentially interested in leasing the former catholic church building from the council.”

This motion was seconded by Councillor Browne and was **unanimously passed.**

A working party meeting was arranged to formalise the wording for this on Thursday 14th November at 8.00pm.

4.3 Clerk’s report

The Clerk gave a verbal update on current issues. No questions rec'd.

4.4 Parish Correspondence and local resident issues

Nothing to add to previously circulated emails.

4.5 Urgent issues requiring attention

Councillor Wright queried grant money agreed at the precept working party meeting for the Comedy Capers Theatre group. Councillor Browne responded that this would need to be a formal agenda item and the RFO asked for a formal request

4.6 Councillors questions, none rec'd

5.0 TRANSPORT, ROADS & FOOTPATHS

Councillor Kenchington has been checking the drains on the A21.

Councillor Barnes will ask ESCC investigate the drains in Station Road.

5.1 Community Speedwatch Initiative report

Councillor Kenchington has been looking into the various speed activated signs available and costs. A meeting is due to take place with the Speedwatch co-ordinator Steve O'Connell.

5.2 ESCC verge cutting, resolution to support either option one, two or three

Councillor Brown proposed a motion that before the Council makes a decision, **'the Council approaches East Sussex to discuss the possibility of the parish taking over ownership of the verges currently owned by East Sussex'**

This was seconded by Councillor Kenchington and unanimously supported. Clerk to contact ESCC.

6.0 PLANNING: -

6.1 RDC Planning decisions

RR/2019/906/P - Orchard Farm, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QS Replacement roof to single storey front section of building to match adjacent building. Replacement of adjoining building to rear with extended footprint and mezzanine floor. Addition of open entrance canopy to front. Change of use of land to extend area of farm shop (part retrospective.). **Granted.**

RR/2019/1784/P - Pentwood Place - Land Adjacent, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QP. Outline application for a new dwelling with all matters reserved except access. **Refused.**

RR/2019/1836/P - 14 Vicarage Way, Hurst Green TN19 7QQ. Single storey rear extension. **Granted.**

6.2 Current Applications.

Councillor Wright declared an Interest in agenda item RR/2019/2333/P - 99 London Road as applicant well known to him and therefore did not take part in the discussion or vote.

RR/2019/2333/P - 99 London Road, Lynwood, Hurst Green TN19 7PN. Proposed loft conversion with rear dormer. **3 in support with others to look at and respond to Clerk.**

RR/2019/2204/L - Merriments Barn, Merriments Lane, Hurst Green TN19 7RQ. Variation of condition 2 of RR/2016/242/L to alter previously approved staircase (East) design. **Supported.**

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

RR/2019/2282/P - Merriments Barn, Merriments Lane, Hurst Green TN19 7RQ. Variation of condition 2 of RR/2016/241/P to alter previously approved staircase (East) design. **Supported.**

RR/2019/2194/P - Foundry Close - Land East, Foundry Close, Hurst Green TN19 7QW. Residential development of 20 houses, associated parking and landscaping on vacant land. **Majority decision not to support (6 with 2 abstentions)**

Councillor Wright, Councillor Mary Barnes and Councillor John Barnes left the meeting at 9.55pm.

7.0 Finance/RFO's Report:-

The RFO, David Hilbourne gave his report.

7.1 Current financial position

Balance of accounts

Community Account (6752)	£37,923.89	as at 27 th Oct 2019
Community Savings (6779)	£2,269.03	as at 27 th Oct 2019
Renewals A/C (6760)	£99.12	as at 27 th Oct 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

27 th Sept - Locality payment re Neighbourhood Plan.	£2,438.00
30 th Sept - HG Cricket Club annual hire fee.	£50.00
15 th Oct - Rural Payments Agency, grant (WARR Partnership) money for Stage Field.	£12,950.01

7.2 Motion to approve invoices and approval and issue of Cheques

Urgent cheques drawn and paid away and not reported

Cheque No. 1001064 - Spoilt

Cheques to be authorised for this meeting

Cheque No. 1001103 - J Ellis, Clerk's Salary (Oct).	£555.65
Cheque No. 1001104 - D Hilbourne, RFOs salary (Oct).	£146.03
Cheque No. 1001105 - East Sussex Pension Scheme, re Clerk (Oct).	£170.87
Cheque No. 1001106 - Pet Waste solutions, dog waste bin empty (Oct).	£135.19
Cheque No. 1001107 - Robertsbridge Gdn Machine Centre, strim Lodge Field March to Oct	£1,836.00
Cheque No. 1001108 - Richard Pelham, maintenance of Corner Garden 2019.	£380.00
Cheque No. 1001109 - Donna Moles, Neighbourhood Plan, part 5.	£420.00
Cheque No. 1001110 - HG Shop, Breakfast Club meals under s132 (Aug & Sept).	£200.00
Cheque No. 1001111 - Rother Rural Trust, donation under s132.	£50.00
Cheque No. 1001112 - Rother District Council, Election fee for 2019	£158.35
Cheque No. 1001113 - DG Browne, Mowing Drewetts, Lodge and Stage Fields (Sept).	£396.00

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 Kenchington and seconded by Councillor Duddridge.

7.3 Resolution to support a donation to Rural Rother Trust under s137

The Council unanimously approved the resolution to make a donation of £50.

7.4 Resolution to support a donation to Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital under s137

The Council unanimously approved the resolution to make a donation of £500.

8.0 Playing & Stage Fields

Councillor Browne reported that the work on Stage Field entrance was finished.

Councillor Kenchington has been investigating counters and costs to measure usage of the field.

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 26th November 2019 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.45pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.14pm.

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

Signed
Chairman

Dated