

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Hurst Green Village Hall on Tuesday 29th April 2014 starting at 8:00pm.

Present: - Councillor Browne (Chairman), Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Greenfield, Councillor Hampton, Councillor Janes, Councillor Peacock and District Councillor Prochak.

The RFO, David Hilbourne and the Clerk were in attendance. Four members of the public were present.

1.0 Apologies for Absence: - Councillor Cruse and County Councillor Barnes.

1.1 Council Vacancies

Postponed due to Councillor Cruse's incapacity and unable to give Clerk contact details of local resident who has expressed an interest.

2.0 Minutes of the last meeting: -

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th March 2014.

Minutes proposed by Councillor Peacock and seconded by Councillor Duddridge.

2.1 Matters arising from the Minutes: -

.No matters arising.

3.0 Declaration of Interest: -

Councillor Hampton declared an interest in agenda item 4.3, School project, as a School Governor.

Councillor Browne declared an interest in planning application RR/2014/531, Orchard Farm shop as he has done work for them.

4.0 Community:-

4.1 Guest speaker:-

No guest speaker but the Highways Agency representatives had attended the public consultation session to update Councillors and public about the latest position on the A21 drainage works. Works to schedule and expected to finish on the 16th May.

4.2 Community Reports

No community reports rec'd.

4.3 School Project

David Hilbourne, the RFO, reported that the Bus is to be leased by the Hurst Green School Association rather than directly by the school and that he needs a letter stating this. It was agreed that Councillor Peacock would be the Parish Council liaison representative and co-ordinator for this project and would deal with outside agencies wishing to use the bus. Guidelines would be needed and an agreement of how it would be made available to community groups. Councillor Peacock raised the issue of insurance and that named drivers from each group would need approval.

4.4 Holy Trinity Church.

Councillor Greenfield reported that an Easter service had taken place and the damp problem was improving. The Parish Council intended to give a grant as usual towards the upkeep of the churchyard. There has been interest in hiring the church for recording purposes and that such uses would help bring in vital revenue for the Church. Currently Rev. Jack Lusted was not charging for his time. A Church Warden is needed but there are some issues around this at the present time.

4.5 County/District Councillors Report

District Councillor Prochak reported that the brown (green waste) bins are now being delivered to those households who had ordered them but they would not be in service until after the 30th June. Collection days may change but residents would be told about this nearer the time.

Councillor Prochak has given evidence at the second inspector's inspection into the Core Strategy, which could see up to 81 new houses earmarked for Hurst Green. After the inspector's report the Core Strategy will be open for public consultation. Two appeals from communities (not local) have already been rec'd about RDC not having five years planning in place.

The Fire Service consultation has just closed and Councillor Prochak expressed the opinion that it was vital that Battle retained a fully manned station as the service now has responsibility for the A21. It needs four people to man a fire engine and Burwash's retained unit only managed to do this 30% of the time.

5.0 Planning: -

Enforcement notification rec'd for land at Yew Tree Farm, London road re stationing of a Shepherds hut for residential use.

5.1 RDC Planning decisions

RR/2014/3209/L - 44 Station Road, Hurst Green. Mrs Cleaves.

Install replacement windows. **Granted**

RR/2014/576/P - 1 Merriments Farm Cottages, Merriments Lane, Hurst Green. Mr & Mrs D Greatley.

Proposed Extensions and improvements to dwelling and erection of detached garage. **Granted**

RR/2014/445/T - Hadlow Gate, Burgh Hill, Hurst Green TN19 7PE. Mr L Lewis

T1 - Sweet Chestnut 10% crown reduction to rebalance the tree's shape and 20% crown thinning. T2 - Sweet Chestnut removal of dead and damaged timber and 25% crown thinning. Reduction of Leylandii hedge to lowest tree at approximately 5.5m. **Sweet Chestnut, Refused but reduction in height of conifers, Granted.**

RR/2014/420/P - Grovehill Barn, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7PS. Mr Mark Compton

PROPOSED NEW ACCESS. **Refused.**

RR/2014/2533/P - (Ticehurst Parish)Bantham farm, London R road. Mr N Watts

Remove current building and rebuild larger B1 (A) use (Art studio), including parking spaces. **Granted**

5.2 Current Applications

RR/2014/531/P

Orchard Farm Shop, London Road, Hurst Green. Mr John Matthews

To extend Farm shop and country stores and replace existing polytunnel to provide facilities for rural craft workshops and additional retail display areas. **Majority decision to support.**

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| <p>RR/2014/872/P</p> <p>Supported.</p> | <p>Bellhurst Farm Oast, Pashley Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QT</p> | <p>Proposed change of use of ground floor of oasthouse with first floor in existing residential use to form one detached dwelling unit; also, alterations and extensions including reinstatement of roundel roofs, alterations and change of use of outbuilding to form incidental office and change of use of a cart lodge to form incidental garaging.</p> |
| <p>RR/2014/821/P</p> <p>Supported.</p> | <p>White Horse Inn, Silverhill, Hurst Green TN19 7PU</p> | <p>Change of use from public house to a single dwelling.</p> |
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| <p>RR/2014/805/P</p> <p>Not Supported.</p> | <p>Cottage 1, Bugsell Mill Farm, Bugsell Mill Lane, TN19 7QJ</p> | <p>To demolish the existing 3 bed roomed cottage and replace it with a new 3 bed roomed oak framed timber house.</p> |

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| RR/2014/806/P Not Supported. | Cottage 1, Bugsell Mill Farm, Bugsell Mill Lane, TN19 7QJ | To demolish the existing 3 bed roomed cottage and replace it with a new 3 bed roomed oak framed timber house. |
| RR/2014/760/P Supported. | Iridge Place, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7PN | Internal refurbishment and decoration. Minor internal alterations. Courtyard alterations and glazed roof over. |
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| RR/2014/696/P Supported. | Walton, Burgh Hill, Hurst Green TN19 7PE | Single storey rear extension and alterations to form new main entrance with porch along with relocation of existing ground floor WC. |

6.0 Finance/David Hilbourne, RFO's Report: -

David Hilbourne, the RFO, went through the Annual Return and Corporate Governance questions which were **unanimously approved** and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

The RFO asked the Council for formal approval for the resolutions previously made at the Precept meeting for donations from s137 for Rother Responders, £50 budgeted for and for Victim support, £50 budgeted for. **This was unanimously approved.**

The RFO has also received a request for a donation from Hurst Green Cricket club for which no budget has been allocated. After much debate a sum of £50 was agreed and **unanimously approved.**

6.1 Current financial position

Balance of accounts

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| Community Account (6752) | £20,008.83 | as at 24 th April 2014 |
| Community Savings (6779) | £636.16 | as at 24 th April 2014 |
| Renewals A/C (6760) | £11,069.62 | as at 24 th April 2014 |

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

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| 24 th March 2014 - BT, Village Hall telephone. | £106.60 |
| 5 th March 2014 - Greencore, Bin emptying. | £21.71 |

Payments received

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| 24 th April 2014 - HG Cricket club, Ground rent for Drewetts Field. | £50.00 |
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6.2 Approval and issue of Cheques

Urgent cheques drawn and paid away

None.

Cheques to be authorised for this meeting

Copies of invoices re items below previously circulated via email to all Councillors.

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| Cheque No. 100467 - SSALC, Sub to Local Council Review. | £17.00 |
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| Cheque No. 100462 - HMRC, re Clerk's remit income tax collected PAYE. £346.60 | |
| Cheque No. 100467 - J Ellis, Clerk's Salary (April). | £366.08 |
| Cheque No. 100468 - D Hilbourne, RFO Salary (April). | £96.00 |
| Cheque No. 100469 - Spoilt. | - |
| Cheque No. 100470 - ESCC, replacement of 2 street light standards. | £2426.54 |
| Cheque No. 100471 - ESCC, street Lighting supply and maintenance. | £909.44 |
| Cheque No. 100472 - Hurst Green School, s137 donation for Community Bus. | £4955.00 |
| Cheque No. 100474 - SSALC, Sub(incl. NALC sub).2014/15 | £395.64 |
| Cheque No. 100475 - East Sussex Pension Scheme, re Clerk (April). | £128.21 |
| Cheque No. 100476 - Janet Smith Catering, Catering for Parish Assembly. | £187.50 |

Approval is sought for past and present issue of Cheques.

Cheques proposed by Councillor Hampton and seconded by Councillor Duddridge.

7.0 Playing & Stage Fields:-

Councillor Browne and Councillor Prochak have both rec'd an email expressing concern about bin emptying in Lodge Field. Currently only one bin by the youth shelter but this has been bent and it is impossible to open the door and get the internal container out to empty the bin. Councillors Browne and Duddridge will look at it to see if it can be straightened out and if not remove the bin.

Stage Field will need a path cutting around it & the weeds will need monitoring to see if spraying is needed.

8.0 Footpaths, Transport & Roads

Councillor Peacock reported a broken stile on footpath 29 opposite Jacobs Well Farm. Clerk will report. A meeting with the Highways Agency, arranged by Greg Barker MP is due to be held on Friday the 9th May at 9.30am in the Village Hall.

8.1 Resident's communication re 20mph zone on Station Road

A local resident has asked the Council to look at campaigning to get a 20mph zone introduced on Station Road in light of the increased foot traffic due to the community shop. After much debate the Council did not think that at the present time and in line with current guidance there would be much chance of achieving this and therefore did not support this. It is however hoped that traffic calming measures on the A21 if agreed would help Station Road as well.

10.0 Notices and Correspondence:-

Correspondence previously circulated via email

10.1 Urgent issues requiring attention

No urgent issues.

11.0 Items for the next agenda:-

None asked for.

12.0 Date and time of next Meeting:-

The next meeting is the AGM on Tuesday the 27th May 2014 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Distribution of Minutes: -
All Parish councillors.
Parish Council Noticeboard.
ESCC Councillor J. Barnes.

Signed

Chairman

