

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Hurst Green Village Hall on Tuesday 30th September 2014 starting at 8:10pm.

Present: - Councillor Cruse, Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Hampton, Councillor Janes, Councillor Wright, District Councillor Prochak and County Councillor Barnes.

The RFO, David Hilbourne and the Clerk were in attendance. Six members of the public attended, two for public consultation period.

1.0 Apologies for Absence: - Councillor Browne, Councillor Greenfield and Councillor Peacock.

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair the Clerk asked Councillors to elect a Chair for the meeting. Councillor Hampton was unanimously appointed to Chair the meeting.

1.1 Council Vacancy

No more interest has been shown in the vacancy but the Council will continue to canvas to fill the remaining position.

2.0 **Minutes of the last meeting:** -

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 26/08/14.

Minutes proposed by Councillor Janes and seconded by Councillor Hampton.

2.1 **Matters arising from the Minutes:** -

No matters arising.

3.0 **Declaration of Interest:** -

Councillors Janes and Wright declared an interest in agenda item 6.3 c) due to involvement with the group.

4.0 **Community:** -

4.1 Guest speaker

PCSO Iain Tomsett attended the meeting and gave an update on the current activity in the area and the next project which is intended to be the re setting up of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the Village, hopefully with help from the Council. PCSO Iain Tomsett informed the meeting that PCSO Tom McAspurn had retired and that PCSO Tina Grevett was moving from the area in a month's time.

PCSO Iain Tomsett left the meeting.

4.2 Community reports

The Hurst Green Junior Football Club representatives spoke to the Council in the public consultation period before the meeting requesting more help in sorting out a suitable pitch within the parish of Hurst Green. They were asked to come to the next meeting with a full plan of what they wanted and the costs involved as nothing has been allowed for in the precept for this financial year.

4.3 County/District Councillors Report

County Councillor Barnes reported that there was good and bad news. More cuts have to be made but most were being accomplished although Adult Social Care was running above budget and was having to rely on contingency funds.

Merriments Lane has been resurfaced but so far there has been no luck in getting a speed restriction imposed. Money has now stopped being re directed away from small schools which is good news for Hurst Green.

Councillor Prochak asked about the ESCC local Bus Service review which will see buses cut to two days a week from Hurst Green through to Heathfield and beyond. Councillor Barnes replied that these buses were heavily subsidized and more than 6 million was spent by East Sussex on these subsidized routes and this could not be maintained. It was noted that the school run buses would however continue.

District Councillor Prochak reported that Kier had done a waste presentation and that although some areas had experienced problems with the new waste contract Hurst Green did not appear to have many. The rounds have been enlarged but there were not enough staff who knew the area and a shortage of HGV drivers resulted in some 40,000 phone calls re missed waste collections.

Last night RDCs Core Strategy was approved and staff agreed a 1% pay rise.

Hurst Green has been earmarked for 81 new houses and consultation will take place in late 2015.

Councillor Prochak noted that from spring next year Parish Councils would receive 15% of any developers' fee with 5% going to Rother for admin costs. If however a neighbourhood plan is in place Councils could see their percentage go up to 25%.

RDC are currently looking into recording their meetings now that the public are able to do the same to make sure that everything is accurately recorded and leaves no room for disagreement over events.

5.0 Planning: -

5.1 RDC Planning decisions

RR/2014/1467/P - Boarsden, London Road, Hurst Green

Single storey extensions to the front (north), side (east) and rear (south), to accommodate new kitchen, dining and ancillary facilities. **Granted.**

RR/2014/1569/P - Abertawe Cottage, London Road, Hurst Green

Change of use from redundant and unused holiday let to residential accommodation. **Refused.**

RR/2014/1821/P - 1 Swiftsden Cottages, London Road, Hurst Green

Proposed single storey extension to the rear and garage to the side of the existing dwelling. **Refused.**

RR/2014/1822/P - Wincot, London Road, Hurst Green

Proposed single storey extension to the rear and an extended garage to the side of the existing dwelling **Refused.**

RR/2014/1886/P - 14 Acorn Way, Hurst Green TN19 7QG

Proposed demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey extension.

Proposed internal alterations. Installation of new flue. **Granted.**

5.2 Current Applications

RR/2014/2306/T - Beagles Boundary, Burgh Hill, Hurst Green TN19 7PE Works to oak tree.

Not supported.

RR/2014/2249/P - Prosperity Cottage, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QP.

Proposed Conversion of part of garage to create pool room. **Supported.**

RR/2014/2184/P - 11 Station Road, Hurst Green TN19 7PL Proposed change of use of hairdressers (previously Teknique) to two bedroom ground floor flat. **Not supported.**

RR/2014/1931/P - 11 London Road, The Old Woolpack, Hurst Green TN19 7QP. Proposed conversion of Stable block and garage attached to The Old Woolpack into three bedroom five person house. **Supported.**

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

David Hilbourne provided Councillors with the Bank Reconciliation for July to September via email with the latest invoices and noted that the accounts were in balance. However the RFO noted that there had been an £18 difference on the first reconciliation as the invoice for the PC laptop authorized at last month's

meeting was overpaid by £18 with a cheque for £753.60 instead of £735.60. This overpayment has now been recovered and the books now balance.

6.1 Current financial position

Balance of accounts

Community Account (6752)	£3,816.25	as at 20th Sept 2014
Community Savings (6779)	£78.22	as at 20th Sept 2014
Renewals A/C (6760)	£3,061.39	as at 20th Sept 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

28th August - Greencore, rubbish removal, Drewetts and Duty of Care fee. £75.71

Payments received

September - Bank transfer, HMRC, refund of VAT claimed. £1041.80

6.2 Approval and issue of Cheques

Urgent cheques drawn and paid away

Cheque No. 100513 - Wealden Group, printing of sheep racing certs. for Fete.	£102.00
Cheque No. 100514 - G Browne, Grass cuts for June/July/August.	£360.00

Cheques to be authorised for this meeting

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

Cheque No. 100515 - J Ellis, Clerk's Salary (Sept).	£369.98
Cheque No. 100516 - R Cruse, Maintenance of Corner Garden for 2014.	£380.00
Cheque No. 100517 - East Sussex Pension Scheme, re Clerk (Sept).	£125.31
Cheque No. 100518 - HMRC, Remit PAYE collected.	£277.60
Cheque No. 100519 - PKF Littlejohn, external Auditor's fees.	£360.00
Cheque No. 100520 - Robertsbridge Gdn.Machinery, Lodge Field grass cut July/August.	£384.00
Cheque No. 100521 - Active Risk Management, Lodge Field play equipment inspection.	£56.00
Cheque No. 100522 - J Ellis, for Parish Council Anti-virus software (Amazon).	£28.49
Cheque No. 100523 - HG Children in Need Theatre Group, donation under LGA 1972 s.145.	£250.00

Approval is sought for present issue of Cheques.

Cheques proposed by Councillor Wright and seconded by Councillor Cruse.

6.3 Requests for donations

a) Request for a donation from the Kent & Sussex Air Ambulance.

Councillors unanimously agreed to leave this to discuss for the precept for 2014/15

b) Request for a donation from Rural Rother Trust

Councillors unanimously agreed to donate £100 under LGA 72. S. 137

c) Request for a donation from Hurst Green Children in Need production of £250

Councillors Wright & Janes declared an interest in this and did not take part in the discussion or vote.

Councillors unanimously agreed as per previous meeting to donate £250 under LGA 1972 s. 145

7.0 Playing & Stage Fields:-**7.1 Motion to accept quotation for repair of Stage Field fence and stile**

The Clerk has rec'd a quotation of £305 to repair the fence and stile at the entrance gate to Stage field from Neville Edwards who provided the most competitive quote for the allotment fence.

Councillors unanimously agreed to go with this quote due to the urgent nature of this work and to secure the field.

7.2 Update on Lodge Field Play Equipment Inspection report 2014

Councillor Janes was still working on this and the Clerk supplied a Sovereign contact number as they wished to give a free quote for more play equipment.

8.0 Footpaths, Transport & Roads

Councillor Wright reported that footpath 6/6a was overgrown. Clerk to report.

Councillor Hampton reported a broken footpath (Bellhurst) way marker on the B2099 Ticehurst road.

Clerk to report.

9.0 Notices and Correspondence:-

Correspondence previously circulated via email

9.1 Urgent issues requiring attention

Sue Endean has expressed concern about a fish and chip van that has been parking outside the Village Hall on the last few Friday nights. Councillor Prochak noted that they would need a license to sell food. This matter would be looked into.

10.0 Items for the next agenda:-

Hurst Green Junior Football Club presentation.

Precept

12.0 Date and time of next Meeting:-

The next meeting is on Tuesday 28th October 2014 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Distribution of Minutes: -

All Parish councillors.

Parish Council Noticeboard.

ESCC Councillor J. Barnes.

RDC Councillor S. Prochak.

Signed

Chairman

Dated