

## HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Hurst Green Village Hall on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016 starting at 8:00pm.

**Present:** - Councillor Browne (Chair), Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Funnell, Councillor Janes, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Peacock, Councillor Wright, District Councillor Prochak and County Councillor Barnes. The Clerk and the RFO David Hilbourne were in attendance along with 1 member of the public.

**1.0 Apologies for Absence:-** Councillor Cruse and Councillor Harrison.

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

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

**Minutes proposed by Councillor Funnell 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.*

Councillors Duddridge declared an interest in agenda item 4.3 (Allotments) as an allotment holder.

**4.0 Community Activities and reports:-**

Councillor Janes reported that the Harvest Supper would take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> October and would be held in aid of the Community Shop and Church.

**4.1 Hurst Green Car Park update**

Councillors requested more detailed information re associated costs for the car park such as business rates.

Councillor Prochak noted that it would cost £1,000 to set up Byelaw re rules and regulations of use of Car Park as the existing ones would cease immediately the Car Park was handed over to the Parish Council.

Councillors wanted more information on the frequency of the recycling bins being emptied as they are often overflowing and would want the number of bins reduced.

Resident complained that the overhanging trees kept the area damp.

**4.1 a) Resolution to accept or not Rother District Council's offer of a one off payment in lieu of 10 yr. maintenance plan**

To be left to the next meeting when more information obtained.

**4.2 Feedback on Village Fete**

Councillor Johnson still waiting for all the information to come in.

*Councillors Duddridge declared an interest in the next agenda item as an allotment holder.*

**4.3 Renewal of Lease and Tenancy for Allotment Field**

Councillor Browne has contacted David Pennock who is more than happy to extend the lease for another 5 years.

**4.4 County/District Councillors Report**

The Chair, Councillor Browne has requested that this agenda item is removed from future agendas as relevant feedback can be given under Community Reports and other relevant agenda items.

**County Councillor Barnes** reported that he is continuing to try to get something done about the car parking situation in Station Road.

Councillor Barnes noted that East Sussex County Council is facing increasing funding issues with children's services on an overspend of 7million mainly as a result of child protection issues.

The new Parliamentary boundaries review has just been published and comments will be accepted up to the 5<sup>th</sup> December. The local Area is known as the High Weald.

The integrated Risk Management of the Fire Service has also been published and is well worth a look. No plans to lose any stations but engines will run on a reduced crew of 4 rather than 5.

**District Councillor Prochak** reported that Hurst Green along with bits of Ticehurst and Flimwell would become a 2 member ward for Rother and Salehurst and Robertsbridge a 1 member ward.

Councillor Prochak asked councillors if they could remind people about Rother Rural Trust and that it is there to help people in urgent need and is a completely confidential service.

Rother District Council have introduced a new scheme whereby people can speak at planning meetings provided they have a petition signed by at least ten people and then a limited time is allowed for a spokesperson to speak.

DASA (Development And Site Allocation) is the new term for SHLAA (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment). The Caravan Tech site is listed in this plan for housing development. Caravan Tech is currently looking at several sites to relocate to.

Councillor Browne noted that Millwood Homes had been invited to speak to Rother over the Foundry Close development as in its current format the development would not be approved.

Still investigating a Town Council for Bexhill or an Area Committee.

## 5.0 Planning: -

Clerk reported letter rec'd from Rother confirming that work behind Mill Cottage at The Stage, Silverhill was within permitted development rules.

### 5.1 RDC Planning decisions

**RR/2016/2122/P** - Brockhurst, Burgh Hill, Hurst Green TN19 7PE. Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. **Granted**.

### 5.2 Current Applications

**RR/2016/2365/T** - Brockhurst, South View Close, Hurst Green TN19 7PE Crown reduction of 20% of two beech trees, with proportional width reduction cutting back to branch axles. **Supported**.

**RR/2016/2120/P** - Stage Field, Silverhill, Hurst Green. Formation of vehicular access & parking. No comment, Parish Council Application.

## 6.0 Finance/RFO's Report:-

Financial report given by the Responsible Financial Officer, David Hilbourne.

### 6.1 Current financial position

#### Balance of accounts

Community Account (6752)	£6,722.75	as at 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2016
Community Savings (6779)	£2,736.03	as at 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2016
Renewals A/C (6760)	£10,072.00	as at 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2016

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

None.

### 6.2 Approval and issue of Cheques

#### Urgent cheques drawn and paid away

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

Cheque No. 100705 - HG Parochial Church Council, donation under LGA 1972 s125 (6)  
agreed at meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016

£1,000.00

Cheques to be authorised for this meeting

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

Cheque No. 100706 - J Ellis, Clerk's Salary (Sept).	£437.66
Cheque No. 100707 - D Hilbourne, RFOs salary (Sept).	£125.13
Cheque No. 100708 - East Sussex Pension Scheme, re Clerk.	£153.93
Cheque No. 100709 - Pet Waste Solutions, clearance of dog bin waste for September.	£56.33
Cheque No. 1007010 - DC Gooch, Legal work for Stage Field planning application.	£624.00
Cheque No. 100711 - DC Browne, grass cut August.	£120.00
Cheque No. 100712 - HG Village Hall, share of annual telephone costs.	£150.27

A resolution for approval is sought for present issue of Cheques.

**Cheques proposed by Councillor Funnell and seconded by Councillor Wright**

#### 6.4 Resolution to donate unspecified (as yet) sum to Hurst Green junior football Club under LGA 1972 s137

Football club has not contacted the Parish Council about this despite a request in writing from the RFO explaining exactly what was needed in order to facilitate a donation or grant of money.

Councillors agreed to remove this item from subsequent agendas until a formal request is rec'd.

#### 7.0 **Playing & Stage Fields**

The Chair expressed regret that Hurst Green Cricket Club had been unable to help a local family with their charity cricket match in memory of their son. This will go ahead at Matfield but strongly felt that the Cricket Club should have agreed to their request. Clerk asked to write to the club expressing the Council's disappointment and regret at their attitude.

##### 7.1 Lodge field Playground repairs

Councillor Janes reported that there had been a slight delay in finishing the work but should be completed by the next meeting.

##### 7.1 a) Resolution to agree further expenditure of £250 to finish repairs to play equipment

**The Council formally resolved to approve this as agreed at the last meeting.**

#### 8.0 **Footpaths, Transport & Roads**

Councillor Johnson reported that he has now replaced and put up missing footpath way markers.

##### 8.1 Update on Footpath 23 (off London Road by Jesses).

No update rec'd from Andrew Le Gresley to date. Clerk asked to email him for an update and to see if the section 130 notice has been served yet and if not when it will be served along with the compliance date.

##### 8.2 Resolution to request East Sussex County Council looks into Hazard Control at the Junction of the A265 and A21

Councillor Barnes believed this should have been drafted as traffic and hazard control.

The Council **unanimously supported** the resolution to request Rupert Clubb to look into traffic and hazard control on the A265 and in particular the junction with the A21 in Hurst Green.

Councillor Peacock reported that the pedestrian crossing on the A21 was not working correctly on the north bound side and Councillor Janes noted that it failed to detect wheelchair/scooter users. Clerk to report.

#### 9.00 **Notices and Correspondence:-**

*Correspondence previously circulated via email.*

Letter rec'd from Phyllis Cowling thanking the Council for its continuing support for the local theatre production.

##### 9.1 Urgent issues requiring attention

Overgrown hedge at No.10 McMichael's Way with pavement users on the A21 having to duck to avoid the overhanging branches.

**10.00 Items for the next agenda:-**

To be emailed to Clerk as necessary.

**10.1 Agenda items for the meeting with Huw Merriman MP on Friday the 7th October**

Coopers Corner and proposed roundabout

**11.0 Date and time of next Meeting:-**

The next meeting is on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Distribution of Minutes: -

All Parish councillors.

Parish Council Noticeboard.

ESCC Councillor J. Barnes.

RDC Councillor S. Prochak.

Signed

Chairman

Dated