

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Hurst Green Village Hall on Tuesday 29th September 2015 starting at 8:00pm.

Present: - Councillor Browne (Chairman), Councillor Funnell, Councillor Harrison, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Peacock, District Councillor Prochak and County Councillor Barnes.

David Hilbourne, the RFO and the Clerk were in attendance.

Six members of the public attended.

1.0 Apologies for Absence: - Councillor Cruse, Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Janes and Councillor Wright,

2.0 Minutes of the last meeting: -

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th September 2015.

Minutes proposed by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Harrison.

2.1 Matters arising from the Minutes: -

No matters arising.

3.0 Declaration of Interests: -

None received.

4.0 Community: - Guest speaker

No guest speaker and no reports rec'd

4.2 Redundant Hurst Green Village sign

The sign has been restored by Trevor Croft and will be stored in the Village Hall until the management committee work out the exact siting.

4.3 County/District Councillors Report

District Councillor Prochak did not have a lot to report. The strategic planning consultation has now finished and the responses are being looked at. Eggs to Apples planning application was recommended for approval by planning officers and this has now been approved after a site visit.

County Councillor Barnes has had a meeting with Huw Merriman MP and it was reported that the A21 average speed camera scheme has been approved and will be implemented soon. Concern expressed again about the state of the A21 road surface and the delayed repair of the pedestrian crossing which is leading to long tail backs due to the prolonged light change time. Clerk to chase up again.

A new chief Fire Officer has been appointed and there has been another change to the Fire service with Battle station's future now secure. Retained firefighters will be looked at again as not enough applicants can make the current time target required.

5.0 Sussex Police non-attendance and marshalling at Remembrance parades

Councillor Funnell was very unhappy about Sussex Police's decision to no longer act as Road Marshalls for events such as the Remembrance Service Parade even on trunk roads such as the A21. Councillor Funnell has made extensive efforts to have this changed but to no avail. All Councillors feel that the Police are no longer working with or for the community and have little regard for participants' safety.

6.0 Planning: -

6.1 RDC Planning decisions

RR/2015/2002/O - 4 London Road, 1 Pentwood Place, Hurst Green TN19 7QP. Construction of garage/store in rear garden. Certificate of lawful use or development, **Granted**.

RR/2015/2059/A - Eggs to Apples, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QP. Two illuminated free-standing signs at entrance. **Granted.**

6.2 Current Applications

RR/2015/2320/P - 95 London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7PN. First floor addition. **Supported.**

Councillor Browne realised that he had an interest in the next item and declared an interest and abstained for the discussion and vote.

RR/2015/2294/P - Orchard Farm, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QS. Replacement dwelling and detached garage. **Supported.**

RR/2015/2199/P - Coleman Way, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7PN. Variation of conditions 2 & 3 imposed on planning permission RR/2014/934/P regarding parking allocation; reducing from seven spaces to five. **Not supported.**

RR/2015/2115/P - 58 London Road, Parkside, Hurst Green TN19 7PN. Replacement of redundant garages with single storey side extension. **Supported.**

RR/2015/2119/P - 58 London Road, Parkside, Hurst Green TN19 7PN. Erection of new garage (revised scheme to replace approved application RR/2015/946/P). **Supported.**

7.0 **Finance/David Hilbourne, RFO's Report:-**

Financial report given by David Hilbourne, RFO.

Copies of all the invoices rec'd along with a Bank reconciliation for the quarter has been circulated via email to Councillors so that they are fully informed of the current expenditure. The RFO asked if Councillors were happy to pay for a year's maintenance for the new website.

The was unanimously agreed.

The RFO also noted that to date no money had been donated to the Council's usual causes and that money had been allocated to this in the precept along with further money towards, youth facilities ((£1,500), neighbourhood plan (£1,000) and a speed camera (£3,000).

7.1 Current financial position

Balance of accounts

Community Account (6752)	£4,990.14	as at 22 nd August 2015
Community Savings (6779)	£690.42	as at 22 nd August 2015
Renewals A/C (6760)	£10,064.89	as at 22 nd August 2015

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

27th July - Biffa, waste collection for Drewetts Field. £93.14*

*The RFO reported that there were continuing problems with this company and their accounting methods and as yet no response to numerous attempts to get answers from them. This matter is still ongoing.

Payments received

None.

7.2 Approval and issue of Cheques

Urgent cheques drawn and paid away

Cheque No. 100601 - DG Browne, Grass cutting and Stage Field cut. £207.60

Cheques to be authorised for this meeting

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

Cheque No. 100602 - J Ellis, Clerk's Salary (September).	£416.66
Cheque No. 100603 - D Hilbourne, RFOs salary (September)	£96.00
Cheque No. 100604 - East Sussex Pension Scheme, re Clerk.	£143.85
Cheque No. 100605 - HMRC, Remit PAYE collected.	£384.60
Cheque No. 100606 - S Goodwin, Design and implemented HGPC website.	£800.00
Cheque No. 100607 - Spoilt.	-
Cheque No. 100608 - Digital River, Kaspersky anti-virus software for Clerk & RFO	£29.99
Cheque No. 100609 - S Goodwin, Annual maintenance for HGPC website.	£150.00

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

Cheques proposed by Councillor Peacock and seconded by Councillor Funnell.

8.0 PLAYING FIELDS and Corner Garden

8.1 Proposed Memorial seat sites

Councillors' resolved after much discussion that the second memorial seat to be dedicated to Joe Harper should be the new seat to be placed near Ridgeway. The damaged seat by the bus shelter is to be removed.

8.2 Update on Lodge Field play equipment repairs

Councillor Johnson supplied contact details for the company in Cade Street who do play equipment repairs.

Clerk to contact and arrange for them to meet with Councillor Browne

8.3 Disabled access to Drewetts Field, quotes

Clerk has only rec'd one quote for work therefore item to be postponed to the next agenda and second quote chased.

9.0 Footpaths, Transport & Roads

Highways England have now put up the speed reduction signs and placed a place name sign up for Swiftsden to the north of the area. Local residents consulted on this but not the Parish Council.

The footpath by the school has still not been repaired. Clerk to chase.

Kerb stone displaced in Station Road, Councillor Harrison to provide exact location for Clerk to report.

Councillor Barnes noted that it might be possible to tap into Public Health money to provide for new and replacement footpath way markers. New way markers have the number and route engraved on them.

Rupert Clubb of ESCC to be approached.

9.1 Footpath 23 (off London Road by Jesses)

Andrew Le Gresley, Team Manager of ESCC's Rights of Way & Countryside has reported back to the Council that he is awaiting reports from his team before scheduling in a Parish Liaison meeting to discuss the way forward. The response rec'd to the Freedom of Information request has been circulated to Councillors.

Claire Bennett addressed the meeting, at the invitation of the Chair, and told the Council that she had contacted the Ramblers who support the original line and who recently walked it. The Ramblers Association think that ESCC should be taking enforcement action against the rerouting.

Councillor Barnes said that certainly the Council should demand that ESCC put the way marker back to its original position, six feet to the south of its current position, and mark the other route as an alternative which is allowable provided it is marked as such. *The Parish Council resolved to get this addressed.*

An application to divert the path was in the early stages of submission. The Parish Council has rec'd no formal notification of this yet.

10.0 Notices and Correspondence:-*Correspondence previously circulated via email*

Councillors Barnes and Prochak expanded on the information coming through re the consultation on Boundary Changes.

10.1 Urgent issues requiring attention

No urgent issues.

11.00 Items for the next agenda:-

Footpath 23.

12.0 Date and time of next Meeting:-

The next meeting is on Tuesday 27^h October 2015 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Distribution of Minutes: -

All Parish councillors.

Parish Council Noticeboard.

ESCC Councillor J. Barnes.

RDC Councillor S. Prochak.

Signed

Chairman

Dated