

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Hurst Green Village Hall on Tuesday 24th June 2014 starting at 8:00pm.

Present: - Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Hampton, Councillor Peacock and District Councillor Prochak. The RFO, David Hilbourne and the Clerk were in attendance. No members of the public attended.

1.0 Apologies for Absence: - Councillor Browne, Councillor Cruse, Councillor Greenfield, Councillor Janes and County Councillor Barnes.

In Councillor Browne's absence Councillor Hampton was elected to Chair the meeting.

2.0 Election of Vice Chairperson – due to lack of Councillors present this was postponed to the next meeting.

2.1 Election of Committees and Representatives

- a) Playing Fields - postponed to the next meeting due to absence of Councillors at meeting.
- b) Representative to the Rother Association of Local Councils - postponed to the next meeting due to absence of Councillors at meeting.
- c) Tree warden - Councillor Peacock said that Neil Wilson had agreed to be the community representative for this.

2.2 Council Vacancies

Postponed to the next meeting.

3.0 Minutes of the last meeting:-

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Annual General meeting held on the 27/05/14.
Minutes proposed by Councillor Peacock and seconded by Councillor Duddridge.

3.1 Matters arising from the Minutes: -

No matters arising.

4.0 Declaration of Interest: -

Councillor Hampton declared an interest in agenda item 5.3 as a School Governor.

5.0 Community:-

5.1 Guest speaker

PCSO, Iain Tomsett introduced himself as the new PCSO for Hurst Green and gave a quick rundown on his previous employment history with Sussex Police. He can be contacted on 07810813409

The Chair thanked PCSO Tomsett for coming to the meeting and he then left.

5.2 Community reports

No Community Reports

5.2.1 Fete Report

As no organiser was present this item was postponed to the next meeting. Clerk noted, when asked, that it was thought to have been a great success. The RFO expressed some concern re the costs.

5.2.2 Football Club update

Councillor Greenfield requested this item on the agenda but was not present at the meeting so postponed to the next meeting. Councillor Peacock suggested that perhaps the Social Club would help contribute something to the club. He will ask them.

5.3 School Project Update

Councillor Hampton declared an interest in this agenda item but gave a brief report to the Council.

The minibus has arrived and a grand opening is due to take place on the 22nd July to which all are invited.

5.4 County/District Councillors Report

District Councillor Prochak noted that Rother District Council's Scrutiny Committee had altered slightly as it was now a combination of two previous committees and that there was now a new Chair.

Residents are being encouraged to use the online application to report missed bin collections rather than phoning. There is now a new way to register for Voting with individual residents needing to register online. Fees are changing for planning applications with major developments having a fixed fee of £240 per sq. metre of which the Parishes should get 15% as a Community Infrastructure Levy.

6.0 **Planning: -**

6.1 RDC Planning decisions

Appeal has been launched re RR/2013/2533/P in respect of condition 5, Bantham Farm, London Road, Hurst Green.

RR/2014/162/P Lodge Farm, London ROAD, HURST GREEN

Demolish existing buildings and build new single storey farm shop. **Granted.**

RR/2014/872/P Bellhurst Farm Oast, Pashley Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QT

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. **Granted.**

RR/2014/821/P White Horse Inn, Silverhill, Hurst Green TN19 7PU Change of use from public house to a single dwelling.

Granted.

RR/2014/822/L White Horse Inn, Silverhill, Hurst Green TN19 7PU Change of use from public house to a single dwelling.

Granted.

6.2 Current Applications

RR/2014/1248/O - Home Farm, Haremill Lane, Hurst Green TN19 7QJ

Occupation of the property known as Home Farm in non-compliance of an agricultural occupancy condition for a period of more than 10 years. **Supported.**

RR/2014/1148/P - Grovehill Barn, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7PS

Proposed new access. **Supported.**

RR/2014/934/P - 1 & 2 Coleman Way, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7PN

Conversion of commercial units (1 and 2) to four flats (1 x 1 bedroom and 3 x 2 bedroom) using existing roads and access rescheduled parking and existing open space and refuse facilities. **Supported but some concern at yet more loss of commercial premises.**

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

David Hilbourne has emailed the Council with details of the general admin costs for the previous financial year as requested and has reconciled the Parish accounts which balance correctly. These can be emailed to Councillors on request.

7.1 Current financial position

Balance of accounts

Community Account (6752)	£7,617.08	as at 19 th June 2014
Community Savings (6779)	£636.24	as at 19 th June 2014
Renewals A/C (6760)	£6,060.86	as at 19 th June 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

28^h May, direct Debit - Greencore, Drewetts fortnightly bin collection. £21.71

Payments received

18th June, Cash collected from Fete. £238.00

7.2 Approval and issue of Cheques

Urgent cheques drawn and paid away

Cheque No. 100488 - Mr Pipkin Magic, magician for fete.	£75.00
Cheque No. 100489 - Park Farm Butchers, Hog Roast for Fete.	£600.00
Cheque No. 100490 - PC Specialist, PC for RFO (£765.00+ VAT)	£918.00
Cheque No. 100491 - The Main Event Marquee Co, hire of canopy for Fete.	£397.50
Cheque No. 100492 - DG Browne, grass Cutting April & May.	£260.00
Cheque No. 100493 - Heathfield Hire, generator for fete.	£72.00
Cheque No. 100497 - A Ferguson, two bands for fete.	£450.00
Cheque No. 100498 - Fruitfield Builders, skip for fete rubbish, shared cost.	£132.00

Cheques to be authorised for this meeting

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

Cheque No. 100494 - J Ellis, Clerk's Salary (June).	£378.18
Cheque No. 100495 - East Sussex Pension Scheme, re Clerk(June).	£115.51
Cheque No. 100496 - HMRC, remit re PAYE collected.	£301.40
Cheque No. 100499 - J Ellis re Metalsmiths, engraving of cup for APA.	£46.95
Cheque No. 100500 - Akita Fencing, weed spraying in Stage Field.	£450.00

Approval is sought for past and present issue of Cheques.

Cheques proposed by Councillor Duddridge and seconded by Councillor Peacock.

7.3 Clerk's subscription to the Society of Local Council Clerks

The **resolution** proposed by Councillor Peacock and seconded by Councillor Duddridge to pay the Clerks subscription was **unanimously passed**.

7.4 Resolution to replace PCs for Parish Council due to unsupported XP operating systems

The **resolution** proposed by Councillor Peacock and seconded by Councillor Duddridge to replace outdated PCs for the Council was **unanimously passed**.

8.0 Playing & Stage Fields:-

Stage Field has now been sprayed for weeds and will be cut once the weeds have died down.

9.0 Footpaths, Transport & Roads

The Clerk reminded those present of the need, for as many people as possible, to write to the Highways Agency in support of the A21 traffic calming measures through the Village as proposed at the recent Highways meeting with Greg Barker MP.

Councillor Peacock noted that the pedestrian crossing on the A21 was not functioning correctly as it changed to Red when no one was waiting to cross. Sensors need adjusting. Clerk to report.

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:-

Election of Committees and Representatives

12.0 Date and time of next Meeting:-

The next meeting is on Tuesday 29th July 2014 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Distribution of Minutes: -

Signed

All Parish councillors.

Parish Council Noticeboard.

ESCC Councillor J. Barnes.

Chairman

RDC Councillor S. Prochak.

Dated