

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: - Councillor Browne (Chair), Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Greenfield, Councillor Hampton, District Councillor Prochak and County Councillor Barnes (from 8.30pm).

The RFO, David Hilbourne and the Clerk were in attendance. No members of the public attended.

1.0 Apologies for Absence: - Councillor Cruse, Councillor Jane and Councillor Peacock.

2.0 Election of Vice Chairperson – Councillor Hampton nominated **Councillor Greenfield** for Vice Chair and **was unanimously supported**. No other nominations received; therefore Councillor Greenfield was elected as Vice Chair.

2.1 Election of Committees and Representatives

a) Playing Fields

i) Lodge Field, Councillor Duddridge agreed to continue with this **and was unanimously supported**.

ii) Drewetts Field, no Councillor nominated.

iii) Stage Field, Councillors Browne and Greenfield agreed to continue with this and **were unanimously supported**.

b) Representative to the Rother Association of Local Councils - no nominations received.

Councillor Greenfield suggested that at present any available Councillor should attend. This was agreed as a temporary measure.

2.2 Council Vacancies

Councillor Browne has received an expression of interest from Steve Wright, a past Councillor, for one of the vacant posts. It was **unanimously agreed to co-opt Steve Wright onto the Council**.

As Steve Wright was present at the meeting he was invited to join in the proceedings.

Councillor Browne suggested that Councillor Wright might like to take on responsibility for Drewetts Field.

Steve Wright agreed to this and was **unanimously supported**.

3.0 Minutes of the last meeting:-

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Annual General meeting held on the 24/06/14.

Minutes proposed by Councillor Hampton 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 was unable to attend.

5.2 Community reports

No Community Reports

5.2.1 Fete Report

Councillor Browne gave a report to the Council. The Fete was very successful and was enjoyed by all with more stands this time and it coincided with the Twinning visit. Councillor Browne did however express

concern at the negative comments received about the cost of the Fete as they had kept within the agreed budget.

The RFO noted that it was the evening event that had cost the most money and suggested that the Fete committee might need to reconsider this next year.

Councillor Wright expressed thanks to the organisers and said what a good job had been done on behalf of the Village.

5.2.2 Football Club update

Councillor Greenfield went to a presentation and noted that the Football Club was very well organised with four teams. They are now looking at utilizing Stage Field with the Council's permission. There appears to be no problems with this in the lease but some concern expressed about accessing the field from the road, which would need to be crossed if using the lay-by for parking. They were looking into using the New School Community Bus. *Councillor Barnes joined the meeting.*

Councillor Greenfield will liaise with the club.

5.3 School Project Update

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

An event to launch the minibus took place on the 22nd July and was very successful with the Parish Council presented with a picture much to the surprise of the Chairman, Councillor Browne. The School is delighted with the bus. Some concern that Councillor Peacock has not yet got back to the School Association over the Terms of Hire. Councillor Hampton will look into this and get the details and send out to the Clerk and RFO for future information. The School Association will deal with all the bookings.

5.4 County/District Councillors Report

County Councillor Barnes reported that austerity measures will continue as another 70-90 million has to be saved. The good news is that contingency money of £10million will be used to improve unclassified roads in East Sussex that have previously been left.

District Councillor Prochak reported that the Inspector has responded to modifications to the Core Strategy, which has been approved. 2-3 million has to be saved over the next 2-3 years. The Cabinet approved the Community Infrastructure Scheme last week. This means that developers must pay a levy to develop community schemes and 15% of this money will go directly to the Parish Council involved.

County Councillor Barnes noted that Neighbourhood plans are a very good thing and that Hurst Green should be actively pushing to be involved in developing one for the area.

6.0 **Planning: -**

6.1 RDC Planning decisions

RR/2014/1129/T - Mr P Jones, Beagles Boundary, Burgh Hill, Hurst Green TN19 7PE . Works to Oak. **Partly Granted**

RR/2014/1148/P - Grovehill Barn, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7PS
Proposed new access. **Refused.**

RR/2014/760/P & RR/2014/761/L- Iridge Place, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7PN
Internal refurbishment and decoration. Minor internal alterations. Courtyard alterations and glazed roof over. **Granted.**

6.2 Current Applications

RR/2014/1447/P

11 Station Road, Hurst Green TN19 7PL

PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE OF HAIRDRESSERS (CLASS A1 RETAIL) TO TWO BEDROOM FLAT ON GROUND FLOOR WITH CHANGES TO FRONT ELEVATION. **Not Supported.**

RR/2014/1711/MA

Walton, Burgh Hill, Hurst Green TN19 7PE

Non-material amendment of RR/2014/696/P. Proposed timber cladding removed, proposal is brickwork to match existing. Proposed bi-folding doors in rear and side elevations have been replaced

with doors and windows. Proposed cladding also been removed from existing two storey extension.

Supported.

RR/2014/1569/P

Abertawe Cottage, London Road, Hurst Green

Change of use from redundant and unused holiday let to residential accommodation **Reserve Decision, dependant on adjoining Public House.**

RR/2014/1545/P

51 London Road Hurst Green Etchingam TN19 7QP

Change of use from redundant ground floor office to one no.2 bedroom flat. **Not Supported.**

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. **Supported.**

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. **Supported.**

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

7.1 Current financial position

Balance of accounts

Community Account (6752)	£7,273.16	as at 17 th July 2014
Community Savings (6779)	£636.28	as at 17 th July 2014
Renewals A/C (6760)	£3,060.86	as at 17 th July 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

25^h June - BT Village Hall Telephone.

£109.61

Payments received

No payments rec'd.

7.2 Approval and issue of Cheques

Urgent cheques drawn and paid away

Cheque No. 100501 - Society of Local Council clerks, Sub for clerk. £101.00

Cheques to be authorised for this meeting

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

Cheque No. 100502 - J Ellis, Clerk's Salary (July).	£369.98
Cheque No. 100503 - East Sussex Pension Scheme, re Clerk(July).	£125.31
Cheque No. 100504 - Hewlet Packard, laptop for Clerk.	£735.60
Cheque No. 100505 - Robertsbridge Garden Ctre, strim Lodge Field May & June + hedge cut.	£552.00
Cheque No. 100506 - Kas Trading UK, Printer cartridge for RFO.	£41.00
Cheque No. 100507 - Bora Computers, Computer screen for RFO.	£183.61
Cheque No. 100508 - Petty Cash A/c, petty cash.	£100.00
Cheque No. 100509 - Parish Clerk, subsidy of Broadband costs.	£75.00
Cheque No. 100510 - RFO, subsidy of broadband costs.	£75.00

Approval is sought for past and present issue of Cheques.

Cheques proposed by Councillor Wright and seconded by Councillor Hampton.

7.3 Resolution to cover half the Broadband costs for the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

This **resolution** had been agreed at a previous meeting and was formally **agreed** and **unanimously passed** by the Council at this meeting.

8.0 **Playing & Stage Fields:-**

Stage Field has had pathways cut to enable easier walking for visitors. Weeds have now gone. In Drewetts Field someone has moved one of the old bins back to its previous location. To be removed to a secure site to prevent this happening again as bin will not be emptied in this position. Bin still to be moved from Lodge Field as damaged and unable to empty. Rubbish accruing around it.

9.0 **Footpaths, Transport & Roads**

Nothing 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:-**

No extra items asked for.

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

The next meeting is on Tuesday 26th August 2014 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Distribution of Minutes: -

Signed

All Parish councillors.

Parish Council Noticeboard.

ESCC Councillor J. Barnes.
RDC Councillor S. Prochak.

Chairman
Dated