

## HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the remote meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021 starting at 8.00pm

**Present:-** Councillor Browne (Chair), Councillor Brown, Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Hampton, Councillor Kenchington, Councillor Janes, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Price, Councillor Wright and County Councillor John Barnes and District Councillor Mary Barnes.

The RFO, Anita Emery and the Clerk were in attendance along with two members of the public.

### 1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: -

None.

### 2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: -

To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the remote meeting held on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.

**Councillor Brown** requested that the following should be added to agenda item 4.3,

*The Clerk and RFO to receive training on using the new site from Councillor Brown. Councillor Brown to be contacted to arrange this.*

*The Clerk and RFO to populate the new website with legally required documents and historic data.*

**Councillor Hampton** requested that the following should be added to agenda item 6.0,

*Councillor Hampton has been researching speed reactive cameras for Station Road and has obtained some costings for these*

Minutes **proposed by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Price** subject to the above changes.

**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.*

None declared.

**3.1 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION** – *to consider written requests from Members for Dispensation and to consider the length of time the dispensation should be granted for i.e. as a one-off relating to a matter on this agenda, or ongoing for a set period and relating to any agenda within that period.*

None received.

### 4.0 COMMUNITY- Activities and reports: -

4.1 Neighbourhood Plan, progress report (Cllrs. Brown & Wright).

Councillor Brown gave the report.

4.2 Old Community Shop Building, progress report. (Cllr. Browne)

Councillor Browne reported that he has been distributing all the information regarding the site as it comes in.

i) Motion to appoint Roger Taylor to act on behalf of the Council in regards to the lease.

The Chair asked the Council if it wished to appoint Roger Taylor to start the process of setting up a new sublease.

**This was unanimously agreed.**

4.3 Report on RDC Car Parks taken over by parishes. (Clerk)

Clerk prepared a report which was distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting.

Council requested the Clerk to obtain more up to date details and the intended condition of the car park at hand over if taken on.

#### 4.4 Public Access Defibrillator purchase of replacement

The Clerk is looking into different options and maintenance requirements for a replacement defib. Clerk to email Gary Spray re need for maintenance.

#### 4.5 Clerk's report

The Clerk emailed out the report prior to the meeting.

Councillor Brown asked for an update re rating valuation of the old shop.

Clerk has been in correspondence with a business ratings valuation expert who cannot see any grounds for a change in the valuation and cannot see it being reduced.

Chair will speak to Robin Vennard at RDC.

#### 4.6 Parish Correspondence and local resident issues

Circulated prior to meeting and reported in Clerk's report.

A local resident has suggested that the Council should lobby ESCC for a 20mph speed limit in Station Road especially near the pedestrian crossing.

Clerk to contact Cllr John Barnes to ask him to speak to ESCC on this matter.

#### 4.7 Urgent issues requiring attention

None reported.

#### 4.8 Councillors questions, none rec'd

### 5.0 **Finance/RFO's Report:-**

The RFO, Anita Emery gave her report.

#### 5.1 Current financial position

##### Balance of accounts

Community Account (6752)	£60,299.37	as at 23rd March 2021
Community Savings (6779)	£2,590.22	as at 23rd March 2021
Renewals A/C (6760)	£20,108.29	as at 23rd March 2021

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

ICO (Data Protection Annual Payment)	£35.00
EON Gas Bill Old church building	£13.21
EON Electricity bill Old Church building	£34.64

#### 5.2 Motion to approve invoices and approval and issue of payments

A resolution for approval is sought for past and present invoices (*as circulated via email prior to the meeting to all Councillors*) and issue of payments. See appendix 1 for details

**Approval of Invoices and payments proposed by Councillor Janes and seconded by Councillor Price.**

#### 5.3 Motion to approve Financial Risk Assessment

Councillor Brown had some queries re this item. To be deferred to the next meeting.

The RFO noted that this needs to be done for the internal audit at the beginning of May

#### 5.4 To consider requests for grants

- i) Hurst Green Cricket club, grants for various works.

To be postponed to the next meeting as documentation not available.

- ii) Tim & Julie Weare re restoration and structural work to the cloak tower, grant of £5,000 to £7,000 requested

To be deferred to the next meeting.

iii) Rural Rother Trust

It was unanimously agreed to support a grant of £100 under s137 to Rural Rother Trust

## 6.0 TRANSPORT, ROADS & FOOTPATHS

Councillor Johnson reported another pothole, details to be emailed to the Clerk.

## 7.0 PLANNING: -

Planning - Appeals Cygnets Fields, Swanfield Farm, London Road. Appeal against enforcement notice to remove static caravan and return land to agricultural use **Appeal dismissed.**

### 7.1 RDC Planning decisions

**RR/2020/1123/P**, - 125 London Road, Jacobs Well Farmhouse, Outline, demolition of outbuilding and erection of new dwelling (renewal of planning permission RR/2017/1210/P). **Granted.**

**RR/2020/1997/P** - Boundary Farm, London Road. Erection of stable block. **Granted.**

### 7.2 Current Applications.

**RR/2021/439/T** - Copper Beech, 1 South View Close, Hurst Green TN19 7QX. Reduction of Copper Beech Tree by 2m and raising of the crown to 4 metres above ground level. **Supported.**

## 8.0 Playing & Stage Fields

Clerk reported that the moles were back in Drewetts Field and asked if the Council wished to have them removed. **Council approved this**, Clerk to action.

### 8.1 Lodge Field progress report

Nothing to report this month but a meeting is due to be held soon

Councillor Hampton asked about the school awards and what was happening? Councillor Brown responded that prizes had been purchased and given to the school and he was waiting for feedback from the school re handing them out.

## 9.00 Items for the next agenda

Neighbourhood Plan.

District and County Councillors reports

Other items to be emailed to Clerk as necessary.

## 10.0 Date and time of next Meeting

The next Council meeting to be held remotely on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 8.00pm.

Note AGM to be brought forward to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Distribution of Minutes: -  
All Parish Councillors  
Parish Council Noticeboard  
Parish Council Website  
ESCC Councillor J. Barnes  
RDC Councillor M Barnes.

Signed  
Chairman

Cllr. Graham Browne

Dated

27<sup>th</sup> April 2021



	794
	£60,299.3
Community Account 6752	7
Community Saving account 6779	£2,590.22
	£20,108.2
Renewals account 6760	9
	<b>£82,997.8</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Less expenditure items to approve</b>	<b>-£3,443.82</b>
	<b>£79,554.0</b>
<b>Cash at bank at 23.3.2021</b>	<b>6</b>

**Reserve Information:**

*Included in the above total are the reserves which are broken down by:*

General Reserves :	£30,878
	<i>£48,675.96 [broken down in detail</i>
Earmarked Reserves:	<i>below]:</i>
	<i>[£48,675.96 Neighbourhood Plan exact figure to be confirmed]</i>

Signed by:  
Anita Emery - RFO

Councillor who checked the invoices for the above payments:

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