

## HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm after public consultation.

**Present:-** Councillor Browne (Chair), Councillor Brown, Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Hampton, Councillor Janes, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Kenchington, Councillor Price (*from 8.30pm*), Councillor Wright, District Councillor Barnes and County Councillor Eleanor Kirby-Green. The Clerk and the RFO Anita Emery were in attendance along with four 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 meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Minutes **proposed by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Price.**

**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 Browne and Janes declared an interest in agenda item 4.2 the old community shop building

**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 FINANCE/RFO Report

The RFO, Anita emery gave the report.

Noted that although the audit has been approved there was a note re late filing even though an extension had been granted due to internal auditor issue.

The RFO has been in contact with our solicitor re the Old Community shop costs which currently stand at £350 + VAT. Any further work will need to have the fees agreed.

#### 4.1 To approve expenses and payments as itemised on the schedule (appendix attached)

The detailed expenses and payments reports were emailed to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

Approval of Invoices and payments proposed by Councillor Hampton and seconded by Councillor Janes. **Unanimously approved.**

#### 4.2 To approve bank reconciliation

The Council **unanimously approved** the bank reconciliation emailed out to Councilors prior to the meeting. To be signed off at the next meeting due to additional payment.

**4.3 Motion:** *“That this Council, in order to advance its agreed objectives and in accordance with the guidance for CIL funds, will allocate the CIL funding received from planning permission RR/2020/1633/R towards the Council’s costs of revitalising the children’s play park, and shall ring-fence such funds for this purpose until required.”* (Cllr. Brown)

Proposed by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Browne. **Unanimously approved.**

4.4 **Motion:** *for funds to support next year's Fete as we will be celebrating The Platinum Anniversary of the Queen.* (Cllr. Johnson).

Councillor Browne reported that this was a regular payment to the fete and would be discussed at the precept working party meeting in January. Also noted that RDC would give a grant of up to £500 for this special event.

Proposed by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Browne. **Unanimously supported.**

*Anita Emery the RFO, left the meeting at 8.15pm.*

## 5.0 **COMMUNITY Activities and reports.**

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

The report was given by Councillor Brown.

The first Public exhibition for the Neighbourhood Plan will take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00am to 4.00pm and leaflets had been distributed around the village.

The feedback from the consultation will provide useful insights, and will depending on the feedback, determine the work that needs to be done in order to proceed to the Pre-Submission Consultation (Regulation 14).

5.2 **Motion:** *"That this Council for the purposes of good planning, shall hereby adopt the localised Hurst Green Design Code with immediate effect, as laid out in the associated document dated September 2021.( Cllr. Brown).*

Proposed by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Browne. **Unanimously supported.**

Clerk to write to Malcolm Johnson at RDC with the document attached for his information.

### 5.3 Old Community Shop Building

Councillors Browne and Janes declared an interest in this agenda item and did not vote.

**Motion:** *"That this Council, having considered its options and the interests of the community it serves, shall in the matter of the former community shop building, enter into negotiations with and begin the process of drawing up a lease with the Hurst Green Hub (Community Interest Company)" (W/P)*

Proposed by Councillor Johnson and seconded by all councilors on the working party.

**Unanimously approved.**

Councillor Browne offered to set up an informal meeting with the head leaseholders.

The Council agreed that this would be useful. Majority decision to approve the meeting.

**Agenda items 5.4 and 5.5 to be moved to the end of the meeting as public and press to be excluded due to sensitive and confidential nature of the business to be discussed.**

### 5.6 District and County Councillors reports

**Councillor Kirby-Green** sent out her report via email prior to the meeting.

**Councillor Barnes** gave the RDC report noting that a temporary employment has been made to replace Tim Hickling and to try to deal with the backlog of planning applications

### 5.7 Clerk's report

The Clerk gave her report which had been emailed out to all Councilors prior to the meeting.

### 5.8 Parish Correspondence and local resident issues

A local resident expressed concern at a perceived lack of support over a planning application at the southern end of the village and had set up an unofficial residents' group. Felt that there had not been enough consultation with local residents.

### 5.9 RDC consultation - Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)

Councillor Brown had read the document and queried where and what infrastructure delivery as Hurst Green was not mentioned and the document seems to relate almost entirely to the Bexhill area. Nothing in the document refers to putting any infrastructure into the rural areas and not relevant to Hurst Green.

### 5.10 NALC consultation - DEFRA Local Nature Strategies

Councillors have no comment to make on this issue

### 5.11 Urgent issues requiring attention

A letter has been rec'd from the head leaseholders re the untidy Shop site.

It was agreed that Councillor Janes would remove his barbeque and gas cylinders, Councillor Kenchington would arrange a grass cut and Councillor Wright would get a quote for the rubbish removal.

Also reported some graffiti on the shop.

## 6.0 TRANSPORT, ROADS & FOOTPATHS

### 6.1 ESCC SLR meeting, agenda items

The Clerk has already emailed a list of items to be put on the agenda.

Councillor Brown has asked about the comment re bus shelters on a planning application on land opposite the school near Iridge Place.

Councillor Johnson asked for update on dangerous tree on footpath 6/6a

### 6.2 ESCC, urban grass cutting service for 2022, resolution to accept Option 1, Standard, Option 2, Extra cuts or Option 3, Self-delivery

The Council **unanimously agreed to go with option 1** as in previous years. Clerk to notify ESCC.

## 7.0 PLANNING

### 7.1 RDC Planning decisions

**RR/2020/2286/P - Grove Hill Barn**, London Road, Single storey rear extension. **Refused.**

### 7.2 Planning applications

#### **RR/2021/2246/P**

Eggs To Apples Farm Shop, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QP. Retention of front (east) canopy, north side loading bay canopy and west side canopy. Erection of extension to farm shop on south side and extension on the west side for ancillary cafe use/produce storage. Form staff parking area on north side. **Supported.**

#### **RR/2021/2179/P**

Merriments House, Merriments Lane, Hurst Green TN19 7RQ. Replacement of 1970s garage and utility range with new addition on site of lost historic parlour range with associated remodelling of the interior.

**Supported.**

#### **RR/2021/2180/L**

Merriments House, Merriments Lane, Hurst Green TN19 7RQ. Replacement of 1970s garage and utility range with new addition on site of lost historic parlour range with associated remodelling of the interior.

**Supported.**

#### **RR/2021/2058/P**

Cross Keys House, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QS Erection of three berth garage on the existing car park. **Majority decision not to support this application.**

## 8.0 PLAYING & STAGE FIELDS

Issue again in Lodge Field with graffiti. Councillor Johnson has reported it to the police.

Moles being dealt with in both Drewetts and Lodge Fields.

The fence in Lodge Field has been replaced.

***The Chair requested that the public should leave the meeting before the next two agenda items were discussed due to the confidential nature of the business.***

5.4 Consideration by the Council of a Freedom of the Parish nomination. (Cllr. Brown)

Councillor Brown outlined the background to this award and suggested a local resident should be considered for this. **Unanimously supported.**

5.5 **Motion:** "That this Council, for the purposes of the consideration of a Freedom of the Parish nomination shall convene a meeting specifically for the purpose of consideration, and if appropriate the passing a motion relating to the granting of the award." (Cllr. Brown)

**Unanimously supported.**

Councillor Janes offered to look into certificates and the possibility of a framed notice for the award.

**9.00 Items for the next agenda**

Neighbourhood Plan.

Other items to be emailed to Clerk as necessary.

**10.0 Date and time of next Meeting**

The next Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.45pm.

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

30<sup>th</sup> November 2021