

## HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 7.35pm.

**Present:-** Councillor Browne (Chair), Councillor Brown, Councillor Hampton, Councillor Janes, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Price, Councillor Wright and District Councillor Barnes.  
The Clerk was in attendance along with two members of the public.

### 1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: -

Councillor Duddridge (illness), Councillor Kenchington (away on business) and County Councillor Eleanor Kirby-Green.

**2.0 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.*

Councillor Browne declared an interest on agenda items 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 due to business link with the site owners.

**2.1 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.

### 3.0 COMMUNITY BUILDING

After giving a brief introduction re background to site the Chair stood down due to a stated business interest with the site owners.

The Council unanimous voted for Councillor Price to act as Chair for the rest of the meeting.

3.1 Motion proposed by Councillor Brown, "*That this Council, for reasons of facilitating negotiations, shall in relation to the former community shop building, temporarily pause any activities relating to the possible designation of the building's grounds as a possible local green space as part of the forthcoming neighbourhood plan.*"

This motion was **unanimously agreed**.

Clerk to notify the site owners.

3.2 To consider the re-expressed interest from Hands of Hope regarding the leasing of the former community shop site.

After much discussion a recorded vote was taken,

Councillor Janes – For

Councillor Hampton – Against

Councillor Johnson – Against

Councillor Wright – For

Councillor Brown - For

Councillor Price – Against

Split decision recorded

*Councillor Barnes left the meeting at 8.15pm.*

3.3 To consider the option of handing the former community shop site back to the owners.

Agenda item not discussed due to split vote on agenda item 3.2.

#### **4.0 Date and time of next Meeting**

The next Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.30pm.

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The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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Signed

Cllr. Graham Browne

Dated

29<sup>th</sup> March 2022