

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th January 2022 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm after public consultation.

Present:- Councillor Brown, Councillor Janes (Vice Chair), Councillor Hampton, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Price, Councillor Wright, District Councillor Barnes and County Councillor Eleanor Kirby-Green.

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

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: -

Councillor Browne (illness), Councillor Duddridge (illness) and Councillor Kenchington (family commitment).

In Councillor Browne's absence Councillor Janes chaired the meeting

2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: -

To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 30th November 2021.

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

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 FINANCE/RFO Report

The RFO, Anita Emery gave her report.

The RFO asked for any background information and motions regarding funding allocated to the Lodge Field playground regeneration program. The Chair asked the Clerk to report back on this by the 12th February.

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

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

Approval of Invoices and payments proposed by Councillor Wright and seconded by Councillor Johnson. **Unanimously approved.**

4.2 To approve bank reconciliation

The bank reconciliation was proposed as correct by Councillor Wright and seconded by Councillor Price. **Unanimously approved.**

The Chair moved agenda item 5.3 up the agenda to bring it under the finance report.

5.3 To consider request to part fund replacement fence around Allotments (Cllr. Duddridge)

Councillor Johnson presented this item in Councillor Duddridge's absence.

The Village Hall representative reported that the hall could forgo their annual grant this year and this could go towards the allotment fence instead.

After much discussion Councillor Janes proposed the request in principle and was seconded by Councillors Brown and Wright subject to a formal written request.

4.3 Resolution to support a precept of £44,594 for 2022-2023 as recommended by the working party on the 13th January 2022

Proposed by Councillor Wright and seconded by Councillor Price. **Unanimously approved.**

4.4 To nominate Mulberry & Co as HGPC's internal auditor for the year ending 2022 and 2023

The RFO presented and made the recommendation for this auditor.

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

5.0 COMMUNITY Activities and reports.

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

The report was given by Councillor Brown.

The RFO left the meeting at 8.35pm

5.2 Former Community Shop Building – latest update and proposals

A meeting is to be held with the site owners on the 10th February in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Three items agreed for discussion at the meeting: -

1. Change of lease to allow commercial occupant
2. Part compensation with a % of future rent
3. Handing back the site

The Charity Hands of Hope who had recently re-expressed an interest will be allowed a chance to present to the Council.

5.3 To consider request to part fund replacement fence around Allotments (Cllr. Duddridge)

Moved up the agenda and discussed after 4.2.

5.4 District and County Councillors reports

Councillor Barnes gave her report. It was noted that the scrutiny committee had an agenda item on civil parking with Ticehurst and Hurst Green to be considered re moving to civil parking enforcement. Councillor Barnes asked what provision was being made re parking in the Neighbourhood Plan?.

Councillor Brown responded that they were currently gathering information but know there is an issue with no land currently available for a new car park. Stated that RDC need to take a stronger line over the issue of car parking spaces when planning is considered.

Clerk to write to RDC to ask to be kept informed of developments.

Councillor Wright left the meeting at 9.13pm.

Councillor Eleanor Kirby-Green gave her report which had previously been emailed out to Councillors.

5.5 Clerk's report

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

5.6 Parish Correspondence and local resident issues

A local resident addressed the meeting.

Councillor Barnes left the meeting at 9.30pm.

5.7 Urgent issues requiring attention

Councillor Hampton reported back on her and Councillor Browne's meeting with East Sussex Highways re speed camera siting in Station Road. Rules and regulation relating to this make the siting very difficult with only three possible sites available.

6.0 TRANSPORT, ROADS & FOOTPATHS

Councillor Johnson reported on the road surface breaking up on the A21 again near the Church and asked the Clerk to report it.

Councillor Brown reported back that he believed ESCC owned the land at the bottom of the entrance to Coronation Gardens and that it would be their responsibility to look at the parking issues here.

Councillor Hampton reported back that after discussion with an ESCC Highways representative they said that the water running over the road on the top bend of the B2099 was coming out of the bank and therefore not their responsibility.

7.0 PLANNING

7.1 RDC Planning decisions

RR/2021/1821/O – Silverhill Pump House Business unit, Bodiam Road, Silverhill. Certificate of Lawfulness for change of use of building from Class B8 (storage) to Class B1a (office). **Refused.**

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. **Approved.**

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. **Approved.**

7.2 Planning applications

RR/2021/3069/T - Brockhurst, Burgh Hill, Hurst Green TN19 7PE Sycamore: Reduce crown in height and width proportionally by approximately 20%. Copper Beech: Reduce in height and width proportionately by approximately 25% and reduce phototrophic limbs growing over house by an additional 2-3m. Beech: Reduce in height and width by approximately 25% and reduce phototrophic limbs growing over house by an additional 2-3m. Poplar: Reduce in height by approx. 2-3m. Beech: Carry out 15-20% width reduction. **Majority decision to support, 1 abstention.**

RR/2021/3059/P - Lady Close, Burgh Hill, Hurst Green TN19 7PE. Replacement of existing windows and external doors, replace the existing tile hanging with weatherboarding; add a single storey front extension; add a two-storey rear extension. **Majority decision to support, 1 abstention.**

RR/2021/2994/P - Haydon Lodge - Land At, Silverhill, Hurst Green TN19 7QB. Removal of existing dwelling and buildings, and construction of replacement dwelling. **Comment more information required.**

RR/2021/2924/FN - Ashdene Garage - Land Adjacent to, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QR. Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed agricultural hay and straw barn.

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RR/2021/2900/P - 2 Silverhill Cottages, Silverhill, Hurst Green TN19 7PY. First floor rear extension. **Supported.**

8.0 PLAYING & STAGE FIELDS

8.1 Lodge Field, new play equipment progress report

Councillor Johnson waiting for more information before going to tender.

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Councillor Eleanor Kirby-Green left the meeting at 10.07pm

8.2 Area to be considered for inclusion on Rother's list as an 'asset of community' value (Cllr. Brown)

Councillor Brown outlined the background to this item which will be put on the next agenda.

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 22nd February 2022 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.45pm.

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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.10pm.

Distribution of Minutes: -

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ESCC Councillor J. Barnes

RDC Councillor M Barnes.

Signed

Cllr. Graham Browne

Dated

29th March 2022