

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th March 2023 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 7.45pm after public consultation.

Present:- Councillor Browne (Chair), Councillor Brown, Councillor Hampton, Councillor Janes, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Price and District Councillor Barnes.

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

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: -

Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Kenchington, Councillor Wright, (all *approved by the Council*) and County Councillor Eleanor Kirby-Green

2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: -

To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th February 2023.

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.*

None received.

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 financial report.

4.1 To approve expenses and payments for March as itemised on the schedule

Proposed by Councillor Janes and seconded by Councillor Johnson.

This was **unanimously approved** by the Council.

4.2 To approve the bank reconciliation

Proposed by Councillor Janes and seconded by Councillor Price.

This was **unanimously approved** by the Council.

4.3 Fixed Asset register

This was discussed and is a work in progress.

5.0 COMMUNITY Activities and reports.

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

Councillor Brown gave the report.

5.2 Old Community Shop Building- update

A window has been broken by a brick being thrown through it.

The Clerk will action the repair under emergency funding.

Unanimously agreed.

The RFO, Anita Emery left the meeting at 8.20pm.

5.3 Commemorative Coronation gift for local children

A local resident supplied a supporting paper for this item and the Council unanimously agreed to fund the purchase of commemorative medals' to be handed out by the school to local children. Clerk will apply for the RDC coronation grant which is match funded to cover some of the cost.

5.4 RDC PSPO Dog Control Consultation

Councillor Wright had requested this agenda item and in his absence this item was postponed to the next meeting.

5.5 District and County Councillors reports

Councillor Barnes gave her report.

Although absent County Councillor Eleanor Kirby-Green had emailed her report to Councillors prior to the meeting.

5.6 Clerk's report

The Clerk gave her report, which had been emailed to Councillors prior to the meeting.

5.7 Parish Correspondence and local resident issues

Nothing further to report.

5.8 Urgent issues requiring attention

None identified..

6.0 **TRANSPORT, ROADS & FOOTPATHS**

Councillor Johnson has identified 12 potholes that need attention and will email the Clerk details with photos. Also reported a blocked road drain opposite the Village Hall. Clerk to report.

7.0 **PLANNING**

7.1 RDC Planning decisions

RR/2023/154/P - Yew Tree House, 13 London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QP.

Erection of fencing, well enclosure and landscaping to the rear garden. **Granted.**

RR/2022/2853/P – Portland, Burgh Hill, Hurst Green. TN19 7PE. Proposed extensions and alterations with changes to external finishes. **Granted.**

8.0 **PLAYING & STAGE FIELDS**

8.1 Lodge Field regeneration project – update.

The tenders were discussed two of which were considered not to have fulfilled the brief.

Councillor Janes will provide text for response.

8.2 Fence in Lodge Field

The Chair reported that the upper part of the fence in the small children's play area now needed replacing as the neighbour had cut down their side of the hedge leaving large gaps. The Clerk will look into getting three quotes. This was **unanimously agreed** by the Council.

8.3 To consider cost of mole removal in Drewetts Field

The Clerk has checked the field and currently did not find a lot of mole activity.

Councillor Johnson supplied details of another mole removal operator.

9.00 **Items for the next agenda**

Neighbourhood Plan.

Lodge Field fence

Other items to be emailed to Clerk as necessary.

11.0 Date and time of next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th April 2023 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 7.45pm with public consultation from 7.30pm.

It was agreed that the AGM should be held on Tuesday the 16th May due to election regulations and that the Annual Parish Assembly should be held on Tuesday 23rd May.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.26pm.

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ESCC Councillor Eleanor Kirby-Green

RDC Councillor M Barnes.

Signed Cllr. Graham Browne

Dated 25th April 2023