

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 30th August 2022 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.25pm after extended public consultation starting at 7.45pm.

Present:- Councillor Browne (Chair), Councillor Brown, Councillor Duddridge, Councillor Hampton, Councillor Janes, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Price, Councillor Wright, District Councillor Barnes and County Councillor Eleanor Kirby-Green.
The Clerk was in attendance along with nine members of the public.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: -

Councillor Kenchington and the RFO Anita Emery. Reasons for absence were approved by the Council.

2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: -

To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th July 2022

Due to some late changes requested by Councillor Brown the minutes were left to be signed off at the next meeting

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.*

Councillor Browne declared an interest in agenda item 5.2, ii) as a tenant of the site owner.

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

4.1 To approve the bank reconciliation

In the RFO's absence this was postponed to the next meeting.

4.2 To approve expenses and payments as itemised on the schedule

In the RFO's absence this was postponed to the next meeting.

4.3 To note external auditors report and Notice of Conclusion of Audit

The RFO had emailed the report to Councillors prior to the meeting and noted that the Council had passed with no issues of concern.

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. – report from working party

Councillor Brown reported that he had resigned as Chair of the working party and it had not met.

i) To consider external paint quotes if rec'd

None rec'd

*Councillor Browne declared an interest in the next agenda item and left the room.
Councillor Janes took the Chair for this agenda item.*

- ii) To consider a residents survey to determine the future of the building
After much discussion it was **unanimously agreed** not to survey residents re the future of the building.

Councillor Browne returned to the meeting and took the chair.

5.3 District and County Councillors reports

Councillor Barnes gave her report and drew attention to the current consultation by RDC regarding the regeneration of the Town Hall.

Councillor Eleanor Kirby-Green emailed her report to Councillors prior to the meeting.

Councillor Janes asked what ESCC was doing about Library support in Hurst Green and asked that the online service should be better promoted.

Councillor Barnes and Councillor Eleanor Kirby-Green left the meeting at 9.25pm

5.4 Clerk's report

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

5.5 Parish Correspondence and local resident issues

Councillors asked the Clerk to respond to the current consultation by RDC regarding the regeneration of the Town Hall due to concerns re the cost of the project and concern that it had little relevance to Hurst Green. The Council would like to see more investment in local amenities especially in light of the total lack of any spending on infrastructure improvements in Hurst Green.

5.6 Urgent issues requiring attention

Councillor Hampton asked about recording of council meetings.

To be put on the next agenda.

6.0 **To consider amendments to Standing Orders and adopt changes**

To be postponed to the next meeting due to time constraints

7.0 **TRANSPORT, ROADS & FOOTPATHS**

Clerk asked to report non-working and obscured illuminated sign on the A21 outside the school northbound.

Clerk asked to report water leak on A265 opposite Great Oak entrance and damaged pavement.

Clerk asked to report damaged pavement opposite the Village Hall which has a large hump creating a trip hazard.

Clerk asked to report dead tree again on footpath opposite the church.

Councillor Price left the room.

8.0 **PLANNING**

8.1 RDC Planning decisions

RR/2021/2058/P - Cross Keys House, London Road, Hurst Green.

Erection of three berth garage on the existing car park. **Withdrawn.**

RR/2022 /1062/P - 2 Silverhill Cottages, Silverhill. First Floor rear extension. **Refused.**

RR/2022/728/P - The Quarries, Ticehurst Road, Hurst Green.

Demolition of agricultural dwelling and construction of replacement agricultural dwelling.

Refused.

Councillor Price re joined the meeting.

8.2 Planning applications

RR/2022/1526/P - Land east of London Road, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7PN. Development of 36 dwellings (including affordable housing) with associated open space, access, parking (including community car park), drainage, landscaping and other associated works.

Representative from the developers addressed the Council during the public consultation and answered questions. **Majority decision** (2 abstentions, 6 in support) to support this application.

9.0 **PLAYING & STAGE FIELDS**

9.1 Lodge Field, regeneration progress report.

Motion, to apply for a PWLB loan to enable the regeneration of Lodge Field (Cllr. Johnson)
To be postponed to the next meeting.

9.2 Stage Field, condition report and to pass any motions re upkeep and maintenance.
To be postponed to the next meeting.

10.00 **Items for the next agenda**

Neighbourhood Plan.

Old community shop building.

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 27th September 2022 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.45pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.05pm.

Distribution of Minutes: -

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Parish Council Website

ESCC Councillor Eleanor Kirby-Green

RDC Councillor M Barnes.

Signed

Cllr. Graham Browne

Dated

27th September 2022