

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on Wednesday 7th May 2025 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Present:- Councillor Browne (Chair), Councillor French, Councillor Daly, Councillor Levine, Councillor Pakenham, Councillor Price, Councillor Ralph, District Councillor Barnes and County Councillor Kirby-Green. The Clerk was in attendance along with twenty one members of the public.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: -

Councillor Brown. Councillor Johnson-Cloves and District Councillor Killeen.
Reasons approved.

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 in agenda item No.4 as the landowner is known to him and he once had use of the site.

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 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday the 25th March 2025

Clerk unable to print off the minutes therefore postponed to the next meeting.

4.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: - *To consider the motion below,*

Councillor Browne noted his declaration of interest and took no part in the vote.

That this council agrees to the recommendation of John Slater, the Neighbourhood Plan examiner, in respect of paragraph 5.14 of its Neighbourhood Plan. It shall remove the words "7 dwellings that could be delivered by HG11" (also known as "Cooks Field") from paragraph 5.14. Correspondingly it shall rewrite the text in this paragraph and adjacent paragraphs by the week ending 9 May to make clear that the 38 house future target identified in last year's Rother draft Local Plan has been superseded by Rother decisions and HGPC decisions on both Cooks Field and the land opposite Hurst Green school." (Cllr. Pakenham)

On the advice of Holly Harrison, Planning Policy manager at Rother District Council, Councillor Pakenham requested a change to his motion to read as,

'This Council will delete paragraphs 5.12-5.16 of the supporting text, including the table below para 5.15, and also change "3 dwellings" in para 5.11 to "4 dwellings" in line with the examiner's recommendations. This is to be done by the 9th May and circulated to all councillors on completion'.

This was agreed and the motion, proposed by Councillor Pakenham was seconded by Councillor Levine.

The motion was carried by 4 votes with two abstentions.

The Chair asked Councillor French to action.

18 members of the public left the meeting.

5.0 LODGE FIELD

To approve Lodge Field play equipment, works carried out to specification and the release of funds to pay the final payment instalment (not to include the hold back invoice)

Councillors Barnes and Kirby-Green left the meeting.

Councillors had met prior to the meeting in Lodge Field to check the area against the tender documents. Councillors believed that there should be a safety surface surrounding the new tractor and this is alluded to in the tender document submitted by Andy Frost.

It was also noted that the Council had requested that all the old equipment in the junior area should be removed with the exception of the swings. This has not been carried out. Councillors accepted that some of the old equipment could be left but there was some that should be removed.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Andy Frost re the Council's concerns and set up a meeting with Councillors Browne and Levine

6.0 EMAIL TRANSITION

To consider any quotes received from email providers with the view to appoint a new supplier before our current provider's subscription expires in May.

Councillor Ralph explained he had been working with Councillor Brown and three quotes had been received with North Yorkshire being the cheapest at £1,500 for the set up and £1,300 annually thereafter.

Councillor Ralph proposed that the North Yorkshire quote should be accepted and this was seconded by Councillor Browne. **Unanimously supported.**

The Chair, Graham Browne left the meeting and the Vice Chair and Chair of Planning took the Chair for the rest of the meeting.

7.0 PLANNING

Planning application :-

RR/2025/517/P - Stage Cottage, Bodiam Road, Silverhill, TN19 7QD. Erection of front entrance porch, single storey rear extension and decking area. **Supported.**

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.28pm.

Distribution of Minutes: -
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ESCC Councillor Eleanor Kirby-Green
RDC Councillor Barnes.
RDC Councillor Killeen

Signed Cllr. Graham Browne, Chair

Dated 27th May 2025