

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of Hadlow Down Parish Council held in the committee room at Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down at 6:30pm on Tuesday 21st April 2015. Note – this a draft copy to be agreed and amended, if necessary, at the next Council Meeting.

Present: Councillors Sandra Richards (SR) (Chair), Julian Michaelson-Yeates (JMY), Nathan James (NJ), Damon Wellman (DW), Clare Emsden (CE) and the Clerk Helen Simpson-Wells. Apologies were received from ClIr. Roy Galley (RG)(ESCC)

- 28. PUBLIC QUESTIONS none were received
- 29. APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE apologies were received from Cllr. Graham Terry, these were accepted.
- **30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** none received.

31. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- i. WD/2015/0389/F OLD FORGE, MAIN ROAD, TN22 4HS Proposed single-storey extension to rear of property The Parish Council support the application (5/0)
- **32. PLAYING FIELD DEED OF ARRANGEMENT** the Clerk advised that Bob Lake is applying to the Chalk Cliff Trust for a grant for the increased contractor's fee for the playing field drainage work. Due to the weather conditions they want to commence work as early as possible, however the legal items need to be resolved beforehand. The solicitor has sent a draft Deed of Variation to the Clerk which she has copied to the PC and to the Playing Field Committee. Fiona Shafer (FS), John Thompson and Nigel Harrison, trustees of Hadlow Down Playing Field Charity have approved the draft Deed of Variation. The Clerk has proposed that the term of the lease be amended to 37 years, this would cover the 11 years from when the lease was signed in 2004, together with a further 26 years. The PC agreed to the Deed of Variation, with the aforementioned change to a 37 year term and for the Clerk, Chair and 1 other Councillor to sign the amended Deed on behalf of the PC once it is received from the Solicitor.

The Solicitor has confirmed that the PC can't instruct him to do the Certificate of Title and Legal Charge as it is between Sport England and the Playing Field Charity, he has suggested that they should get their own legal advice and instruct a Solicitor to act on their behalf, which he could do if they requested him to.

The Clerk recommended that the PC request that the Playing Field Charity write to Sport England to confirm that the timings to obtain the Legal Charge and Certificate of Title are acceptable to them. The PC agreed for the *Clerk to contact FS and request that she contact Sport England and obtain this confirmation from them.*

- **33.** ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: the following payments were agreed and cheques were signed:
 - i. Wellers Law Group LLP £300 legal fees.
 - ii. Wealden District Council £121.20 dog bin emptying.

A further payment for WDC for £254.52 for litter bin emptying was signed and will be ratified at the next meeting.