



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HADLOW DOWN PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Village Hall, Hadlow Down
at 7.00 pm on Tuesday August 5th 2008

Note – this is a draft copy to be agreed and amended, if
necessary, at the next Council Meeting

Present: Cllrs Paul James (Chairman), Colin James, David Walker, Graham Terry, Tony Bonnick and Michael Lunn. Also in attendance were Cllr. Ken Ogden (WDC), Joan Wiltshire (Courier) and Jean Holmwood (Clerk).

1. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** There were no questions from the public.
2. **PCSO Tam Bennett:** In her absence Tam sent the following....
Report of a vehicle parking by the New Inn, causing an obstruction. The Landlord was spoken to and the Licensing Officer made aware. . An RTC (Road traffic collision) with a car and a deer. The deer was injured. . Theft of a bag from a works vehicle in Wilderness Lane. . Report of an elderly male, wearing pyjamas, walking in School Lane. Found in Brickyard Lane and returned to home address in Brighton. . Report of damage to a caravan and vehicle kept at Tinkers Park. Tam attended and was told that 2 young males about 15 yrs old, one with long dark hair, the other wearing a hoody had been seen on 2 occasions and were chased off on one occasion. No persons actually seen causing the damage. . Neighbourhood Watch made aware and an article to be placed in the Parish Magazine. . Speedwatch is continuing. . A Neighbourhood Community Panel meeting is to be held in August; local residents on the panel have been advised. . Lastly I would like to wish Jean all the best for the future, and thank her for all her assistance over the past few years.
3. **APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE:** Received from Cllr. Tony Reid, Cllr. Norman Buck and PCSO Tam Bennett.
4. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** by Councillors on any of the agenda items below. There were none.
5. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** held on July 1st (previously circulated) were agreed and signed as a true record, with one minor amendment under 9v, "... planned to current services" changed to "planned to waste recycling services".
6. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - i. Letters from the children of St Mark's School. Graham suggested that representatives of the PC should go to talk to the children of the school, to explain what we are able to do and what we have no control over. The Clerk will write to the teacher and ask if it could be done and to advise them that the PC is taking their letters seriously.
 - ii. Response from ESCC to our letter regarding Scull Wood. The letter had been circulated to all Councillors and a copy is available for public view by request to the Clerk. Cllr Tony Reid had suggested that the PC invite Rupert Clubb of ESCC to a meeting with the Council and any interested parties. This was agreed and the Clerk will arrange and the details will be posted on the village notice boards.
 - iii. Clerk's report.
Contact made from Tim Squire, the new rights of way officer for ESCC. Asked about the Bridleway 25 at Brick Kiln, details emailed.
Report of tyres dumped on the A272 near Five Chimneys, *details passed to WDC works dept.*
Report from KWT of unauthorised persons in caravans moving into Cart Lodge. They *will report direct to WDC planning enforcement.* Graham said that there was also a white van in one of the other plotted fields off of Stonehurst Lane.
Further call from Resident on A272 (Walsingham House) about damage to bollards and his wall. *Highways advised.*
Spoken to Graffiti in Uckfield about a sign for the Burial Ground. They don't have brochures but will give us a quote if we decide what we want. *Councillors will think of suggested wording and defer to next meeting.*
Response from Cllr. Ogden regarding the Hope Project. ... see below.
Thankyou from a local rider to whoever has cleared the bridleways from Brick Kiln to Wheelers then onto the Main Road. "Now a pleasure to ride". (The problem of the width of the northern exit is still in the hands of ESCC.
7. **PLANNING MEETINGS:**
A planning meeting was held on July 15th. Minutes are circulated to Councillors, and posted on the village notice boards and can be provided to anyone who may be interested via the Clerk.

APPLICATIONS:

WD/2008/1834/F Huggetts Furnace Farm, Hastingford Lane: Erect a temporary site/farm office for a period of 3 years. *We cannot see a good reason for this temporary application when there are other buildings that could be utilised for this purpose. A work place should have been considered prior to the commencement of the building works. PPS7 para 10 should be referred to in this case.*

WD/2008/1960/F Hollybrae, Wilderness Lane: Demolition of existing chalet bungalow and construction of new two storey house and garage. *We sympathise with the situation that the applicant finds himself in but we have looked at this application as a NEWBUILD., and find that the D & A statement is inadequate for a NEWBUILD, furthermore there is no sustainability check list accompanying the application. We would ask that the applicant*

should withdraw the plans and re-submit with a suitable application. Furthermore should WDC approve the application at this time we would seek assurances that all work done to date meets current building regulations for a NEWBUILD.

GRANTED PLANNING PERMISSION:

WD/200801137F and WD/2008/1140/LB Garage at the New Inn, Main Road: Conversion of garage building to a detached dwelling with amenity space, car parking and new access.

The Clerk was asked to write to the landowner stating that we note approval of the conditions relating to the pub car park and asking if they are happy with them and will work alongside the developer. Also asking if they are aware that there are old fuel tanks under the car park and would they be kind enough to inform the PC how they intend to deal with them in the future. The PC has concerns about their current condition; given their age and any environmental damage that could be caused in the future should any damage occur to these tanks.

WD/2008/0792/FR The Oast House, Dog Kennel Lane: Construction of two velux windows to the rear roof of newly constructed garage (retrospective)

WD/2008/0668/F Land at Five Chimneys Lane: Restoration of 2 small ponds.

WD/2008/1156/FR Rowan Cottage, School Lane: Driveway/turning for two cars.

WD/2008/1477/LB Granary Cottage, Huggetts Furnace Farm, Hastingsford Lane: Paint brickwork to extension and ground floor walls to west and south elevations.

REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSION:

WD/2008/1301/FR Lynx House, School Lane: New Pole Barn to provide stables and outdoor menage area. *The owners of Lynx House had made contact with Graham asking if they could have a meeting with the Council about the refusal. It was agreed to invite them to the next planning meeting, via the Clerk.*

It was suggested to put another reminder to the public in the Parish Magazine, to speak to Councillors in advance of applying for planning.

- 8. REPORT FROM CLLR. TONY REID, EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL:** No report in Cllr. Reid's absence. Cllr Ogden gave his apologies for non attendance but assured the Council that he does follow through the minutes and planning comments. With regards to the Hope Project he had received an email advising that they believed that the Church had refused to sell the original piece of land due to objections from local people and the school and proposed an alternative piece of land, which had proved to be too boggy and too many trees which would have made it too expensive to utilise. *The Clerk was asked to write to the Church to see if they can shed any light on the matter.*
- 9. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS (COUNCIL MATTERS AND OUTSIDE BODIES):**
- i. Rights of Way, Highways and Footpaths – Cllr. David Walker confirmed the previous comments about the bridleway being a pleasure to ride. He advised the Clerk that the trees were overhanging badly at Hope Far. *The Clerk was asked to report them, (but received information before doing so that they were now not a problem). The Clerk was asked to keep chasing ESCC about a meeting in the village. Also the problem in Dog Kennel Lane. Council noted that the works to improve the A267 had been completed.*
 - ii. Neighbourhood Watch, Emergency Planning, New Village Hall Working Party and Playing Field Committee – Cllr. Graham Terry advised that there was to be an article in the next PM with several items relating to NHW. Also that there had been an article in the last PM concerning the EP. The EP group are in the process of updating the lists. The NVHWP would be meeting soon to discuss the results of the questionnaire. The PFC were due to meet later in the week. There had been a successful 4 days cricket festival, and the PFC were pleased to see more use being made of the field.
 - iii. Burial Ground, Youth Council (to be formed) – Cllr. Tony Bonnick. Nothing to report.
 - iv. Village Hall Management Committee Wealden Association of Local Councils and Safer Wealden Partnership – Cllr. Colin James advised that the VH committee were moving on with the tasks to do. They are costing and ordering. There is to be a painting weekend on October 11/12th weekend, with the labour being organised by the Variety Club. Nothing to report from the SWP. The WDALC had Kelvin Williams as their guest, but he did not give out anything new. Paul commented that the Village Hall was looking good.
 - v. Village Action Plan, Easylink, Sustainable Development and Environment Matters – Cllr. Michael Lunn advised that the South East Regional Sustainability Framework document he had taken from the last meeting showed that they are looking at 1 sustainable levels of resource use. 2 green house gas emissions. 3 impacts of climate change. 4 ensuring most deprived people have quality of life. They are calling on parishes to do their bit to help. It is all being done in conjunction with SEERA and will be linked to Quality Council Status. All we have to do at the moment is to agree with it. Michael had a full copy of the Uckfield Rail Plan, which would be kept on file.
 - vi. Tree Warden - Jo Dummer (former Councillor)
- 10. BANK RECONCILIATION:** – for June was checked and agreed as it had not arrived for the July meeting. The July statement was not available, so would be deferred to the next meeting.
- 11. OTHER FINANCE MATTERS:**
Details received of VAT refund of £348.92
- 12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:** The following were agreed by all, and cheques signed.
- i. Jean Holmwood. Salary £518.12 and expenses £8 = total £526.12.

- ii. SALC – Governance & Accountability book £20.
- iii. WDC – Dog bin emptying - £63.39
- iv. Playing Field Committee - £400 being the grass cutting for this year and last year.
- v. WDC – Litter bin emptying - £126.78
- vi. St Mark's School House Trust - £15 – lease of land at the Playing Field.

Paul proposed that a donation could be made to the school towards their new extension. A sum of £1,000 was suggested, which was seconded by Michael and agreed by all. It would be put on the agenda at the next meeting.

13. CLERK'S MATTERS:

- i. Hours. The Clerk had not undertaken any extra hours.
- ii. Update on appointment of new clerk.. Interviews were to be held on the next Thursday. There had been 6 applicants and 5 were being seen.

14. **TRAINING:** Details received of new Clerk's training courses. To be forwarded to the newly appointed Clerk.

15. **RISK ASSESSMENT:** nothing received.

16. **OTHER MATTERS** – (To be advised to the Clerk in advance of the meeting – other matters may be discussed but decisions may be deferred to the next meeting)

- i. Clerk – The Clerk gave details of different ways to send in planning comments, but Council agreed to continue in the same manner.

17. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED NEEDING A RESPONSE.

- i. AiRS – newsletter and Change of details form. Noted.
- ii. High Weald Management Plan Review 2009 consultation (forwarded to Councillors) Michael will do a response.
- iii. Easylink pro forma final agreement (forwarded to Michael for perusal)
- iv. WDC – Housing Strategy questionnaire. (forwarded to David)
- v. Request from Cllr. Wilson (WDC) to come to a meeting (via Cllr. Buck). It was agreed to invite Cllr. Wilson to meet in the village one afternoon and to tour the village.
- vi. GOSE – Proposed changes to the draft regional spatial strategy for the South East.
- vii. ESCC – proposed traffic management measures for Hadlow Down. Response requested by August 18th. It was agreed to word a strong letter quoting the facts and figures expected from Wilderness Wood. Graham agreed to word the letter and forward to the Clerk.

18. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – FOR FILING OR DISTRIBUTION

- i. Local Strategic Partnerships leaflet. Copies received for each Councillor. Distributed.
- ii. WDC Community Grants Newsletter. Passed to Graham.
- iii. ESCC – details of a proposed diversion of public footpath Hadlow Down 12a, 14c, and 14d at Granary Cottage, Huggetts Furnace, Hadlow Down. It was agreed that the owners had bought the property knowing that the footpaths were there. All agreed that the application was not viable and Michael would compose a letter for the Clerk to send to ESCC with our objections.
- iv. CAB – thanks for our donation.
- v. ESCC – “Forward from 50” guide to later life in East Sussex.
- vi. SALC details of dates and costs for Quality Council Status applications – 2008.

19. ITEMS RECEIVED AND AVAILABLE TO FORWARD OR VIEW.

- i. Wealden Senior Citizens’ “Greymatters”
- ii. Sussex Police – newsletter from Ch. Insp. Neil Honor. Forwarded to Councillors.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE
on Tuesday 2nd September 2008 at 7.00 P.M**