



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HADLOW DOWN PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the Village Hall, Hadlow Down
at 7.00 pm on Tuesday August 12th 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. Also in attendance was Jean Holmwood (Clerk). Helen Simpson-Wells, the nominated new Clerk, joined the meeting at 7.30 pm.

1. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** There were no members of the public in attendance.
2. **APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:**
Apologies received from Cllrs. Tony Bonnick and Michael Lunn also from Cllr. Tony Reid (ESCC) and Cllr. Norman Buck WDC.
3. **APPOINTMENT OF A NEW CLERK:** Paul confirmed that interviews had been held. 5 applicants had been seen and Helen Simpson-Wells had been chosen as the new Clerk. Paul proposed that she should be formally offered the position. The Councillors present unanimously agreed. Helen confirmed her acceptance of the position.
4. **UNAUTHORISED PERSONS IN STONEHURST LANE:** A report had been received of suspected unauthorised persons trying to gain access to land in Stonehurst Lane. The informant had advised WDC enforcement. After early activity it now seems to have gone quiet. The Council feels it is of concern to the villagers as some of the people have been quite threatening. It was agreed to keep an eye on the situation and put it on the agenda for the next meeting.
5. **PLANNING APPLICATION.**
WD/2008/1845/F Hope Farm, Brick Kiln Lane: Change of use from agricultural use to equestrian use - menage arena 40M X 20M fenced enclosure. While we have some concern about drainage on made up ground in a low-lying part of the property in close proximity, we see no reason to object to this application.

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